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## VIA FEDEX

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20006

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Re: **STB Docket No. FD 36057**  
**Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company—**  
**Change in Operator Exemption – Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the **Verified Notice of Exemption of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41(c)**, dated September 23, 2016. A check in the amount of \$1,900.00, representing the appropriate fee for this filing, and a compact disc containing electronic versions the text of the Notice and the *Federal Register* caption summary in MS Word format are attached.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Wimbish  
Audrey L. Brodrick  
Attorneys for Cedar Rapids and  
Iowa City Railway Company

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**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF  
CEDAR RAPIDS AND IOWA CITY RAILWAY COMPANY  
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41(c)**

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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41, *et seq.*, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company (“CRANDIC”), a Class III rail carrier, hereby files this Verified Notice of Exemption to assume operation of a railroad line extending between Hills, Iowa, and Iowa City, Iowa (“the Hills Line”), currently leased to and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (“IAIS”). As set forth in the attached verified statement of IAIS’s Chief Operating Officer, Joseph B. Parsons (attached hereto as Exhibit A), IAIS is aware of the subject change of operator notice and consents to the arrangements proposed herein whereby – (1) CRANDIC will resume operation of the Hills Line; and (2) by virtue of the termination of IAIS’s leasehold interest and CRANDIC’s assumption of an exclusive common carrier obligation on the Hills Line, IAIS’s common carrier obligation on this line will terminate. Based on projected revenues for the Hills Line, CRANDIC will remain a Class III rail carrier after consummation of the transaction proposed herein.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43, CRANDIC submits the following information:

**Name and Address of Applicant: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(a)**

The full name and address of the rail carrier applicant herein is as follows:

Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company  
2330 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404-3438  
319-786-3698

**Applicant's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(b)**

CRANDIC's representative to whom correspondence regarding this transaction should be sent is as follows:

Robert A. Wimbish  
Fletcher & Sippel LLC  
29 North Wacker Drive  
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**Statement Concerning Agreement: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(c)**

IAIS operates over the Hills Line pursuant to a lease agreement with CRANDIC.<sup>1</sup> The parties have agreed that the lease will terminate effective on or after October 26, 2016, and that, as of that date, IAIS will relinquish to CRANDIC (and CRANDIC alone will assume) the obligation to provide common carrier rail service over the Hills Line.

**Operation of the Property: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(d)**

CRANDIC will operate and provide rail common carrier service to shippers located on Hills Line pursuant to the transaction proposed herein. CRANDIC's operations will replace those of IAIS, which, upon CRANDIC's assumption of operations, will have no further common carrier obligation on the line.

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<sup>1</sup> Iowa Interstate, Railroad, Ltd. – Lease Exemption – Line of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company, Docket No. FD 35562 (STB Served Jan. 18, 2012).

**Summary of the Transaction: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(e)**

As stated above, IAIS leases and operates the Hills Line, a stub-ended branch line extending from milepost 25.0 near Burlington Street in Iowa City, Iowa, to the end of the track at milepost 33.4 in Hills, Iowa, roughly 8.4 route miles. IAIS has agreed to relinquish to CRANDIC, and CRANDIC has agreed to assume, exclusive common carrier operation of the Hills Line as of the date the lease agreement currently governing IAIS's operations is terminated.

IAIS's address is as follows: 5900 6th Street S.W. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

The proposed change of operator transaction described in the instant filing is expected to be consummated on or after October 26, 2016.

**Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(f)**

A map showing the Hills Line and the surrounding area is attached as Exhibit B to this Notice.

**Certificate of Compliance: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(g)**

A Certification and Verification certifying compliance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(g) and verifying the contents of the subject Notice is attached as Exhibit C.

**Interchange Commitments: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(h)**

The proposed change of Hills Line operator does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

**Shipper Notice: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(b)**

CRANDIC is providing notice of the proposed change in operator to shippers on the Hills Line. A list of the shippers served (and notified of the proposed change of operator) and a copy of the transmittal alert sent to each shipper is attached as Exhibit D.

