

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>) or

Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2013-051 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2013-051. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2013-051 and should be submitted on or before January 3, 2014.

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 729X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Washington County, Md

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.90 miles of rail line on its Northern Region, Baltimore Division, Lurgan Subdivision, between milepost BBT 3.9 at the connection to CSXT's main line and the end of track at milepost BBT 3.0 at Alternate Route US 40, south of Eastern Boulevard South in Hagerstown, in Washington County, Md. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 21740.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be, and has been rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this

exemption will be effective on January 14, 2014, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 23, 2013. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 2, 2014, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CSXT's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 20, 2013. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by December 13, 2014, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Decided: December 9, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35786]

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Rail Lines of Central of Georgia Railroad Company

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (CPR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to change operators from Squaw Creek Southern Railroad, Inc. (SCS), to CPR on the following rail lines located in Georgia and owned by Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGR), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company: (1) Approximately 21.75 miles of rail line between milepost F–53.75 at Machen, Jasper County, and milepost F–75.5 at Madison, Morgan County;¹ and (2) approximately 12.5 miles of rail line between milepost E–53.3 at Machen, Jasper County, and milepost E–65.8 at Newborn, Newton County.²

According to CPR, an agreement has been reached between the parties under which CPR will lease and operate the lines. CPR will accept transfer and/or assignment of SCS’s common carrier obligation. SCS has agreed to terminate its lease with CGR. CPR states that its proposed lease of the lines does not contain a provision that prohibits, restricts, or would otherwise limit future interchange of traffic with any third-party rail carrier. This change in operators is exempt under 49 CFR 1150.41(c).³

¹ SCS obtained Board authority to lease and operate this line in 2008. *Squaw Creek S. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Cent. of Ga. R.R.*, FD 35134 (STB served May 16, 2008).

² SCS obtained Board authority to lease and operate this line in 2009. *Squaw Creek S. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Cent. of Ga. R.R.*, FD 35294 (STB served Sept. 17, 2009).

³ Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operators requires that notice be given to shippers. CPR certifies that notice has been given to all known shippers on the lines.

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 29, 2013 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

CPR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in CPR’s becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

If the verified 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 20, 2013 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35786, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Chris Parrott, CaterParrott Railnet, LLC, 700 East Marion Avenue, Nashville, GA 31639.

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By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0709]

Agency Information Collection (Regulation on Reduction of Nursing Shortages in State Homes; Application for Assistance for Hiring and Retaining Nurses at State Homes) Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The

PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0709” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0709.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulation on Reduction of Nursing Shortages in State Homes; Application for Assistance for Hiring and Retaining Nurses at State Homes, VA Form 10–0430.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Abstract: State Veterans’ Homes complete VA Form 10–0430 to request funding to assist in the hiring and retention of nurses at their facility. VA will use the data collected to determine State homes eligibility and the appropriate amount of funding.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on Vol. 78 No. 176, at pages 55788.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15 per year.

Dated: December 9, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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