

arbitration/mediation centers to determine possible partners for hosting ODR platform.” Additionally, the scope of the project was expanded to include “Use of Modern Technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management” with the explanation that “it is also worthwhile to explore the use of other modern technology such as block chain, automated or smart contracts for contract management or enforcement and prevention of disputes.” The APEC Economic Committee has approved a two-day workshop for the first Economic Committee meeting in February 2018 to discuss the work plan and the pilot proposal.

Time and Place: The public meeting will take place on November 1, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT in Room 356, South Building, State Department Annex 4A, Washington, DC 20037. Participants should plan to arrive at the Navy Hill gate on the west side of 23rd Street NW., near the intersection of 23rd Street NW. and D Street NW. between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should email pil@state.gov providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, and email address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should email pil@state.gov not later than October 18, 2016. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email pil@state.gov to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities.

The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at https://foia.state.gov/_docs/

SORN/State-36.pdf for additional information.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10162]

U.S. Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (Notice of Renewal)

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the U.S. Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) for another two years.

The NPAFC was established by the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean, done at February 11, 1992, and entered into force on February 16, 1993. The members of the Commission are Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States. The U.S. Advisory Panel will continue to work with the U.S. Section of the Commission to promote the conservation of anadromous fish stocks, particularly salmon, throughout their migratory range in the North Pacific Ocean, as well as ecologically related species.

The U.S. Section of the Commission is composed of three Commissioners who are appointed by the President. Each Commissioner is appointed for a term not to exceed 4 years, but is eligible for reappointment. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may designate alternate commissioners. The Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section is composed of 14 members, 11 of whom are appointed by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce. Advisory Panel members serve for a term not to exceed 4 years, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The Advisory Panel will continue to follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will continue to be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the renewal of the Advisory Panel, please contact Elana

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 49X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Oneida and Marinette Counties, Wis.

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL)¹ has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over a portion of WCL's line of railroad extending approximately 49.0 miles from milepost 220.0 on WCL's Bradley Subdivision in Rhinelander, Waupaca County, Wis., to milepost 269.0 on WCL's Pembine Subdivision at Goodman, Marinette County, Wis. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 54125, 54103, 54511 and 54501.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of a 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 is either 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 1105.12 (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 discontinuance of service 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.

¹ WCL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company.