**Advance Notice: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e)**

CRANDIC's annual operating revenues exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, in compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), CRANDIC posted the required 60-day notice of this transaction at the workplaces of IAIS employees operating on the Hills Line on or before August 18, 2016, and it served the notice on the national offices of the labor unions for those employees' unions as of that same date. On August 19, 2016, CRANDIC certified its compliance with the advance notice requirements with the Board. A copy of the 60-day notice and certification as previously filed with the Board is attached as Exhibit E.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Data: 49 C.F.R. § 1105**

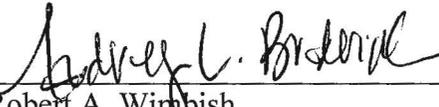
Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(2), CRANDIC's proposed operation of the Hills Line is exempt from environmental reporting requirements. The proposed transaction will not result in significant changes in carrier operations, i.e., changes that exceed the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(4) or (5).

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(1), CRANDIC's assumption of operations the Hills Line also is exempt from historic preservation reporting requirements. The proposed transaction is for the purpose of continued rail operations. Further Board approval is required to abandon or discontinue any service and there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to Board jurisdiction that are fifty years old or older.

**Caption Summary: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.44**

A caption summary in appropriate form is attached as Exhibit F to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
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Audrey L. Brodrick  
Fletcher & Sippel LLC  
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**ATTORNEYS FOR CEDAR RAPIDS AND  
IOWA CITY RAILWAY COMPANY**

Dated: September 23, 2016

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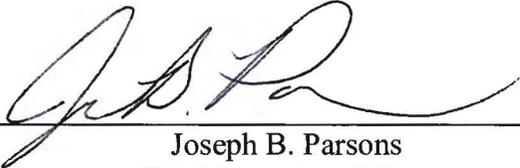
**EXHIBIT A**

**IAIS VERIFICATION**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF JOSEPH B. PARSONS ON BEHALF OF  
IOWA INTERSTATE RAILROAD, LTD.**

I, Joseph B. Parsons, Chief Operating Officer of Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., ("IAIS"), state that I am authorized to make this verification, and hereby verify that IAIS concurs in the proposed change in rail operator as set forth in the Notice of Exemption submitted in this docket by Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railroad Company ("CRANDIC"). In connection with the subject change of operator notice, I also verify that IAIS intends to relinquish its leasehold operating rights with respect to the so-called Hills Line and to transfer its common carrier obligations on this line to CRANDIC. Upon termination of IAIS's leasehold rights, IAIS understands that CRANDIC shall commence common carrier operations over the Hills Line in place of IAIS.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Joseph B. Parsons  
Chief Operating Officer  
Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.

