

be designated by the Department of State.

*Article 13.* This permit shall expire five years from the date of issuance in the event that the permittee has not commenced construction of the United States facilities by that deadline.

*In witness whereof,* I, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of March 2017 in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr.

*Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.*

End of permit text.

Dated: March 23, 2017.

**Richard W. Westerdale II,**

*Director, Energy Resources Bureau, Energy Governance and Access, Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 390X)]

### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 6.5 miles of rail line: (a) between milepost ZX 12.1 and milepost ZX 15.4; and (b) between milepost ZQ 0.0 and milepost ZQ 3.2 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 45402, 45403, 45410, 45432, and 45420.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (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 a 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 May 4, 2017, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 14, 2017. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 24, 2017, 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 William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

NSR 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 April 7, 2017. 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,700. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR 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 filing of a notice of consummation by April 4, 2018, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.GOV."

Decided: March 30, 2017.

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

**Raina S. Cantee,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

#### **Electronic Logging Device Technical Specification Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces a public meeting to discuss the technical specifications in Appendix A to Subpart B of part 395, Functional Specifications for All Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), as published in the "Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service Supporting Documents" Final Rule (ELD Rule). This meeting will be a forum for discussion of the minimum requirements for ELDs and is being held to help manufacturers produce ELDs that will comply with the ELD Rule.

**DATES:** The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.). A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available in advance of the meeting at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1953139>.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Those interested in attending this public meeting must register at: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1953139> by April 25, 2017. Attendees should arrive at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building by 8:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time to clear security. FMCSA requests that questions

be submitted in advance to [ELD@dot.gov](mailto:ELD@dot.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

LaTonya Mimms, Transportation Specialist, Enforcement Division, FMCSA. Ms. Mimms may be reached at 202-366-0991 and by email at [eld@dot.gov](mailto:eld@dot.gov).

*Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. LaTonya Mimms at 202-366-0991 or by email at [LaTonya.Mimms@dot.gov](mailto:LaTonya.Mimms@dot.gov), by April 25, 2017.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On December 16, 2015, FMCSA published a final rule concerning ELDs (80 FR 78292). The final rule included detailed performance and design requirements for ELDs to ensure the devices produce accurate, tamper-resistant records with a uniform file format and consistent displays. The ELD technical specifications from the ELD Rule are codified in Appendix A to Subpart B of part 395 of Chapter 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. ELD manufacturers are required to self-certify that their devices comply with the ELD Rule and register the devices with FMCSA. Motor carriers subject to the ELD Rule are required to operate registered ELDs by the compliance date of December 18, 2017. Motor carriers that operate with automatic onboard recording devices (AOBRDs) prior to December 18, 2017 and are subject to the ELD Rule, have until December 16, 2019 to transition from AOBRDs to ELDs. A list of self-certified and registered ELDs can be found at <https://3pdp.fmcsa.dot.gov/ELD/ELDList.aspx>.

**Meeting Information**

This meeting is intended to address questions received from ELD manufacturers and to review the required standardized output and standardized data sets. The meeting agenda is available on the registration site.

Issued on: March 27, 2017.

**Daphne Y. Jefferson,**  
*Deputy Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

[Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031]

**Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space—BTS Form 251**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS collecting reports on the number of passengers holding confirmed reservations that voluntarily or involuntarily give up their seats when the airline oversells the flight. Comments are requested concerning whether (a) the collection is still needed by the Department of Transportation, (b) BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden; (c) there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) there are ways to minimize reporting burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 5, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecelia Robinson, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E34-410, OST-R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4405, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or EMAIL [cecilia.robinson@dot.gov](mailto:cecilia.robinson@dot.gov).

**COMMENTS:** Comments should identify the associated OMB approval # 2138-0018 and Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138-0018, Docket—DOT-OST-2014-0031. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031 by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the

online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Services: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 202-366-3383.

*Instructions:* Identify docket number, DOT-OST-2014-0031, at the beginning of your comments, and send two copies. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may access all comments received by DOT at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments are posted electronically without charge or edits, including any personal information provided.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

**Electronic Access**

You may access comments received for this notice at <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching docket DOT-OST-2014-0031.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Approval No.* 2138-0018.

*Title:* Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space.

*Form No.* BTS Form 251.

*Type of Review:* Extension of approved collection.

*Respondents:* Large certificated air carriers.

*Number of Respondents:* 18.

*Number of Responses:* 72.

*Number of Hours per Response:* 10.

*Total Annual Burden:* 720 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* BTS Form 251 is a one-page report submitted four times per year, on the number of passengers denied seats either voluntarily or involuntarily, whether these bumped passengers were provided alternate transportation and/or compensation, and the amount of the payment. On