

same manner to all TPHs. TPHs will have the discretion to submit complex orders with any ratio in the increments permitted by the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change will eliminate a current pricing disparity that exists between complex orders within the same class and thus provide the same pricing flexibility to all complex orders, regardless of their ratios. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as it relates to the representation and execution of orders on the Exchange and will continue to protect Priority Customer Orders on the Simple Book. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change may promote competition, as market participants will have additional flexibility to execute their trading and hedging strategies in a more efficient manner and will permit all complex orders in the same class to trade in the same increments. Additionally, the Exchange understands from TPHs that another options market currently permits complex orders with ratios greater than three-to-one or less than one-to-three and their legs to execute in penny increments on its trading floor.<sup>26</sup>

*C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2021-046 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2021-046. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2021-046, and should be submitted on or before September 15, 2021.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>27</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 11515]

**Industry Advisory Group; Notice of Charter Renewal**

The Department of State has renewed the charter for the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' (OBO) Industry Advisory Group for an additional two-year period. The committee advises OBO's senior management on issues relating to real property portfolio management, planning, acquisition, sales, leasing, design, engineering, construction, historic preservation, resiliency, natural hazards, emergency operations, program development, as well as facilities operations and maintenance.

OBO provides safe, secure, functional, and resilient facilities that represent the U.S. government to the host nation and support staff in the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives. These facilities represent American values and the best in American architecture, design, engineering, technology, sustainability, art, culture, and construction execution.

The authority for this Notice is the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. appendix. For further information, please contact Christine Foushee at [FousheeCT@state.gov](mailto:FousheeCT@state.gov).

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, U.S. Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 11512]

**Industry Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting**

The Industry Advisory Group (IAG) of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO), U.S. Department of State, will meet on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public and will be held via Webex Event.

The IAG serves the U.S. government in a solely advisory capacity concerning industry and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations, and ideas related to the OBO mission of providing safe, secure, resilient and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to the host nation and support the Department's achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives abroad.

The majority of the meeting will be devoted to discussions between the

<sup>26</sup> See *supra* note 16.

<sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Department's senior management and IAG representatives with respect to industry and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations, and ideas related to supporting OBO's vital mission. Additionally, time will be provided for members of the public to provide comment.

To register, please provide your email address via email to [IAGR@state.gov](mailto:IAGR@state.gov) prior to September 7. Also, please forward any requests for reasonable accommodation by September 7. You can also visit the OBO website at <http://overseasbuildings.state.gov/> for additional information. Requests for reasonable accommodation made after that date will be considered but may not be able to be fulfilled.

Please contact [IAGR@state.gov](mailto:IAGR@state.gov) with any questions.

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36532]**

### **Finger Lakes Railway Corp.— Continuance in Control Exemption— Midcoast Railservice, Inc.**

Finger Lakes Railway Corp. (FGLK), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Midcoast Railservice, Inc. (Midcoast), a noncarrier, upon Midcoast's becoming a rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption filed concurrently in *Midcoast Railservice, Inc.—Change of Operators Exemption—Central Maine & Quebec Railway*, Docket No. FD 36531, in which Midcoast seeks to assume operations over approximately 58.68 miles of rail line currently operated by Central Maine & Quebec Railway US, Inc., in Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc Counties, Me.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 8, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

According to the verified notice of exemption, FGLK currently controls the Ontario Central Railroad Corp., a Class III carrier operating solely in the state of New York.<sup>1</sup>

FGLK represents that: (1) The rail line to be leased and operated by Midcoast

does not connect with the rail lines of any of the rail carriers in FGLK's corporate family; (2) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the line to be operated by Midcoast with the rail lines of any carriers in FGLK's corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 for stay must be filed no later than September 1, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36532, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on FGLK's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market St., Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to FGLK, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: August 20, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Aretha Laws-Byrum,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36531]**

### **Midcoast Railservice, Inc.—Change of Operators Exemption—Central Maine & Quebec Railway US, Inc.**

Midcoast Railservice, Inc. (Midcoast), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.31(a)(3) to assume operations over approximately 58.68 miles of rail line (the Line) currently operated by Central Maine & Quebec Railway US, Inc. (CMQ), pursuant to a Lease and Operating Agreement (the Agreement) between the owner of the Line, the State of Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT), and CMQ. The Line consists of: (1) The Brunswick Terminal Area between the east side of Church Road, milepost 14.97, and Rock Jct., milepost 16.40; (2) the Rockland Branch between milepost 29.40 in Brunswick, Cumberland County, Me., and milepost 85.55 in Rockland, Knox County, Me.; and (3) the Atlantic Branch Line between milepost 85.55 and milepost 86.65 in Rockland. The Line runs through Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc Counties, Me.<sup>1</sup>

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption filed concurrently in *Finger Lakes Railway—Continuance in Control Exemption—Midcoast Railservice, Inc.*, Docket No. FD 36532, in which Finger Lakes Railway Corp. seeks to continue in control of Midcoast upon Midcoast's becoming a rail carrier.

According to the verified notice, an Assignment, Assumption and Consent Agreement (the Assignment) has been executed by Midcoast and CMQ and consented to by Maine DOT. Under the Assignment, CMQ is assigning its rights under the Agreement, and its associated common carrier service rights to operate the Line, to Midcoast. Midcoast will assume the Agreement and become the operator of the Line. Upon commencement of operations, Midcoast will become a Class III common carrier.

According to Midcoast, the Agreement does not impose or include an interchange commitment. Midcoast certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail

<sup>1</sup> Midcoast notes that the mileposts and mileage differ slightly from those shown by CMQ when it took over operations of the Line in 2015. See *Cent. Me. & Quebec Ry.—Lease & Operate Exemption—State of Me.*, FD 35975 (STB served Dec. 4, 2015). Midcoast believes the discrepancies relate to CMQ's use of control points, rounding, and typographical errors. Midcoast states that it will assume the operations of all of the lines operated by CMQ pursuant to the Agreement.

<sup>1</sup> See *Finger Lakes Ry.—Control Exemption—Ontario Cent. R.R.*, FD 35062 (STB served Oct. 1, 2007).