

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 [jonesji2@state.gov](mailto:jonesji2@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 or Retain 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 revised to better elicit information used to determine the eligibility of Iraqis 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.

**Lawrence Bartlett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 10721]

#### Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on April 23, 2019, in conference room 5J16-15 of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the sixth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, April 29 to May 3, 2019.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Validated model training courses
- Reports on unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency
- Guidance for STCW Code, section B-I/2
- Comprehensive review of the 1995 STCW-F Convention
- Role of the human element
- Development of amendments to the Revised guidelines for the development, review and validation of model courses (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15/Rev.1)
- Development of amendments to the STCW Convention and Code for the use of electronic certificates and documents of seafarers
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for HTW 7
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020
- Any other business

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request to the meeting coordinator, members of the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475-4000 and use Participant Code: 796 771 84. To facilitate the building security process, and to request

reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Kenneth Doyle, by email at [Kenneth.J.Doyle@uscg.mil](mailto:Kenneth.J.Doyle@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1046, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 not later than April 9, 2019, 14 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after April 9, 2019 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request).

**Gregory J. O'Brien,**

*Senior Oceans Policy Advisor, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### [Docket No. FD 36278]

#### Akron Barberton Cluster Railway Company—Acquisition Exemption—Board of Portage County Commissioners

Akron Barberton Cluster Railway Company (ABC), a Class III carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire the entire line of railroad owned by the Board of Portage County Commissioners, in Portage County, Ohio (the Line). The Line extends from milepost 190.04 near Kent, Ohio, to milepost 182.82 near Ravenna, Ohio, a total distance of 7.22 miles. ABC is the current operator of the Line.<sup>1</sup>

ABC certifies that the projected annual rail revenues of ABC as a result of the proposed transaction will not

<sup>1</sup> In 1994, ABC obtained authority to acquire from Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) and operate the nearly adjoining line segment between milepost 192.51 and milepost 190.05. See *Akron Barberton Cluster Ry.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of Consol. Rail Corp.*, FD 32537 (ICC served Aug. 10, 1994). In its verified notice here, however, ABC indicates that Conrail's transfer to ABC in 1994 also included an additional 0.01-mile segment between milepost 190.05 and milepost 190.04, for which authority was not received. ABC asks that, to the extent any further authority is deemed necessary for ABC to acquire that segment, such authority be included as part of the exemption invoked here. However, such after-the-fact authority for acquisition from Conrail cannot be granted in this proceeding. ABC should file a new notice seeking the appropriate authority for the additional segment. See, e.g., *Ga. Dep't of Transp.—Acquis. Exemption—CSX Transp., Inc.*, FD 35591 (STB served Feb. 27, 2012).

exceed \$5 million and the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or a Class I rail carrier. ABC states that the proposed transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

ABC states that it intends to consummate the transaction on or after April 11, 2019; however, the earliest this transaction may be consummated is April 12, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (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 April 5, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36278, 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 Michael J. Barron, Fletcher & Sippel, LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

According to ABC, this action is exempt from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

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

Decided: March 26, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. MCF 21085]**

### **National Express LLC—Acquisition of Control—Free Enterprise System/Royal, LLC**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

**SUMMARY:** On February 27, 2019, National Express LLC (National Express) and Sodrel Holding Company, Inc. (Sodrel Holding) (collectively, Applicants), both noncarriers, jointly filed an application for National Express to acquire control of Free Enterprise

System/Royal, LLC (Royal) from Sodrel Holding. The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by May 13, 2019. Applicants may file a reply by May 28, 2019. If no opposing comments are filed by May 13, 2019, this notice will be effective on May 14, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MCF 21085 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Applicants' representatives: (1) Andrew K. Light, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., 10 W Market Street, Suite 1400, Indianapolis, IN 46204; and (2) John G. Treitz, Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, 500 West Jefferson Street, Suite 2000, Louisville, KY 40202-2828.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Ziehm at (202) 245-0391. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 27, 2019, National Express LLC (National Express) and Sodrel Holding Company, Inc. (Sodrel Holding) (collectively, Applicants), both noncarriers, jointly filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for National Express to acquire control of Free Enterprise System/Royal, LLC (Royal) from Sodrel Holding. The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.

According to the application, National Express is a noncarrier holding company organized under the laws of Delaware that is indirectly wholly owned and controlled by a publicly held, British corporation, National Express Group, PLC (Express Group). (Appl. 1-2.) Applicants state that Express Group indirectly controls the following 17 motor passenger carriers (collectively, National Express Affiliated Carriers) that hold interstate carrier operating authority in the United States (*id.* at 2-8):<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Additional information about these motor carriers, along with Royal and the carriers affiliated with Sodrel Holding discussed below, including U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) numbers, motor carrier numbers, and USDOT safety fitness ratings, can be found in the application. (*See id.* at 2-10, sched. A.)

- Aristocrat Limousine and Bus, Inc., which provides public passenger charter services in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and intrastate passenger charter services in New Jersey;

- Beck Bus Transportation Corp., which primarily provides student school bus transportation services in Illinois, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Chicagoland Coach Lines LLC, formerly known as National Express Coach, LLC, and National Express Transit—Yuma, which does not have any current operations;

- Durham School Services, L.P., which primarily provides student school bus transportation services in several states, and charter passenger services to the public;

- MV Student Transportation, Inc., which primarily provides student school bus transportation services, and charter passenger services to the public;

- New Dawn Transit LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services in New York, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Petermann Ltd., which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services in Ohio, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Petermann Northeast LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services primarily in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Petermann Southwest LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services in Texas, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Petermann STSA, LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services primarily in Kansas, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Quality Bus Service LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated student school bus transportation services primarily in New York, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Queen City Transportation, LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services in Ohio, and charter passenger services to the public;

- Trans Express Inc., which provides interstate and intrastate passenger transportation services in New York;

- Trinity, Inc., which provides non-regulated school bus transportation services in southeastern Michigan, and charter service to the public;

- Trinity Student Delivery LLC, which primarily provides non-regulated school bus transportation services in