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Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance, and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12328]

Notice of Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) 81 Meeting

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC, and via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the eighty-first session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 81) to be held in London, United Kingdom, from Monday, March 18, 2024, to Friday, March 22, 2024.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference line, which will handle 500 participants, or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in-person.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
- Air pollution prevention
- Energy efficiency of ships
- Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
- Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships
- Pollution prevention and response
- Report of other sub-committees
- Identification and protection of Special Areas, ECAs and PSSAs
- Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment 13
- Application of the Committees' method of work
- Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MEPC 81 agenda to

accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LT Emily K. Rowan at emily.k.rowan@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 no later than February 29, 2024, 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after February 29, 2024, might not be able to be accommodated. The meeting coordinator will provide the teleconference information, facilitate the building security process, and requests for reasonable accommodation. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon advanced request).

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36726]

Pan Am Southern LLC—Temporary Overhead Trackage Rights—Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Corporation

On February 2, 2024, Pan Am Southern LLC (PAS) filed a request under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8) for an additional extension of the temporary overhead trackage rights previously granted in this docket over a line owned by the Boston and Maine Corporation (B&M) and leased and operated by Springfield Terminal Railway Company (ST). That line generally extends between PAS's existing connection to B&M/ST's tracks at Engineering Station 215+89 at CPF 312 outside Ayer, Mass., and Engineering Station 225+00 outside Ayer, for a total distance of approximately 1,000 feet (the Line).

PAS was authorized to acquire these trackage rights over the Line by notice

of exemption served and published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2023 (88 FR 66928).¹ By decision served in this docket on December 5, 2023, and published in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2023 (88 FR 85717), the trackage rights were extended until February 5, 2024. The purpose of the trackage rights is to provide the necessary head and tail room to reposition locomotives while PAS procures and installs a "cross-over" to address a lack of space on the Line.

Under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8), the parties may, prior to the expiration of the temporary trackage rights, file a request for a renewal of the temporary rights for an additional period of up to one year, including the reasons for the extension. PAS states the initial construction schedule continues to be delayed, and the parties wish to extend the temporary overhead trackage rights until September 1, 2024, so that PAS can continue to provide service while construction is being completed. According to PAS, the parties have agreed to the extension and are working to finalize the paperwork. PAS states that it will file a copy of the amendment to the temporary trackage rights agreement with the Board once it is executed.

In accordance with 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8), PAS's temporary trackage rights over the Line will be extended and will expire on September 1, 2024. The employee protective conditions imposed in the September 28, 2023 notice remain in effect. Notice of the extension will be published in the **Federal Register**.

It is ordered:

1. PAS's temporary trackage rights are extended and will expire on September 1, 2024.

2. Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: February 8, 2024.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Tammy Lowery,
Clearance Clerk.

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¹ On September 28, 2023, the Board granted PAS' petition to waive the requirement under 49 CFR 1180.4(g) that a verified notice be filed at least 30 days before the transaction is consummated and allowed the exemption to take effect immediately.