

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #16236 and #16237;  
TEXAS Disaster Number TX-00536]

**Administrative Declaration of a  
Disaster for the State of Texas**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business  
Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an  
Administrative declaration of a disaster  
for the state of Texas

Dated 12/30/2019.

*Incident:* Petrochemical Plant  
Explosion.

*Incident Period:* 11/27/2019.

**DATES:** Issued on 12/30/2019.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline  
Date:* 02/28/2020.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan  
Application Deadline Date:* 09/30/2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan  
applications to: U.S. Small Business  
Administration, Processing and  
Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport  
Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A.  
Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance,  
U.S. Small Business Administration,  
409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050,  
Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is  
hereby given that as a result of the  
Administrator's disaster declaration,  
applications for disaster loans may be  
filed at the address listed above or other  
locally announced locations.

The following areas have been  
determined to be adversely affected by  
the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Jefferson

*Contiguous Counties:*

Texas: Chambers, Hardin, Liberty,  
Orange.

Louisiana: Cameron.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere .....	3.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.500
Businesses with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere .....	7.750
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.875
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.750
Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where .....	2.750
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.875

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where .....	2.750

The number assigned to this disaster  
for physical damage is 16236 4 and for  
economic injury is 16237 0.

The States which received an EIDL  
Declaration # are Texas, Louisiana.

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Number 59008)

**Christopher Pilkerton,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Delegation of Authority No. 479]

**Delegation of the Authority To Invoke  
the Deliberative-Process Privilege**

**Authority**

By virtue of the authority vested in  
the Secretary of State, including section  
1 of the State Department Basic  
Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C.  
2651a), and to the extent authorized by  
law, I hereby delegate the authority to  
assert the deliberative-process privilege  
in judicial and administrative  
proceedings.

**Delegation**

This authority is delegated to the  
Assistant Secretaries of State and their  
equivalents. For purposes of this  
delegation, equivalents include but are  
not limited to Ambassadors-at-Large,  
Special Envoys, and the Legal Adviser.

The authority delegated herein may  
be re-delegated to Deputy Assistant  
Secretaries of State and their  
equivalents.

**Guidelines**

The deliberative-process privilege  
may be invoked only with respect to  
internal or inter-agency records,  
information, and communications that  
are pre-decisional and deliberative.  
Records, information, and  
communications are pre-decisional if  
they were created or shared prior to the  
adoption of the policy being discussed,  
regardless of whether the policy was  
ever implemented. Records,  
information, and communications are  
deliberative if their release would  
expose opinions, assessments, advice, or  
recommendations offered in the course  
of agency decision-making, or the  
internal process of agency decision-  
making.

The deliberative-process privilege  
may be invoked only if disclosure of the  
records, information, or  
communications at issue would harm or  
inhibit Department deliberations or  
decision-making or would otherwise  
harm legitimate Department interests.  
The privilege may not be asserted for  
the purpose of avoiding embarrassment.  
The privilege may be asserted only in  
coordination with the Office of the Legal  
Adviser.

The individual invoking the privilege  
must personally review the records,  
information, or communications at  
issue, and must have intimate  
familiarity with the underlying subject  
matter. The individual invoking the  
privilege may consult with other  
individuals or offices, as appropriate, to  
obtain the required familiarity and make  
the required determinations.

**Exclusions**

The authority to invoke other  
discovery privileges, such as the state-  
secrets privilege, is not delegated  
herein.

**Implementation**

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and  
Under Secretaries may exercise the  
authority delegated herein. This  
delegation does not repeal or affect any  
delegation of authority currently in  
effect.

This delegation does not rescind or  
disapprove of any of the Department's  
prior invocations of the deliberative-  
process privilege.

This delegation of authority shall be  
published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 17, 2019.

**Michael R. Pompeo,**

*Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36366]

**Patton-Lowe RR, Inc.—Acquisition  
Exemption—Consolidated Rail  
Corporation**

Patton-Lowe RR, Inc. (PLRI), a  
noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of  
exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to  
acquire from Consolidated Rail  
Corporation (Conrail) an approximately  
0.37-mile rail line extending from  
milepost 64.43 at Craig<sup>1</sup> (east of the at-  
grade crossing of Indiana SR 46, at a

<sup>1</sup> Craig is an unincorporated railroad location  
immediately west of the boundary of the City of  
Greensburg, Ind.