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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Interest Rates**

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 1.13 percent for the January-March quarter of FY 2021.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, in the event that rate exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

**John Wade,**

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 1302X]

**City of Temple, Tex.—Abandonment Exemption—in Bell County, Tex.**

[Docket No. AB 1309X]

**Temple & Central Texas Railway, LLC—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Bell County, Tex.**

The City of Temple, Tex. (the City), and Temple & Central Texas Railway, LLC (TCTR) (collectively, Applicants), jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for the City to abandon and TCTR to discontinue service over approximately 6.277 miles of rail line between Belton, Tex., milepost 0.0, and Smith, Tex., milepost 6.277, in Bell County, Tex. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 76513 and 76502.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the

Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 and 1105.8 (notice of environmental and historic report), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,<sup>1</sup> the exemptions will be effective on January 27, 2021, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 7, 2021.<sup>3</sup> Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 19, 2021.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to the City's representative, Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, and to TCTR's representative, Bradley S. Gordon, Patriot Rail Company LLC, Patriot Port Holdings LLC, 10752 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void ab initio.

Applicants have filed a combined environmental and historic report that

<sup>1</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemptions' effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemptions' effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.