Executed on: September 19, 2016

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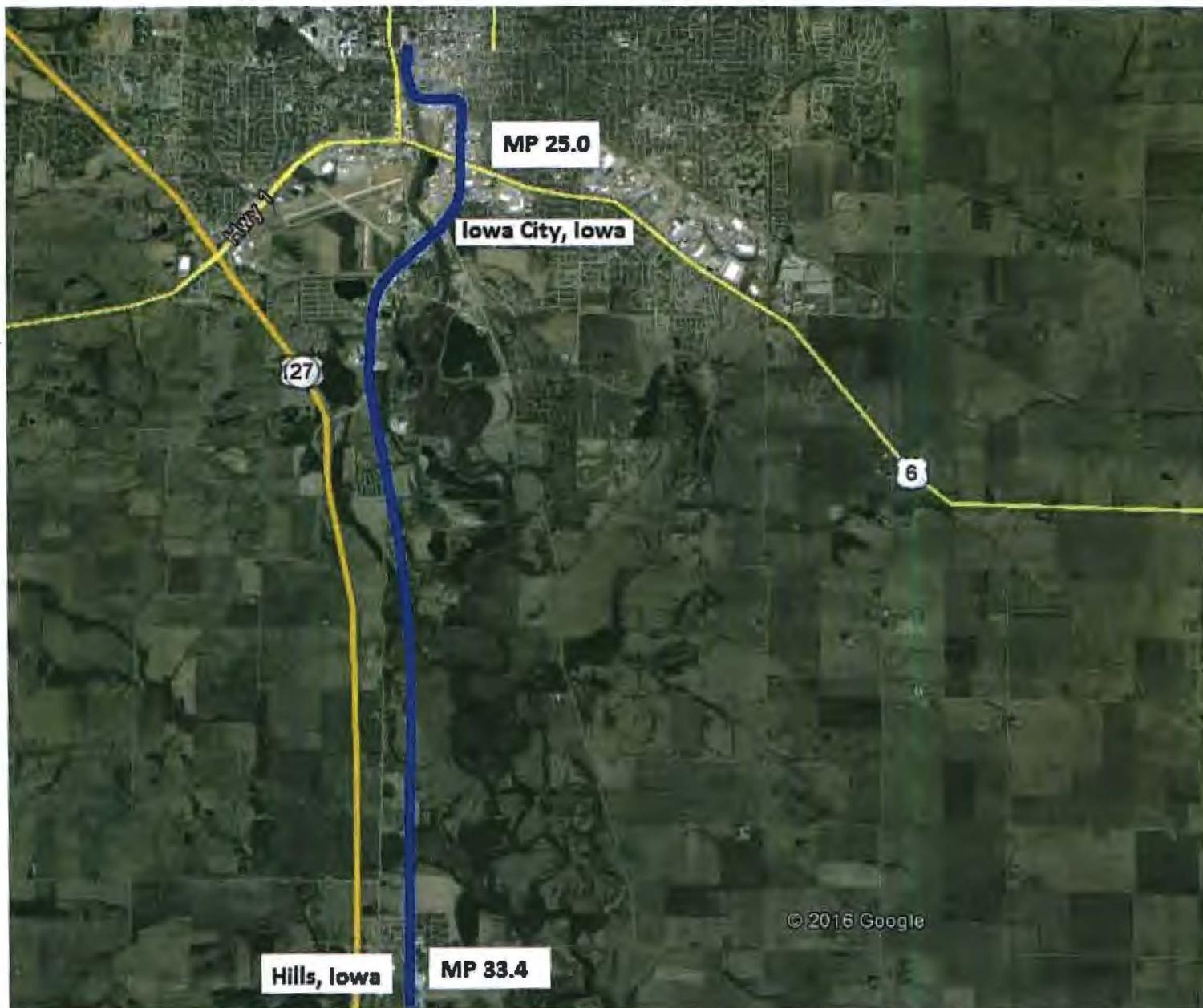
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**EXHIBIT B**

**MAP**

**FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36057  
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**EXHIBIT C**

**CRANDIC  
CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION**

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State of Iowa                    )  
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County of Linn                 )       SS:

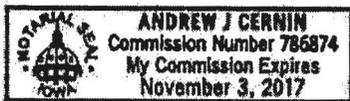
I hereby certify that the projected annual rail revenues of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company, as a result of the transaction proposed herein, will not result in the creation of a Class II or a Class I rail carrier under the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1201 (1-1).

In addition, I hereby verify that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein, and that the same are true as stated.

*Jeffery S Woods*

Jeffery S. Woods  
Manger – Marketing & Business Development  
Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO  
before me this 21 day  
of September, 2016.



*Andrew Cernin*

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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**EXHIBIT D**

**COPY OF SHIPPER NOTICE LETTER**

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## Via U.S. Mail

Republic Paper & Recycling  
3 East Benton St.  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Stutsman Inc.  
121 Lassie St.  
Hills, Iowa 52235

Mid American Energy  
4982 Oak Crest Hills Rd. SE  
Hills, Iowa 51501

**Re: NOTICE TO RAILROAD SERVICE CUSTOMERS**

***Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railroad Company – Change in Operator Exemption –  
Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., STB Docket No. FD 36057***

This notice is to inform you that the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railroad Company (“CRANDIC”) has tendered to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) a “Notice of Exemption” by which CRANDIC notified the STB that it will replace Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd, (“IAIS”) as the operator of certain trackage between Hills, Iowa, and Iowa City, Iowa, known as the “Hills Line.” By virtue of this transaction, CRANDIC will assume IAIS’s common carrier obligation over the Hills Line. CRANDIC’s Notice of Exemption (which describes the proposed change in operator transaction) as filed with the STB is enclosed.

