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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11507]

Title Bureau of International Organization Affairs Stakeholder Listening Session in Preparation for the September 2021 UN Food Systems Summit

ACTION: Notice of listening session for the UN Food Systems Summit.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO)—which is responsible for coordinating the U.S. government's engagement in the UN Food Systems Summit in September 2021—will hold an informal Stakeholder Listening Session, along with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department

of Agriculture, on Friday, September 3, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. ET. The listening session will be held virtually, and the meeting link will be shared with registered participants prior to the session.

DATES: The listening session will be held on Friday, September 3, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Please register by Thursday, August 26, 2021. Registration is required for the event. Please send your full name, email address, organization, and any requests for reasonable accommodation to UNFSS@state.gov to register. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, August 26, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Claire Crites, Office Management Specialist, the Bureau of International Organization Affairs at telephone number 202-647-0154 or via email at UNFSS@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Stakeholder Listening Session will help U.S. departments and agencies prepare for the UN Food Systems Summit by taking full advantage of the knowledge, ideas, feedback, and suggestions from all communities interested in, and affected by, agenda items to be discussed at the UN Food Systems Summit. Your input will contribute to U.S. positions as we engage on food systems topics with our international colleagues. The listening session will be organized by agenda item, and participation is welcome from stakeholder communities, including:

- Organizations with an interest in food systems and food security
- State, local, and Tribal groups;
- Private industry;
- Academic and scientific organizations.

Written comments are welcome and encouraged, even if you are planning on attending the virtual session. Please send written comments to the email address: UNFSS@state.gov.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656, 2651a; and 5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*)

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1318X]

**West Belt Railway LLC—
Discontinuance of Service
Exemption—in St. Louis County, Mo.**

West Belt Railway LLC (WBRY) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 0.1-mile segment of rail line between milepost 0.7 (near Bodine Industrial Drive crossing) and milepost 0.8 (the end of the line) in St. Louis County, Mo. (the Line).¹ The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 63114.

WBRY has certified that: (1) It has moved no local traffic over the Line in at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or 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 or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the 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)² to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 23, 2021, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve

¹ Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, which, according to WBRY, leases the Line to WBRY, has filed a verified notice of exemption to abandon the Line. See *Terminal R.R. Ass'n of St. Louis—Aban. Exemption—in St. Louis Cnty., Mo.*, AB 122 (Sub-No. 2X) (STB served Aug. 16, 2021) (86 FR 45,796).

² Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).