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**William P. Gibson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11895]

### Notification of the Meetings of the United States-Panama Environmental Affairs Council and Environmental Cooperation Commission

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings and request for comments; invitation to public session.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are providing notice that the United States and Panama plan to hold meetings of the United States-Panama Environmental Affairs Council (the “Council”) and Environmental Cooperation Commission (the “Commission”) on December 5, 2022, in Panama City, Panama. The purpose of the meetings of these two bodies, respectively, is to review implementation of the Environment Chapter (Chapter 17) of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA) and the United States-Panama Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA). The Department of State and USTR also invite written comments or questions to be submitted no later than November 25, 2022, regarding implementation of Chapter 17 and the ECA, and any topics that should be discussed at the Council and Commission meetings consistent with their respective purposes. When preparing comments, submitters are encouraged to refer to Chapter 17 of the TPA and/or the ECA, as relevant (available at <https://www.state.gov/key-topics-office-of-environmental-quality-and-transboundary-issues/current-trade-agreements-with-environmental->

<https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/panama-tpa/final-text>).

Instructions on how to submit comments are under the heading

#### ADDRESSES.

**DATES:** The public sessions of the Council and Commission will be held on December 5, 2022, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. EST in Panama City, Panama, with an option to join virtually. Please contact Anel Gonzalez-Ruiz and Sigrid Simpson for the location of this meeting in Panama City, Panama, or to request a link to join virtually. Confirmations of attendance and comments or suggestions are requested in writing no later than November 25, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be submitted to both:

(1) Anel Gonzalez-Ruiz, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Quality, by email to [Gonzalez-RuizA@state.gov](mailto:Gonzalez-RuizA@state.gov) with the subject line “United States-Panama TPA EAC/ECC Meetings”; and

(2) Sigrid Simpson, Director for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative, by email to [Sigrid.A.Simpson@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Sigrid.A.Simpson@ustr.eop.gov) with the subject line “United States-Panama TPA EAC/ECC Meetings”.

In your email, please include your full name and organization. If you have access to the internet, you can view and comment on this notice by going to: <https://www.regulations.gov/#!home> and searching for docket number DOS-2022-0039.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anel Gonzalez-Ruiz, (202) 705-5282, or Sigrid Simpson, (202) 881-6592.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Article 17.6 of the TPA establishes an Environmental Affairs Council and provides that, unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Council shall meet annually to oversee the implementation of, and review progress under, Chapter 17, and to consider the status of cooperation activities developed under the ECA. Article 17.6 further requires that, unless the Parties otherwise agree, each meeting of the Council include a session in which members of the Council have an opportunity to meet with the public to discuss matters relating to the implementation of Chapter 17.

Article III of the ECA establishes an Environmental Cooperation Commission responsible for, among other things, establishing, examining, and evaluating cooperative activities

under the ECA. The ECC shall meet once a year, unless otherwise decided.

On December 5, 2022, the Council will meet in a closed government-to-government session to (1) review implementation of Chapter 17; (2) receive a report from the United States-Panama Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters on the status of public submissions; and (3) review activities under the United States-Panama 2018–2022 Environmental Cooperation Work Program and possible cooperation for the future under the ECA.

The Council and Commission invites all interested persons to attend a public session on Chapter 17 implementation and environmental cooperation under the ECA, beginning at 5 p.m. EST on December 5, 2022. At the session, the Council will welcome questions, input, and information about challenges and achievements in implementation of Chapter 17 and the ECA. If you would like to attend the public session either in-person, in Panama City, Panama, or virtually, please notify Anel Gonzalez-Ruiz and Sigrid Simpson at the email addresses listed under the heading

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Visit the Department of State website at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov) and the USTR website at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov) for more information.

**Sherry Zalika Sykes,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Quality, U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11888]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Petition To Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employee or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad, or the Surviving Spouse or Child of an Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments up to November 23, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Tonya Whigham who may be reached at [PRA\\_BurdenComments@state.gov](mailto:PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov) or at 202–485–7586.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Petition to Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employee or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad, or the Surviving Spouse or Child of an Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0082.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* CA/VO.
- *Form Number:* DS–1884.
- *Respondents:* Aliens petitioning for immigrant visas under INA 203(b)(4) as a special immigrant described in INA section 101(a)(27)(D).

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 600.

- *Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 100 hours.

- *Frequency:* Once per petition.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public

record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

DS–1884 solicits information from applicants claiming employment-based immigrant visa preference under section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act based on qualification as a special immigrant described in section 101(a)(27)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. An applicant may file the DS–1884 petition within one year of notification by the Department of State that the Secretary has approved a recommendation for special immigrant status. DS–1884 solicits information that will assist the consular officer in ensuring that the applicant is statutorily qualified to receive such status, including meeting the years of service and exceptional service requirements.

Additionally, The Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations Act (ESSAA), signed into law on July 30, 2021, amends section 101(a)(27)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to extend eligibility for special immigrant status to the surviving spouse and children of an employee of the United States government abroad, provided the employee performed faithful service for not less than 15 years or was killed in the line of duty regardless of years of service. These provisions are effective as of June 30, 2021 and apply retroactively. Pursuant to INA section 204(a)(1)(G)(ii), applicants seeking classification under INA 203(b)(4) to obtain special immigrant status under INA section 101(a)(27)(D) must file a petition with the Secretary of State by submitting Form DS–1884. Form DS–1884 was amended under emergency authority on April 26, 2022, to accommodate this new category of applicants. The Department is proposing to make these emergency amendments permanent as part of this renewal.

**Methodology**

The applicant can obtain a paper copy of the petition from consular posts abroad. The applicant can obtain an electronic copy through the Department’s website, [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). The petition available on the Department’s website allows an applicant to complete the petition

electronically and then submit the completed form to post.

**Julie M. Stufft,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. AB 603 (Sub–No. 5X)]**

**V and S Railway, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Franklin County, Mo.**

V and S Railway, LLC (V&S) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 9.71-mile segment of rail line in Franklin County, Mo., between approximately milepost 61.89 at Union and milepost 71.6 at Beaufort (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 63013 and 63084.

V&S has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years;<sup>1</sup> (2) because the Line is not a through line, there is no overhead traffic on the Line that would need to be rerouted; (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 a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 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 abandonment 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.

<sup>1</sup> V&S states that it never provided service over the Line. V&S further states that it acquired the Line subject to a lease with Central Midland Railway Company (CMRC), and that in March 2022, CMRC received an exemption to discontinue its operations over the Line. *Cent. Midland Ry.—Discontinuance of Serv. Exemption—in Franklin Cnty., Mo.*, AB 1070 (Sub–No. 4X) (STB served Mar. 18, 2022). V&S notes that in CMRC’s discontinuance filing, CMRC certified that no local service has moved over the Line in over two years.