We are supplying you with a copy of CRANDIC’s Notice of Exemption in keeping with the STB’s regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(b). Specifically, the STB’s regulations require CRANDIC to advise you of the proposed change of railroad operator. As set forth in the attached Notice of Exemption, the proposed change in operator is expected to occur on or after October 26, 2016.

CRANDIC is supplying you with a copy of the enclosed notice of exemption as information. You are not expected nor are you obligated to participate in the STB proceeding, but you are entitled to do so if you wish.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact counsel for CRANDIC as follows: Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832; 312-252-1500 [abrodrick@fletcher-sippel.com](mailto:abrodrick@fletcher-sippel.com).

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT D-1**

**LIST OF SHIPPERS SERVED  
ON HILLS LINE**

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ON HILLS LINE**

REPUBLIC PAPER & RECYCLING  
3 EAST BENTON ST.  
IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240

STUTSMAN INC.  
121 LASSIE ST.  
HILLS, IOWA 52235

MID AMERICAN ENERGY  
4982 OAK CREST HILLS RD SE  
HILLS, IA 51501

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**EXHIBIT E**

**COPY OF AUGUST 19, 2016 STB LETTER FILING  
WITH 60-DAY NOTICE**

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August 19, 2016

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## VIA E-FILING

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Re: **Finance Docket No. 36057**  
**Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company –**  
**Change in Operator Exemption -- Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company (“CRANDIC”) hereby certifies that on or before August 18, 2016, the attached Notice was posted at the following workplaces of Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (“IAIS”) employees on the rail line extending from Iowa City to Hills, Iowa (the “Hills Line”) that is the subject of the above-captioned exemption proceeding:

3385 N 39th Avenue  
Newton, IA 50208

2953 Highway 6 Trail  
South Amana, IA 52334

790 South Van Buren Street  
Iowa City, IA 52245

CRANDIC also certifies that on August 18, 2016, the attached Notice was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the national offices of the labor unions representing IAIS employees on the Hills Line, at the following addresses:

Mr. John Previsich  
President  
SMART Transportation Division  
24950 Country Club Boulevard, Ste. 340  
North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333

# FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
August 19, 2016  
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Mr. Freddie N. Simpson  
President  
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, IBT  
41475 Gardenbrook Road  
Novi, MI 48375-1328

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. Wimbish  
Attorney for Cedar Rapids and  
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Attachments

Cc: Jeffery Woods  
Onna Houck

**CEDAR RAPIDS AND IOWA CITY RAILWAY COMPANY**  
**2330 12th Street SW**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-3438**

**NOTICE**

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CRANDIC intends to file with the STB a notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1150, subpart E to authorize the proposed “change of operator” of the Hills Line from IAIS to CRANDIC on or about September 20, 2016 in STB Docket No. FD 36057.

CRANDIC does not expect to hire any additional employees as a result of the proposed change of operator on the Hills Line. Employees desiring further information regarding the transaction may contact Jeffery Woods, CRANDIC, at (319) 786-3698.

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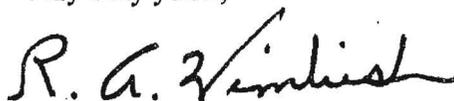
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Dear Mr. Previsich:

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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter. Kind regards.

Very truly yours,



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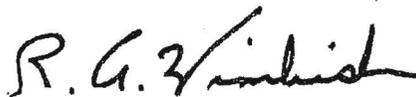
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**EXHIBIT F**

**CAPTION SUMMARY**

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company ("CRANDIC"), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a Verified Notice of Exemption to assume operation of approximately 8.4 miles of rail trackage between Hills, Iowa, and Iowa City, Iowa (the "Hills Line") currently leased to and operated by Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., ("IAIS"). CRANDIC will replace IAIS as Hills Line operator and will assume an exclusive common carrier obligation on the Hills Line upon consummation of the subject transaction.

CRANDIC expects to consummate the change in operator transaction and commence operation of the Hills Line on or after October 26, 2016.

Comments must be filed with the Board and served on:

Robert A. Wimbish  
Fletcher & Sippel LLC  
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This Notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41. If the Notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

Dated: September \_\_, 2016

By the Board

Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings