

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards.

SUMMARY: The SBA, Office of the National Ombudsman is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the annual board meeting of the ten Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT and Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW., State Room, lobby level, Washington, DC 20005-5595.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (Pub. L. 104-121), section 222, SBA announces the meeting of the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards (Regional Regulatory Fairness Boards). The Regional Regulatory Fairness Boards are tasked to advise the National Ombudsman on matters of concern to small businesses relating to enforcement activities of agencies and to report on substantiated instances of excessive enforcement actions against small business concerns, including any findings or recommendations of the Board as to agency enforcement practice or policy.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following topics related to the Regional Regulatory Fairness Boards:

- Introduction of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Boards and the staff of the Office of the National Ombudsman
- Panel Discussion with Federal Agency Representatives
- Facilitated discussion of ongoing regulatory issues for small business
- FY2015 Outcomes and comments regarding the Annual Report to Congress
- Office of Advocacy regulatory review
- SBA update and future outreach planning

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public; however advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make a presentation to the Regulatory Fairness Boards must contact Elahe Zahirieh, Case Management Specialist, by March 31, 2016, in writing at the Office of the National Ombudsman, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 330, Washington, DC 20416, by phone (202) 205-2417, by fax (202) 481-5719 or email ombudsman@sba.gov.

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability, translation services, or require additional information, please contact Elahe Zahirieh as well.

For more information on the Office of the National Ombudsman, please visit our Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

Miguel J. L'Heureux,

SBA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9505]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to May 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:*

oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Caroline Cole, Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Overseas Employment, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20006, who may be reached on 202-663-2696 or at ColeCM@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0189.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Overseas Employment (HR/OE).
- *Form Number:* DS-0174.
- *Respondents:* Candidates seeking employment at U.S. Missions abroad, including family members of Foreign Service, Civil Service, and uniformed service members officially assigned to the Mission and under Chief of Mission authority.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 40,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 40,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The DS-0174, Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member, is needed to meet information collection requirements for recruitments conducted at approximately 170 U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world. Current employment application forms do not meet the unique requirements of Mission recruitment (e.g., language skills and hiring preferences) under the FS Act of 1980 and 22 U.S.C. 2669(c). The DS-

0174 is needed to improve data gathering and to clarify interpretation of candidate responses.

Methodology

Candidates for employment use the DS-0174 to apply for Mission-advertised positions throughout the world. Mission recruitments generate approximately 40,000 applications per year. Data that HR and hiring officials extract from the DS-0174 determines eligibility for employment, qualifications for the position, and selections according to Federal policies.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

William E. Schaal,

Director, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36012]

Finger Lakes Railway Corp.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency, Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency, Ontario County Industrial Development Agency, Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency, and Yates County Industrial Development Agency

Finger Lakes Railway Corp. (FGLK), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency, Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency, Ontario County Industrial Development Agency, Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency, and Yates County Industrial Development Agency (collectively, Agencies), and operate, approximately 86.45 miles of rail lines located in New York, as follows:¹ (1) Watkins Glen Industrial Track, located between milepost 41.35 at or near Penn Yan and milepost 16.55 at or near Watkins Glen, in Schuyler and Yates Counties, a distance of 24.8 miles; (2) Canandaigua Secondary, located between milepost 76.00 at or near Canandaigua and milepost 51.30 at or near Geneva, in Ontario County, a distance of 24.70 miles; (3) Auburn Secondary, located between milepost 37.56 at the Seneca/Cayuga County line

and milepost 3.61 at or near Solvay Yard, in Cayuga County, a distance of 33.95 miles; (4) Geneva Running Track, located between milepost 344.40 at or near Geneva and milepost 342.8 at the Ontario/Seneca County line, in Ontario County, a distance of 1.6 miles; (5) Lehigh & Northern Industrial Track, located between milepost 349.20 and milepost 348.70 at or near Auburn, in Cayuga County, a distance of 0.90 miles; and (6) Auburn & Ithaca Industrial Track, located between milepost 349.20 and milepost 348.70 at or near Auburn, in Cayuga County, a distance of 0.50 miles. The Agencies and FGLK state that the Agencies currently own the rail lines but FGLK is responsible for all railroad operations over the rail lines.

According to FGLK, the acquisition of the rail lines is part of a series of proposed transactions that will allow FGLK to continue to pay a negotiated “payment in lieu of taxes” (PILOT) rather than be subject to local and state taxes. FGLK states that it originally acquired the rail lines in 1995 and transferred title to the Agencies and then leased back the rail lines for purposes of the PILOT arrangement. FGLK states that to extend and restructure the PILOT arrangement, the Agencies will first transfer title to the rail lines to FGLK. This notice relates to that transaction. Then the Agencies will lease the rail lines from FGLK.² Lastly, FGLK will sublease the rail lines back from the Agencies to continue operations over them, including all common carrier service and maintenance of the tracks.³

FGLK certifies that proposed transaction does not include an interchange commitment.

FGLK states that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction would exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, under 49 CFR 1150.42(e), FGLK is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. FGLK, however, has filed a petition for waiver of this 60-day advance labor

notice requirement, asserting that there will be no changes for employees working on the rail lines because FGLK already operates the rail lines and will continue to be the sole common carrier operator of the rail lines. FGLK’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

FGLK states that the parties intend to consummate the transaction no sooner than April 14, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed), and only after the Board has ruled on the motion to dismiss in Docket No. FD 36011. The Board will establish in the decision on the waiver request the earliest date this transaction can be consummated.

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 to stay must be filed no later than April 7, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and ten copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36012, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to FGLK, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.”

Decided: March 28, 2016.

By the Board, Joseph Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 755X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Perry County, KY.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 0.79-mile rail line on CSXT’s Southern Region, Huntington

¹ FGLK and the Agencies jointly filed one notice for two related transactions under 49 CFR 1150.31 and 1150.41, one in this docket and one in Docket No. FD 36011, as described further below. A separate notice will be published for each exemption.

² The Agencies filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire the rail lines by lease, in *Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency, et al.—Acquisition Exemption—Finger Lakes Railway Corp.*, FD 36011. The Agencies also filed a motion to dismiss that notice of exemption on grounds that the transaction does not require authorization from the Board.

³ FGLK and the Agencies requested authority for all three transactions but did not file a separate docket or filing fee for the sublease. This notice, therefore, does not address that transaction.