

the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2019-65 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2019-65. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2019-65 and should

be submitted on or before December 27, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice:10968]

Designation of Amadou Kouffa as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the person known as Amadou Kouffa, also known as Hamadou Kouffa, also known as Amadou Barry, is a foreign person who is a leader of an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to a determination by the Secretary of State pursuant to Executive Order 13224.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously, I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 23, 2019.

Michael R. Pompeo,

Secretary of State.

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¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36364]

Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Change of Operator Exemption—NRG, Inc., and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company

Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, L.L.C. (DEIR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 for it to (1) acquire from NRG, Inc. (NRG), an approximately 53-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 286.0 near Metcalf, Ill., and approximately milepost 338.95 (east of Oak Avenue) in Neoga, Ill., (the Line) and (2) replace NRG's corporate subsidiary, Eastern Illinois Railroad Company (EIRC), as operator on the Line.¹

The verified notice states that DEIR, NRG, and EIRC are in the process of completing terms of an Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Business Assets (the Agreement). Pursuant to the Agreement, ownership of the Line will transfer from NRG to DEIR, and DEIR will replace EIRC as the operator on the Line. DEIR states that EIRC, as a party to the Agreement, has consented to the proposed change in operators.

DEIR certifies that the transaction does not include an interchange commitment.²

DEIR further certifies that its projected annual revenues resulting from the transaction will not result in its becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier. DEIR states, however, that its annual operating revenues will exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, in compliance with 49 CFR 1150.42(e), DEIR submitted a letter on November 1, 2019, certifying that it posted the required 60-day labor notice of this transaction at the workplace of EIRC employees on the Line.³

Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. DEIR states that notice of the proposed transaction was provided to

¹ According to the verified notice, NRG is a noncarrier that acquired the assets of the Line in 1988 after the Line was abandoned by Norfolk and Western Railway Company. See *E. Ill. R.R.—Operation Exemption—Line of R.R. of NRG, Inc., in Edgar, Coles, Cumberland, & Douglas Cty., Ill.*, FD 31860 (ICC served June 26, 1991).

² DEIR states that, although the transaction under which it became a common carrier involved interchange commitments in favor of the seller, see *Decatur & E. Ill. R.R.—Acquis. Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—CSX Transp., Inc.*, FD 36206 (STB served Aug. 24, 2018), those interchange restrictions will not extend to traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

³ DEIR states that it has been advised that no EIRC employees are represented by a labor union, and, for that reason, that portion of the advance-notice requirement is inapplicable.