

for inappropriately accessing or disclosing such information.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals may submit requests for information about whether this system contains a record about them by submitting a written request to the system manager at the above address, which includes their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them. Individuals requesting notification of, or access to, a record by mail must include: (1) A notarized statement to us to verify their identity; or (2) must certify in the request that they are the individual they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Individuals requesting notification of, or access to, records in person must provide their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them, as well as provide an identity document, preferably with a photograph, such as a driver's license. Individuals lacking identification documents sufficient to establish their identity must certify in writing that they are the individual they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as record access procedures. Individuals should also reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting, and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate, or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.65(a).

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Same as record access procedures. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10404]

United States-Morocco Working Group on Environmental Cooperation Meeting and Public Session

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings; solicitation of suggestions; invitation to public session.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is providing notice that the governments of the United States and Kingdom of Morocco (the governments) intend to hold a meeting of the United States-Morocco Working Group on Environmental Cooperation (Working Group) and a public session in Rabat, Morocco, on May 11, 2018, to discuss implementation of the Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation (Joint Statement).

During the meetings, the governments will discuss how the United States and Morocco can work together to protect and conserve the environment, highlight past bilateral environmental cooperation, review activities under the 2014-2017 Plan of Action, and approve a 2018-2021 Plan of Action.

The Department of State invites members of the public to submit written suggestions on items to include on the meeting agenda and in the 2018-2021 Plan of Action. The Department of State also invites interested persons to attend a public session where the public will have the opportunity to ask about implementation of the Joint Statement.

DATES: The public session will be held on May 11, 2018, in Rabat, Morocco. Suggestions on the meeting agenda and/or the 2018-2021 Plan of Action should be provided no later than May 8, 2018, to facilitate consideration.

ADDRESSES: Those interested in attending the public session should email Eloise Canfield at CanfieldME@state.gov to find out the time and location of the session. Suggestions on the meeting agenda and/or the 2018-2021 Plan of Action should be emailed to CanfieldME@state.gov or faxed to Eloise Canfield at (202) 647-5947, with the subject line "United States-Morocco Environmental Cooperation."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eloise Canfield, (202) 647-4750 or CanfieldME@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Joint Statement, the governments of the United States and Morocco indicate their intent "to pursue efforts to enhance bilateral environmental cooperation . . ." In paragraph 5 of the Joint Statement, the governments

established the Working Group to coordinate and review environmental cooperation activities. As envisioned in the Joint Statement, the Working Group develops Plans of Action, reviews and assesses cooperative environmental activities pursuant to the Plan of Action, recommends ways to improve such cooperation, and undertakes such other activities as may seem appropriate to the governments.

Through this notice, the United States is soliciting the views of the public with respect to the 2018-2021 Plan of Action. Members of the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises, and all other interested persons are invited to submit written suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the meeting agendas or in the 2018-2021 Plan of Action. Please include your full name and identify any organization or group you represent. We encourage submitters to refer to:

- United States-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation;
- 2014-2017 Plan of Action Pursuant to the United States-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation;

These documents are available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/morocco/index.htm>.

Brian P. Doherty,

Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1256]

Boston and Maine Corporation & Springfield Terminal Railway Company—Adverse Discontinuance of Operating Authority—Milford-Bennington Railroad Company, Inc.

On April 13, 2018, Boston and Maine Corporation and the Springfield Terminal Railway Company (collectively, Pan Am) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) authorize the third-party, or "adverse," discontinuance of operating authority held by Milford-Bennington Railroad Company, Inc. (MBR) over approximately 5.36 miles of rail line on the Hillsborough Branch from milepost 11.00 to milepost 16.36 in southern New Hampshire (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 03055 and 03086.

According to Pan Am, MBR, a Class III rail carrier, has been operating over the Line pursuant to a trackage rights agreement dated June 22, 1992, which Pan Am claims expired in 2004.¹ Pan Am asks that the Board terminate MBR's operating authority so that Pan Am may repossess its property, after which Pan Am states it would provide service over the Line.

According to Pan Am, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in Pan Am's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. Pan Am's entire case-in-chief for adverse discontinuance was filed with the application.

In a decision served June 23, 2017, Pan Am was granted exemptions from several statutory provisions as well as waivers of certain Board regulations that were not relevant to its adverse discontinuance application or that sought information not available to Pan Am.

Any interested person may file written comments or protests (including protestant's entire opposition case) concerning the proposed adverse discontinuance by May 29, 2018. Persons who may oppose the proposed adverse discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons opposing the proposed adverse discontinuance who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest, observing the filing, service, and content requirements of 49 CFR 1152.25. Pan Am's reply is due by June 12, 2018.

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1256 and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Robert B. Burns, 1700 Iron Horse Park, North Billerica, MA 01862.

Filings may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions found on the Board's "www.stb.gov" website, at the "E-FILING" link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send the original and 10 copies of the filing to the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in 49 CFR pt. 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to this

adverse discontinuance proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR pt. 1152. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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

Decided: April 30, 2018.

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

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1264X]

Kasgro Rail Corp.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Lawrence County, Pa.

On April 13, 2018, Kasgro Rail Corp. (Kasgro) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue its lease operations over approximately four miles of rail line owned by EASX Corporation (EASX) in Lawrence County, Pa. (the Line).

The Line consists of three segments. The New Castle Branch begins at New Castle Monumented Base Line (MBL), at Survey Station 10+00, opposite the former Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad's (P&LE) Main Line MBL Survey Station 2580+10, and extends in a generally northeasterly direction to the former P&LE Valuation Station 146+10. The Big Run Branch begins at P&LE New Castle Branch Baseline of Survey, at Survey Station 84+44, and extends in a generally southwesterly direction to a connection with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT). The Sample Spur begins at Valuation Station 2+00 off of CSXT's main line between Cumberland, Md., and Willard, Ohio, and continues in a generally northward direction to Valuation Station 40+75.7, where it connects with New Castle Industrial Railroad (NCIR), formerly known as ISS Rail, Inc. (ISS). The Line is located entirely within the New Castle station. The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 16101 and 16102.

Kasgro states that, based on inquiry of EASX and information in Kasgro's

possession, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Kasgro states that any documentation in its possession will be made available to those requesting it.

Kasgro states that it acquired authority to lease the Line in June 2000.¹ During that time, ISS and ISS's successor, NCIR, operated over the Line, as required by the lease. On April 3, 2018, Kasgro gave EASX written notice of its intent to exit the lease 30 days after the STB authorizes Kasgro to discontinue service. Kasgro states that following Kasgro's proposed discontinuance, NCIR will continue to operate the Line for EASX.

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).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by August 1, 2018.

Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment proceeding, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review. See 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(5), 1105.8(b).

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) to subsidize continued rail service will be due no later than August 13, 2018, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner.² Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,800 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1264 and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Jeffrey O. Moreno, Thompson Hine LLP, 1919 M Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036. Replies to this petition are due on or before May 23, 2018.

¹ See *Kasgro Rail Corp.—Lease & Operation Exemption—EASX Corp. & Rail Servs. Corp.*, FD 33882 (STB served June 22, 2000).

² The Board modified its OFA procedures effective July 29, 2017. Among other things, the OFA process now requires potential offerors, in their formal expression of intent, to make a preliminary financial responsibility showing based on a calculation using information contained in the carrier's filing and publicly-available information. See *Offers of Financial Assistance*, EP 729 (STB served July 29, 2017); 82 FR 30,997 (July 5, 2017).

¹ See *Milford-Bennington R.R.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Boston & Me. Corp.*, FD 32103 (ICC served July 9, 1992).