DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11448]

Clean Energy Resources Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish an advisory committee.

The Secretary of State announces an intent to establish the Department of State Clean Energy Resources Advisory Committee (the Committee), in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Nature and Purpose: The Committee will provide input and advice on major issues and problems in regard to energy minerals, their supply chains, and end uses, including with respect to:

(a) The energy resources market and how it affects overall foreign policy;
(b) Development of trade policy and negotiations impacting the competitiveness of U.S. energy minerals and associated goods and services;
(c) Formulation of U.S. government policies and programs that directly impact the competitiveness of U.S. energy minerals and associated goods and services;
(d) Identification of priority export markets for and barriers to trade in U.S. energy minerals and associated goods and services, both in the short- and long-term;
(e) Assessing diplomatic policies and practices of foreign governments that impact U.S. energy minerals and associated goods and services;
(f) Design of U.S. government policies and programs that support the development of new markets for U.S. energy minerals and associated goods and services in countries with high potential but that currently lack effective policy and market mechanisms necessary to create demand for energy minerals and associated goods and services; and
(g) Responsible sourcing of energy minerals and preventing supply chain vulnerabilities and bottlenecks.

Other information: It is anticipated that the Commission will meet at least once per year and at such other times and places as are required to fulfill the objectives of the Commission. The Department of State affirms that the advisory committee is necessary and in the public interest.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36465]

Transportation Holdings, LLC—Control Exemption—Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company, Charlotte Southern Railroad Company, Detroit Connecting Railroad Company, Lapeer Industrial Railroad Company, and Jackson & Lansing Railroad Company

Transportation Holdings, LLC (Holdings), a noncarrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) for authorization to obtain a controlling interest in Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company (A&B), a Class III railroad, and its four subsidiaries, also Class III railroads: Charlotte Southern Railroad Company (CSRC); Detroit Connecting Railroad Company (DCRC); Lapeer Industrial Railroad Company (LIRC); and Jackson & Lansing Railroad Company (JLRC).1 The verified notice states that Holdings and the shareholders of A&B will enter into an Equity Purchase Agreement by which Holdings will acquire a controlling interest in A&B and, as a result, indirect control of CSRC, DCRC, LIRC, and JLRC. These five rail carriers own and operate rail lines located entirely within the state of Michigan. Holdings does not control any other rail carriers.

Holdings states that: (1) The lines over which A&B, CSRC, DCRC, LIRC, and JLRC operate do not connect with one another; (2) the proposed transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the lines with each other; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I railroad. Therefore, the proposed transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is July 1, 2021, the

1 A&B operates a 20-mile rail line between Adrian and Riga, Mich. CSRC operates a 3.5-mile rail line near Charlotte, Mich. DCRC operates a 2.5-mile rail line in Detroit, Mich. LIRC operates a 1.5-mile rail line in LaFay, Mich. JLRC operates a 47-mile rail line between Jackson and Lansing, Mich. See Dobronski—Acquis. of Control—Adrian & Blissfield R.R., FD 35787, slip op. at 2 n.1 (STB served Dec. 12, 2013); [see also Verified Notice of Exemption at Ex. 1).