

• Whether to propose a new rule and rule amendments to allow funds to acquire shares of other funds (*i.e.*, “fund of funds” arrangements), including arrangements involving exchange-traded funds, without first obtaining exemptive orders from the Commission.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted, or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: December 12, 2018.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2018-0061]

Agreement on Social Security Between the United States and Slovenia; Entry Into Force

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that an agreement coordinating the United States (U.S.) and Slovenian social security programs will go into force effective on February 1, 2019. The Agreement with Slovenia, which was signed on January 17, 2017, is similar to U.S. social security agreements already in force with 28 other countries—Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea (South), Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Section 233 of the Social Security Act authorizes agreements of this type.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Like the other agreements, the U.S.-Slovenian Agreement eliminates dual social security coverage. This situation exists when a worker from one country works in the other country and has coverage under the social security systems of both countries for the same work. Without such agreements in force, when dual coverage occurs, the worker, the worker’s employer, or both may be required to pay social security contributions to the two countries

simultaneously. Under the U.S.-Slovenian Agreement, a worker who is sent by an employer in one country to work in the other country for 5 or fewer years remains covered only by the sending country. The Agreement includes additional rules that eliminate dual U.S. and Slovenian coverage in other work situations.

The Agreement also helps eliminate situations where workers suffer a loss of benefit rights because they have divided their careers between the two countries. Under the Agreement, workers may qualify for partial U.S. benefits or partial Slovenian benefits based on combined (totalized) work credits from both countries.

Persons who wish to receive copies of the agreement or who want more information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of Data Exchange, Policy Publications, and International Negotiations, 4700 Annex Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235 or visit the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov/international. The full text of the agreement and its accompanying administrative arrangement are available at https://www.ssa.gov/international/Agreement_Texts/slovenia.html.

Nancy A. Berryhill,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 336X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Douglas County, Neb.

On November 27, 2018, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 0.28-mile rail line known as the Omaha Belt Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 485.55 near Grover Street to milepost 485.27, the point switch on the Wimmer Wye just west of Dahlman Avenue, all in Omaha, Douglas County, Neb. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal ZIP Codes 68105 and 68107.

UP states that it seeks to abandon the Line and sell the track and property to Darling Ingredients, the only shipper on the Line, which plans to use the track and property to support expansion of its plant, and that UP will continue to serve

Darling Ingredients in substantially the same manner as it does today.

According to UP, based on the information in its possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way, and any documentation in UP’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing 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 15, 2019.

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

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 3, 2019. Each trail request must be accompanied by a \$300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 336X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Jeremy M. Berman, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas Street, MS #1580, Omaha, NE 68179. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 3, 2019.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance (OPAGAC) at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s

¹ 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 30,997 (July 5, 2017).