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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15788 and #15789; Georgia Disaster Number GA-00109]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Georgia

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 3.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Georgia (FEMA-4400-DR), dated 11/01/2018.

Incident: Hurricane Michael.

Incident Period: 10/09/2018 through 10/23/2018.

DATES: Issued on 11/15/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/31/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/02/2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Georgia, dated 11/01/2018, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Hancock, Tattnall.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10577]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Special Immigrant Visa Form

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. 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 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to February 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2018-0049" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* JonesJl2@state.gov.
- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Irving Jones, PRM/Admissions, 2025 E Street NW, SA-9, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0908.
- *Fax:* 202-453-9393.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 Irving Jones, PRM/Admissions, 2025 E Street NW, SA-9, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0908, who may be reached on 202-453-9248 or at JonesJl2@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0203.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM/A).
- *Form Number:* DS-0234.
- *Respondents:* Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Applicants.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 14,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 3,500 Annual 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

Form DS-234 is being added to this collection to elicit information used to determine the eligibility of Iraqi and Afghan nationals applying for special immigrant visas.

Methodology

The SIV Biodata information form (DS-234) is submitted electronically by the applicant to the National Visa Center, which will forward the forms to the Refugee Processing Center of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Kelly Gauger,

Acting Office Director, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[STB Docket No. AB 1271X]

Savage, Bingham & Garfield Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Whiting, Ind.

On November 21, 2018, Savage, Bingham & Garfield Railroad Company

(SBG) filed a petition¹ under 49 U.S.C. 10502 to (1) revoke the exemption that authorized SBG to operate pursuant to a trackage rights agreement entered into between SBG and Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (CN),² over a 0.6-mile rail line owned by CN in Whiting, Ind. (the Line) and (2) allow the trackage rights to terminate. The Line is located between milepost J 47.4 (south end of CN's Whiting Line) and Bridge Number 631 at or near milepost J 46.8 on CN's Calumet Spur on CN's Matteson Subdivision in Whiting, Ind.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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 March 11, 2019.

Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Similarly, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(5) and 1105.8(b)(3).

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) for subsidy under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner.³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,800. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB 1271X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW,

¹ SBG's petition is styled as a petition to revoke. However, petitions to revoke trackage rights agreements typically are appropriate when filed concurrently with a trackage rights verified notice of exemption. See, e.g., *Union Pac. R.R.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Burlington N. & Santa Fe Ry.*, FD 33631 (Sub-No. 1), slip op. at 2 (STB served July 30, 1998) (“We see nothing objectionable with this procedure when, as here, the petition and notice are filed together.”). Here, the appropriate procedure is a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue SBG's trackage rights over the Line.

² Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company is an indirect subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company.

³ The Board modified its OFA procedures effective July 29, 2017. Among other things, the OFA process now requires potential offerors in all abandonment and discontinuance proceedings to file a formal expression of intent to file an offer. The process also 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 June 29, 2017); 82 FR 30997 (July 5, 2017).

Washington, DC 20423–0001 and (2) Richard F. Riley Jr., Foley & Lardner LLP, 3000 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20007–5109. Replies to the petition are due on or before December 31, 2018.

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 abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis at (202) 245–0305. 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: December 6, 2018.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 730 (Sub–No. 1)]

Roster of Arbitrators—Annual Update

Under Section 13 of the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015 (STB Reauthorization Act), codified at 49 U.S.C. 11708, Congress directed the Board to “promulgate regulations to establish a voluntary and binding arbitration process to resolve rail rate and practice complaints” that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction. In May 2016, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to modify its existing regulations at 49 CFR 1108 and 1115.8 to conform to the requirements of the STB Reauthorization Act. *Revisions to Arbitration Procedures*, EP 730 (STB served May 12, 2016). Section 11708(f) provides that, unless parties otherwise agree, an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators shall be selected from a roster maintained by the Board. Accordingly, the Board's rules establish a process for creating and maintaining a roster of arbitrators. See *Revisions to Arbitration Procedures (Final Rule)*, EP 730, slip op. at 3–4 (STB served Oct. 11, 2016).

By decision served February 23, 2017, the Board adopted its initial roster of arbitrators and updated the roster by decision served February 14, 2018. The roster is published on the Board's website at <https://www.stb.gov/stb/>

litigationalternatives/Current Arbitration.html (under “Arbitration Procedures”).

Under 49 CFR 1108.6(b), the Board is to update the roster of arbitrators annually. Accordingly, the Board is now requesting the names and qualifications of new arbitrators who wish to be placed on the roster. Current arbitrators who wish to remain on the roster must notify the Board of their continued availability and confirm that the biographical information on file with the Board remains accurate and if not, provide any necessary updates. Arbitrators who do not confirm their continued availability will be removed from the roster. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators.

Any person who wishes to be added to the roster should file an application describing his or her experience with rail transportation and economic regulation, as well as professional or business experience, including agriculture, in the private sector. Each applicant should also describe his or her training in dispute resolution and/or experience in arbitration or other forms of dispute resolution, including the number of years of experience. Lastly, the applicant should provide his or her contact information and fees.

All comments—including filings from new applicants, updates to existing arbitrator information, and confirmations of continued availability—should be submitted by January 11, 2019.¹ The Board will assess each new applicant's qualifications to determine which individuals can ably serve as arbitrators based on the criteria established under 49 CFR 1108.6(b). The Board will then establish an updated roster of arbitrators by no-objection vote. The roster will include a brief biographical sketch of each arbitrator, including information such as background, area(s) of expertise, arbitration experience, and geographical location, as well as contact information and fees. The roster will be published on the Board's website.

It is ordered:

1. Applications from persons interested in being added to the Board's roster of arbitrators, and confirmations of continued availability (with updates, if any, to existing arbitrator information) from persons currently on the arbitration roster, are due by January 11, 2019.

2. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators and published in the **Federal Register**.

¹ Persons who have informally indicated an interest in being included on the arbitrator roster (e.g., correspondence to Board members) should submit a comment pursuant to this decision.