

1 would be exempt from its recordkeeping and review requirements. This would leave approximately 1,018 funds⁴ still subject to the rule's recordkeeping and review requirements. Based on staff experience and conversations with fund representatives, we estimate that the burden of compliance with rule 17e-1 is approximately 50 hours per fund per year. This time is spent, for example, reviewing the applicable transactions and maintaining records. Accordingly, we calculate the total estimated annual internal burden of complying with the review and recordkeeping requirements of rule 17e-1 to be approximately 50,900 hours,⁵ and the total annual burden of the rule's paperwork requirements is 51,140 hours.⁶

Estimates of the average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. The collection of information under rule 17e-1 is mandatory. The information provided under rule 17e-1 will not be kept confidential. 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 public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 29, 2016.

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9506]

In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of Ansar al Islam (and other Aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(C)) ("INA"), and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I conclude that the circumstances that were the basis for the designation of the aforementioned organization as a Foreign Terrorist Organization have not changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation of the designation and that the national security of the United States does not warrant a revocation of the designation.

Therefore, I hereby determine that the designation of the aforementioned organization as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, pursuant to Section 219 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189), shall be maintained.

This determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

John F. Kerry,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36013]

Southern Switching Company—Operation Exemption—Lone Star Railroad, Inc.

Southern Switching Company (SSC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate approximately 3.18 miles of rail line at an industrial park near Big Springs, in Howard County, Tex. (the Line), pursuant to an operating agreement with its sister rail carrier, Lone Star Railroad, Inc. (LSR), the owner of the Line.¹ There are no mileposts on the Line.²

¹ LSR is a wholly owned subsidiary of CGX, Inc. (CGX). SSC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ironhorse Resources, Inc. (Ironhorse), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of CGX. Ironhorse and CGX are holding companies.

² LSR and SSC initially filed a joint petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for LSR to construct, and of § 10902 for SSC to operate, the new 3.18-mile line of railroad. The Board granted

According to SSC, the Line connects with a rail line owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad Company between Dallas and El Paso, Tex.

SSC states that the agreement regarding the subject line does not involve an interchange commitment. SSC also states that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction may be consummated on or after April 16, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

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 April 8, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36013, 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 applicant's representative, Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604.

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

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Decided: March 25, 2016.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

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the petition as it pertained to construction of the new line but denied it with respect to SSC's operation of the Line because the record did not support the authority requested. That denial was without prejudice to SSC's submitting either a properly supported petition for exemption from § 10902 or a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41. *See Lone Star R.R.—Track Constr. & Operation Exemption—in Howard Cty., Tex.*, FD 35874 (STB served March 3, 2016). SSC's verified notice here seeks the operating authority that was denied in that case.

⁴ 1,696 funds × 0.6 = 1,018 funds.

⁵ 1,018 funds × 50 hours per fund = 50,900 hours.

⁶ 240 hours + 50,900 hours = 51,140 hours.