

to MVRY, segments (1), (2), and (3) are owned by LWR and operated by OHI-Rail, and MVRY will acquire the segments by purchase, while segments (4), (5), and (6) are leased by OHI-Rail from the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission, and MVRY will acquire the segments by assignment of the lease (Leased Lines).¹

MVRY certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million annually. MVRY further certifies that the acquisition does not involve an interchange commitment.

Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. MVRY states that notice of the proposed transaction was provided to shippers on the Leased Lines on January 31, 2020.

The transaction may be consummated on or after March 1, 2020, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).²

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 February 21, 2020 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36378, 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 MVRY's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill, PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market St., Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: February 10, 2020.

¹ The verified notice states that MVRY is a subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI). It further states that GWI, LWR, and OHI-Rail have executed an Asset Purchase Agreement (Agreement) for the Lines, and that, prior to consummating the acquisition, GWI will assign its rights and obligations under the Agreement to MVRY. As a result, MVRY states, GWI will not acquire the Lines and is not the applicant here.

² Because MVRY supplemented its verified notice on January 31, 2020, that date will be considered the filing date for the purpose of calculating the effective date of the exemption.

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

Eden Besera,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of Open Season for
Recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy
Panel (TAP) Members.

DATES: February 18, 2020 through
March 30, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa
Billups at 214-413-6523 (not a toll-free
call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given that the Department of the
Treasury and the Internal Revenue
Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to
help improve the nation's tax agency by
applying to be members of the Taxpayer
Advocacy Panel (TAP). The mission of
the TAP is to listen to taxpayers,
identify issues that affect taxpayers, and
make suggestions for improving IRS
service and customer satisfaction. The
TAP serves as an advisory body to the
Secretary of the Treasury, the
Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and
the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP
members will participate in
subcommittees that channel their
feedback to the IRS through the Panel's
parent committee.

The IRS is seeking applicants who
have an interest in good government, a
personal commitment to volunteer
approximately 200 to 300 hours a year,
and a desire to help improve IRS
customer service. As a federal advisory
committee, TAP is required to have a
fairly balanced membership in terms of
the points of view represented. Thus,
TAP membership represents a cross-
section of the taxpaying public with at
least one member from each state, the
District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, in
addition to one member representing
international taxpayers. For application
purposes, "international taxpayers" are
defined broadly to include U.S. citizens
working, living, or doing business
abroad or in a U.S. territory. Potential
candidates must be U.S. citizens, not a
current employee of any Bureau of the
Treasury Department or have worked for
any Bureau of the Treasury Department

within the three years of December 1 of
the current year and must pass a federal
tax compliance check and a Federal
Bureau of Investigation criminal
background investigation. Applicants
who practice before the IRS must be in
good standing with the IRS (meaning
not currently under suspension or
disbarment). Federally-registered
lobbyists cannot be members of the
TAP. The IRS is seeking members or
alternates in the following locations:
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California,
DC, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois,
Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,
Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri,
Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire,
New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,
North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode
Island, South Carolina, South Dakota,
Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia,
Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin,
Wyoming.

TAP members are a diverse group of
citizens who represent the interests of
taxpayers, from their respective
geographic locations as well as
taxpayers overall. Members provide
feedback from a taxpayer's perspective
on ways to improve IRS customer
service and administration of the federal
tax system, by identifying grassroots
taxpayer issues. Members should have
good communication skills and be able
to speak to taxpayers about TAP and its
activities, while clearly distinguishing
between TAP positions and their
personal viewpoints.

Interested applicants should visit the
TAP website at www.improveirs.org
for more information about TAP.
Applications may be submitted online
at www.usajobs.gov. For questions about
TAP membership, call the TAP toll-free
number, 1-888-912-1227 and select
prompt 5. Callers who are outside of the
U.S. should call 214-413-6523 (not a
toll-free call).

*The opening date for submitting
applications is February 18, 2020 and
the deadline for submitting applications
is March 30, 2020.* Interviews will be
held. The Department of the Treasury
will review the recommended
candidates and make final selections.
New TAP members will serve a three-
year term starting in December 2020.
(*Note:* highly-ranked applicants not
selected as members may be placed on
a roster of alternates who will be eligible
to fill future vacancies that may occur
on the Panel.)

Questions regarding the selection of
TAP members may be directed to Lisa
Billups, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel,
Internal Revenue Service, 1111
Constitution Avenue NW, TA:TAP
Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224, or
214-413-6523 (not a toll-free call).

Dated: February 11, 2020.

Kevin Brown,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Financial Research Advisory Committee for the Treasury's Office of Financial Research (OFR) is convening for its fifteenth meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020, in the Cash Room, Main Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20220, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public and limited seating will be available.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Cash Room, Main Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20220. The meeting will be open to the public. A limited number of seats will be available for those interested in attending the meeting in person, and those seats would be on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting **MUST** contact the OFR by email at OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, to inform the OFR of their desire to attend the meeting and to receive further instructions about building clearance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Avstreich, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, (202) 927-8032 (this is not a toll-free number), or OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov. Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102-3.150, *et seq.*

Public Comment: Members of the public wishing to comment on the

business of the Financial Research Advisory Committee are invited to submit written statements by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Statements.* Email the Committee's Designated Federal Officer at OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov.

- *Paper Statements.* Send paper statements in triplicate to the Financial Research Advisory Committee, Attn: Melissa Avstreich, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220.

The OFR will post statements on the Committee's website, <http://www.financialresearch.gov>, including any business or personal information provided, such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. The OFR will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's library, Annex Room 1020, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220 on official business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. You may make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-0990. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

Tentative Agenda/Topics for Discussion: The Committee provides an opportunity for researchers, industry leaders, and other qualified individuals to offer their advice and recommendations to the OFR, which, among other things, is responsible for collecting and standardizing data on financial institutions and their activities and for supporting the work of Financial Stability Oversight Council.

This is the fifteenth meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee. Topics to be discussed among all members include features of the financial system where increased transparency can further financial stability and strategies that can better align private-sector incentives to improve market discipline. For more information on the OFR and the Committee, please visit the OFR website at <http://www.financialresearch.gov>.

Dated: February 6, 2020.

Alex Pollock,

Principal Deputy Director, Research and Analysis and Data.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020, by teleconference. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public from 1:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST for the discussion, examination, and reference to the research applications and scientific review. Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.

Board members advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects of Rehabilitation Research and Development proposals. The Board does not consider grants, contracts, or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the teleconference session from 1:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. EST may dial 1 (800) 767-1750, participant code 95056.

Written comments from the public must be sent to Tiffany Asqueri,