individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

43. To State and local government agencies, in situations involving suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of minor children or vulnerable adults, to report suspected abuse or determine a victim's eligibility for services.

44. To a State BVS, when it provided SSA information that an individual was deceased to notify the State of the error in the record so furnished.

45. To the Department of the Treasury, for purposes of tax administration, debt collection, and identifying, preventing, and recovering improper payments under federally funded programs and to Federal and State agencies for conducting statistical and research activities, pursuant to sections 202(x) and 1611(e) of the Social Security Act. We will disclose only verified prisoner information (*e.g.,* name, SSN, gender code, and date of birth) under this routine use.

46 To the Office of the President, in response to an inquiry from that office made on behalf of, and at the request of, the subject of the record or a third party acting on the subject's behalf.

47. To HHS, Office of Child Support Enforcement, as required by section 453(e)(2) and (j)(1) of the Social Security Act for the administration of the Federal Parent Locator System.

48. To proper applicants submitting an application for a Social Security Card, when the proper applicant establishes that the number holder is physically or mentally unable to file for a Social Security card on their own behalf and provides evidence of custody or legal relationship for the number holder, we may provide the number holder's SSN.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

We will maintain records in this system in paper and in electronic form.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

This system maintains information about individuals by SSN, name, date of birth, the agency's internal processing reference number, or alien registration number. If we deny an application because the applicant submitted fraudulent evidence, or if we are verifying evidence we suspect to be fraudulent, we will retrieve records either by the applicant's name plus month and year of birth, or by the applicant's name plus the eleven-digit reference number of the disallowed application.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

In accordance with NARA rules codified at 36 CFR 1225.16, we maintain records in accordance with NARA-approved agency-specific records schedule, N1–47–09–02, item 2, and NARA's General Records Schedule (GRS) 4.2, items 020 and 050, and GRS 5.2, item 010.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

We retain electronic and paper files containing personal identifiers in secure storage areas accessible only by authorized individuals, including our employees and contractors, who have a need for the information when performing their official duties. Security measures include, but are not limited to, the use of codes and profiles, personal identification number and password, and personal identification verification cards. We restrict access to specific correspondence within the system based on assigned roles and authorized users. We keep paper records in cabinets within secure areas, with access limited to only those employees who have an official need for access in order to perform their duties. We use audit mechanisms to record sensitive transactions as an additional measure to protect information from unauthorized disclosure or modification.

We annually provide authorized individuals, including our employees and contractors, with appropriate security awareness training that includes reminders about the need to protect PII and the criminal penalties that apply to unauthorized access to, or disclosure of, PII (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1)). Furthermore, authorized individuals with access to databases maintaining PII must annually sign a sanctions document that acknowledges their accountability for inappropriately accessing or disclosing such information.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals may submit requests for information about whether this system contains a record about them by submitting a written request to the system manager at the above address, which includes their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them. Individuals requesting notification of, or access to, a record by mail must include: (1) a notarized statement to us to verify their identity; or (2) must certify in the request that they are the individual they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Individuals requesting notification of, or access to, records in person must provide their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them, as well as provide an identity document, preferably with a photograph, such as a driver's license. Individuals lacking identification documents sufficient to establish their identity must certify in writing that they are the individual they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as record access procedures. Individuals should also reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting, and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate, or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.65(a).

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Same as records access procedures. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

87 FR 263 (January 4, 2022), Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 580 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc., a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Knox County, Tenn.

On December 11, 2024, Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc. (KXHR), a Class III rail carrier and wholly owned subsidiary of Gulf & Ohio Railways,

Inc., filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 3.8-mile rail line between milepost 0.1 and the end of the line, all of which is located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn. (the Line).[1] The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 37920 and has no stations.

According to KXHR, it is seeking authority to abandon the Line because the traffic and revenues from the sole shipper, Ergon Terminaling, Inc. (Ergon), are insufficient to cover the costs of maintaining and operating the Line. (Pet. 3–5.) KXHR states that Ergon has significantly reduced its use of the Line, (*id.* at 5), and as a result, KXHR faces significant hardship from continued operation of the Line at a loss, (*id.* at 4). According to KXHR, since 2019, it has not received enough revenue to sustain operations, receiving an average of 8.2 carloads per year from 2019–2024. (*Id.*) KXHR states that the average revenue per year over the last five years for the Line is $5,343.00, and the operating costs of the Line currently exceed the average revenue generated from the Line by over 90%. (*Id.*) KXHR does not anticipate current traffic volumes will increase significantly. (*Id.*)

Additionally, KXHR states that its initiatives to market and develop new local businesses on the Line have failed. (*Id.* at 6.) According to KXHR, portions of the Line are situated in a rapidly developing area, with the first 1.5 miles expanding into a mixed-use residential/commercial development area, making it extremely costly and unlikely for new shippers or industries to make use of or require freight services. (*Id.*) Moreover, KXHR states that a tunnel at milepost 0.1 requires significant rehabilitation efforts to ensure continued safe and efficient operations on the Line.[2] (*Id.*) KXHR states that, given the Line's limited and unpredictable traffic and the lack of projected future traffic, there is no way the Line can be operated profitably. (*Id.*)

According to KXHR, Ergon can, and has, used alternative modes, such as barge and truck, for its transportation needs. (*Id.* at 4–5.) KXHR states that it notified Ergon around October 2024 that it planned to seek abandonment authority and terminate its common carrier obligations over the Line and served Ergon with a copy of its petition. (*Id.* at 6–7.) KXHR further states that there are no overhead operations on the Line. (*Id.* at 7.)

KXHR states that, based on information in its possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in KXHR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho,* 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by March 31, 2025.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by January 10, 2025, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.,* subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. *See* 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

The Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/railbanking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 21, 2025.[3]

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 580 (Sub-No. 1X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on KXHR's representative, Crystal M. Zorbaugh, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L St. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036. Replies to the petition are due on or before February 10, 2025.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245–0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245–0245.

OEA will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), which will be served upon all parties of record and upon any other agencies or persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available at *www.stb.gov.*

Decided: December 23, 2024.

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

Stefan Rice,

Clearance Clerk.

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[1] On December 17, 2024, KXHR filed an errata with an updated map.

[2] According to KXHR, the state of the tunnel currently limits the type of freight that can traverse the Line, furthering limiting KXHR's potential for new traffic. (Pet. 6 n.8.)

[3] Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2024–0085]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by January 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0085 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.*

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room