

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #16357 and #16358;  
SOUTH CAROLINA Disaster Number SC-  
00068]

**Presidential Declaration Amendment of  
a Major Disaster for Public Assistance  
Only for the State of South Carolina**

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

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of SOUTH CAROLINA (FEMA-4479-DR), dated 03/17/2020.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 02/06/2020 through 02/13/2020.

**DATES:** Issued on 03/30/2020.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/18/2020.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/17/2020.

**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:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of SOUTH CAROLINA, dated 03/17/2020, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:* Bamberg, Barnwell, Hampton.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket No. SSA-2019-0056]

**Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new matching program with the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). OCSE will provide SSA with quarterly wage and unemployment insurance information located in the National Directory of New Hires to allow SSA to determine eligibility of applicants for Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance) under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. This agreement assists SSA in determining eligibility of applicants for Extra Help; redetermining eligibility of existing Extra Help beneficiaries during periodic screening, and administering the Extra Help program.

**DATES:** The deadline to submit comments on the proposed matching program is 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The matching program will be applicable on May 27, 2020, or once a minimum of 30 days after publication of this notice has elapsed, whichever is later. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefaxing to (410) 966-0869, writing to Matthew Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, G-401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, or emailing [Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov](mailto:Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov). All comments received will be available for public inspection by contacting Mr. Ramsey at this street address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Interested parties may submit general questions about the matching program to Andrea Huseth, Supervisory Team Lead, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, G-401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, at telephone: (410) 965-6868, or send an email to [Andrea.Huseth@ssa.gov](mailto:Andrea.Huseth@ssa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

**Matthew Ramsey,**

*Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel.*

*Participating Agencies:* SSA and OCSE.

*Authority for Conducting the Matching Program:* The legal authority for disclosures under this agreement are the Social Security Act (Act) and the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. Subsection 453(j)(4) of the Act provides that OCSE shall provide the

Commissioner of SSA with all information in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). 42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4). SSA has authority to use data to determine entitlement to and eligibility for programs it administers pursuant to sections 453(j)(4), 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f), and 1860D-14(a)(3) of the Act. 42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4), 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f), and 1395w-114(a)(3). Disclosures under this agreement shall be made in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), and in compliance with the matching procedures in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o), (p), and (r).

The Act provides that the determination of whether a Part D eligible individual residing in a state is a subsidy eligible individual shall be determined under the state plan for medical assistance or by the Commissioner of Social Security. 42 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)(3)(B)(i).

SSA has independent authority to collect this information regarding Medicare Parts A-D eligibility and premium calculations via sections 202-205, 223, 226, 228, 1611, 1631, 1818, 1836, 1839, 1840, and 1860D-1 to 1860D-15 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 402-405, 423, 426, 428, 1382, 1383, 1395i-2, 1395o, 1395r, 1395s, and 1395w-101 to 1395w-115).

*Purpose(s):* This matching program establishes the conditions under which OCSE will provide SSA with quarterly wage and unemployment insurance information located in the NDNH to allow SSA to determine eligibility of applicants for Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance) under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-173) (Extra Help). This agreement also governs the use, treatment, and safeguarding of the information exchanged. OCSE is the "source agency" and SSA is the "recipient agency," as defined by the Privacy Act. 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(9) and (11).

This agreement assists SSA in (1) determining eligibility of applicants for Extra Help; (2) redetermining eligibility of existing Extra Help beneficiaries during periodic screening, and (3) administering the Extra Help program.

The Privacy Act provides that no record contained in a system of record may be disclosed for use in a computer matching program, except pursuant to a written agreement containing specified provisions. 5 U.S.C. 552a(o). SSA and OCSE are executing this agreement to comply with the Privacy Act and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder.

*Categories of Individuals:* The individuals whose information is involved in this matching program are

applicants for Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance) under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-173) (Extra Help).

*Categories of Records:* SSA's Title XVIII Eligible (T18ELG) table within the Medicare Database File (MDB) contains approximately 90 million records.

The SSA finder file will contain approximately 10,000 records from the MDB each day. Once a month, SSA has an increased volume of approximately 200,000 in one of the daily exchanges. Once a year, the volume will increase by approximately 1.9 million records in the finder file to support the Extra Help process.

The NDNH contains approximately 1.5 billion new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance records, which represents the most recent 24 months of information. In accordance with section 453(j)(4) of the Act, NDNH information provided to SSA by OCSE will contain all the available data elements from the quarterly wage and unemployment insurance files, if any, pertaining to the individuals whose records are contained in the SSA finder file. 42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4).

