

**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 Derek Rivers at SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-1710, who may be reached on 202-485-6332 or at [RiversDA@state.gov](mailto:RiversDA@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

• *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0011.  
• *Type of Request:* Extension.  
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).

• *Form Number:* DS-2029.  
• *Respondents:* United States Citizens and Nationals.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 73,647.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 73,647.

• *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 24,549 hours.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.  
• *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

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**

The DS-2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America, is used by citizens of the United States to report the birth of a child while overseas. The information collected on this form will be used to certify the acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth of a person born abroad. 22 CFR 50.5-50.7

are important legal authorities that permit the Department to use this form.

**Methodology**

An application for a Consular Report of Birth is normally made in the consular district in which the birth occurred. The parent respondents will complete the form and present it to a United States Consulate or Embassy, who will examine the documentation and enter the information provided into the Department of State American Citizen Services (ACS) electronic database.

**Michelle Bernier-Toth,**

*Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36253]

**Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC—Lease Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Norfolk Southern Railway Company**

Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC (M&NJ), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) and to operate approximately 1.9 miles of rail line located between Four Story Junction at milepost UJ 0 and Middletown, NY, at milepost UJ 1.9, known as the Crawford Industrial Track (the Line).

According to M&NJ, in conjunction with the lease of the Line, it will also obtain incidental local and overhead trackage rights over rail line located between the western end of Campbell Hall yard at milepost JS 67.50, continuing for 9.1 miles to milepost JS 76.60 at CP Howells, and from milepost SR 68.90 at CP Howells, continuing for 21 miles to milepost SR 89.90 at or near Port Jervis, NY (the Incidental Trackage Rights). M&NJ states that the Incidental Trackage Rights are being granted over a line owned by NS and currently leased to Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company pursuant to a sublease agreement under which NS retained the exclusive, irrevocable, and perpetual right to provide or permit rail freight service on the line. *See Metro-North Commuter R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Line of Norfolk S. Ry.*, FD 34293, slip op. at 2 (STB served May 13, 2003).

M&NJ certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in M&NJ's becoming a

Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. As required under 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1), M&NJ has disclosed in its verified notice that the lease agreement contains an interchange commitment that will require M&NJ to pay additional charges if it interchanges certain traffic with a rail carrier other than NS.<sup>1</sup> M&NJ has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).

M&NJ states that it expects to consummate the transaction on or shortly after the effective date of this notice of exemption. The earliest this transaction may be consummated is December 29, 2018 (30 days after the verified notice 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 to stay must be filed no later than December 21, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36253, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on M&NJ's representative, Karl Morell, Karl Morell and Associates, Suite 440, 440 1st Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

According to M&NJ, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: December 11, 2018.

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

**Tammy Lowery,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36257]

**Alcoa Energy Services, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad Company**

Alcoa Energy Services, Inc. (AESI), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of

<sup>1</sup> A draft copy of the lease agreement was submitted under seal with the verified notice.