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Dated: December 9, 2019.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36275]

### Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, L.L.C.—Lease and Operation Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, L.L.C. (M&NJ), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease and operate approximately 36.15 miles of rail line from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) in New York (collectively, the Lines). The Lines consist of the continued lease of the following rail lines from NSR: (1) The Hudson Secondary located between milepost LX 2.1 and milepost LX 20.6 (18.5 miles in length); (2) the Walden Secondary located between mileposts DJ 5.0 through DJ 10.5 and milepost WI 29.1 through WI 32.9 (9.3 miles in length); (3) the Maybrook Industrial Track located between milepost RT 1.3 and milepost RT 7.5 (6.2 miles in length); (4) the Greycourt Industrial Track located between milepost IL 52.5 and milepost IL 53.4 (1.0 mile in length); and (5) the EL Connection Track located between milepost QK 0.0 and milepost QK 0.8 (0.8 miles in length). The Lines also consist of the continued sublease to M&NJ of NSR's lease operations over the connecting track owned by the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway (NYS&W) located between milepost JS 63.14 and milepost LX 2.1 (approximately 0.35 miles in length), at Hudson Junction, N.Y. In conjunction with leasing (or subleasing) the Lines to M&NJ, NSR also: (1) Granted M&NJ incidental overhead trackage rights over NSR's rail line

located between milepost JS 67.50 and milepost JS 63.14 (4.36 miles in length); and (2) partially assigned to M&NJ all of NSR's rights under the NYS&W Trackage Rights Agreement for NYS&W's continued trackage rights operations over the Hudson Secondary track between Hudson Junction and Warwick, N.Y.

M&NJ entered into a lease agreement with NSR in 2010. See *Middletown & N.J. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Norfolk S. Ry.*, FD 35412, slip op. at 1-2 (STB served Sept. 16, 2010). The verified notice states that M&NJ recently entered into an amended lease agreement with NSR (Amended Agreement) that, among other things, extended the term of the lease to December 31, 2028.

M&NJ certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of 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 Amended Agreement contains an interchange commitment.<sup>1</sup> M&NJ has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.33(h).

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 26, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption 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 for stay must be filed no later than December 19, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36275, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 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 & Associates, 440 1st Street NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20001.

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

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Amended Agreement with the interchange commitment was submitted under seal. See 49 CFR 1150.33(h)(1).

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Decided: December 9, 2019.

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

**Eden Besera,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### 60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: Information Collection Activities—Recordations (Rail and Water Carrier Liens), Water Carrier Tariffs, and Agricultural Contract Summaries

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection required by statute for rail or water carrier equipment liens (recordations), water carrier tariffs, and rail agricultural contract summaries, as described in more detail below.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by February 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Recordations (Rail and Water Carrier Liens), Water Carrier Tariffs, and Agricultural Contract Summaries." For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0284 or [michael.higgins@stb.gov](mailto:michael.higgins@stb.gov). Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

### Description of Collections

#### Collection Number 1

*Title:* Agricultural Contract Summaries.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0024.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Number of Respondents:*

Approximately 10 (seven Class I [large] railroads and a limited number of other railroads).

*Frequency:* On occasion. (Over the last three years, respondents have filed an average of 150 agricultural contract summaries per year. The same number of filings is expected during each of the next three years.)

*Estimated Time per Response:* Approximately 0.25 hours.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 37.5 hours (150 submissions × 0.25 hours estimated per submission).

*Total Annual "Non-hour Burden" Cost (such as start-up and mailing costs):* There are no non-hourly burden costs for this collection. The collection is filed electronically.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 U.S.C. 10709(d), railroads are required to file a summary of the nonconfidential terms of any contract for the transportation of agricultural products.

#### Collection Number 2

*Title:* Recordations (Rail and Water Carrier Liens).

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0025.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Parties holding liens on rail equipment or water carrier vessels, and carriers filing proof that a lien has been removed.

*Number of Respondents:* Approximately 50 respondents.

*Frequency:* On occasion. (Over the last three years, respondents have filed an average of 1,750 responses per year. The same number of filings is expected during each of the next three years.)

*Estimated Time per Response:* Approximately 0.25 hours.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 437.5 hours (1,750 submissions × 0.25 hours estimated per response).

*Total "Non-hour Burden" Cost (such as start-up and mailing costs):* There are

no non-hourly burden costs for this collection. The collection may be filed electronically.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 U.S.C. 11301 and 49 CFR part 1177, liens on rail equipment or water carrier vessels must be filed with the STB in order to perfect a security interest in the equipment. Subsequent amendments, assignments of rights, or release of obligations under such instruments must also be filed with the agency. This information is maintained by the Board for public inspection. Recordation at the STB obviates the need for recording the liens in individual States.

#### Collection Number 3

*Title:* Water Carrier Tariffs.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0026.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Water carriers that provide freight transportation in noncontiguous domestic trade.

*Number of Respondents:* Approximately 20.

*Frequency:* Annual certification.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 80 hours (20 annual filings × 4 hours estimated time per certification).

*Total "Non-Hour Burden" Cost (such as start-up costs and mailing costs):* There are no non-hourly burden costs for this collection. The annual certifications will be submitted electronically.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 U.S.C. 13702(b) and 49 CFR part 1312, in lieu of individual tariffs, water carriers that provide freight transportation in noncontiguous domestic trade (*i.e.*, shipments moving to or from Alaska, Hawaii, or the U.S. territories or possessions (Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands) to or from the mainland U.S.) may file an annual certification with the Board that includes the internet address of a website containing a list of current and historical tariffs (including prices and fees that the water carrier charges to the shipping public).

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for

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### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2019-0003]

#### Review of Action: Enforcement of U.S. WTO Rights in Large Civil Aircraft Dispute

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Trade Representative is reviewing the action being taken in the Section 301 investigation involving the enforcement of U.S. WTO rights in the Large Civil Aircraft dispute. Annex I to this notice contains a list of products currently subject to additional duties. Annex II contains a list of products, originally published in the April 2019 and July 2019 notices in this investigation, under consideration for the imposition of additional *ad valorem* duties of up to 100 percent. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) requests comments with respect to whether products listed in Annex I should be removed from the list or remain on the list; whether the rate of additional duty on specific products should be increased up to a level of 100 percent; whether additional duties should be imposed on specific products listed in Annex II; and on the rate of additional duty to be applied to products drawn from Annex II.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, submit comments by January 13, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>, using docket number USTR-2019-0003. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in "Requirements for Submissions" below. To discuss whether alternative arrangements to on-line submissions are possible, please contact the USTR Section 301 line at (202) 395-5725.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about the investigation, contact Assistant General Counsel