Specified Data Elements Used in the Match:

1. SSA will provide OCSE the following data elements electronically in the Finder File:

- COSSN (SSN)
- Name

2. OCSE will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH quarterly wage file:

- Quarterly wage record identifier
- For employees:
  - (1) Name (first, middle, last)
  - (2) SSN
  - (3) Verification request code
  - (4) Processed date
  - (5) Non-verifiable indicator
  - (6) Wage amount
  - (7) Reporting period
- For employers of individuals in the quarterly wage file of the NDNH:
  - (1) Name
  - (2) Employer identification number
  - (3) Address(es)
- Transmitter Agency Code
- Transmitter State Code
- State or Agency Name

3. OCSE will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH unemployment insurance file:

- Unemployment insurance record identifier
- Processed date
- SSN
- Verification request code

- Name (first, middle, last)
- Address
- Unemployment insurance benefit amount
- Reporting period
- Transmitter Agency Code
- Transmitter State Code
- State or Agency Name

4. Data Elements SSA updates in the OCSEFITM table, if there is a match:

- Quarterly Wage record identifier
- For employees:
  - (1) Employee's SSN
  - (2) Employee's wage amount
  - (3) Reporting period
- For employers of individuals:
  - (1) Employer identification number
  - (2) Employer's name
- Unemployment Insurance identifier:
  - (1) Claimant SSN
  - (2) Unemployment insurance benefit amount
  - (3) Reporting period
  - (4) Transmitter State Name

*System(s) of Records:* SSA collects and maintains this information in the Medicare Database (MDB) File system of records, No. 60-0321, published at 69 FR 77816 (December 28, 2004), amended at 71 FR 42159-42164 (July 25, 2006), at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), and at 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018). The MDB contains information related to Medicare Part A, Part B, Medicare Advantage Part C, and Medicare Part D.

OCSE will match SSA information in the MDB against the quarterly wage and unemployment insurance information furnished by state and federal agencies maintained in its system of records "OCSE National Directory of New Hires" (NDNH), No. 09-80-0381 was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2015 at 80 FR 17906 and amended at 83 FR 6591 (February 14, 2018). The disclosure of NDNH information by OCSE to SSA constitutes a "routine use," as defined by the Privacy Act. 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3). Routine use (9) of the SOR authorizes disclosure of NDNH information to SSA, 80 FR 17906, 17907 (April 2, 2015).

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. AB 874 (Sub-No. 1X)]**

### **Sierra Northern Railway— Abandonment Exemption—in Yolo County, Cal.**

On March 19, 2020, Sierra Northern Railway (Sierra) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption

from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for Sierra to abandon approximately 0.70 miles of railroad line extending between approximately milepost 3.10 and approximately milepost 3.80, in Yolo County, Cal. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 95691.

The Line was acquired by Sierra (which was previously known as Yolo Shortline Railroad Company) from Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1992. (Pet., Ex. 8 at 19.) See *Yolo Shortline R.R.—Purchase & Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 32107 (ICC served Aug. 11, 1992). According to Sierra, part of the Line sits atop the Sacramento Weir, which is an essential element in the City of Sacramento's flood control system. (Pet. 1.)<sup>1</sup> Sierra proposes to abandon the Line because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) are in the process of implementing a flood control improvement project that will require, among other things, removal of the Line so that the current Sacramento Weir can be widened. (Pet. 2-3.) Sierra states that it will convey its property interest in the Line to SAFCA soon after consummating the abandonment, and SAFCA will use that property to implement the flood control project. (*Id.* at 11.) Sierra states that there are currently seven customers that it serves via the Line, three of which receive rail service directly at their facilities in Woodland, Cal., and four of which use Sierra's facilities for car storage or car repair operations. Sierra states that the three customers that receive direct rail service have indicated that they plan to use trucks as an alternative to rail service, while the other customers will carry out their storage and repair operations elsewhere. (*Id.* at 6.)

In addition to an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903, Sierra also seeks an exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures of 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the public use provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10905, and waivers of corresponding regulations, as well as waiver of the interim trail use regulations at 49 CFR 1152.29. In support, Sierra states that the right-of-way for the Line is needed for a valid public purpose, *i.e.*, the flood control project, and there is no overriding need for continued rail service, as all customers have transportation

<sup>1</sup> According to Sierra, the Sacramento Weir is a structure that acts as a flood safety valve, allowing excess flood waters to spill out of the adjacent river system and away from the populated areas of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The Weir also reduces the pressure on the levee system below the Weir. (Pet. 4.)