

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 12879]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Nontransfer and Use Certificate**

**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 January 12, 2026.

**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 Andrea Battista, SA–1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0112, via phone at (202) 663–3136, or via email at [battistaal@state.gov](mailto:battistaal@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Nontransfer and Use Certificate.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0021.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC.
- *Form Number:* DSP–83.
- *Respondents:* Business, Nonprofit Organizations, and Individuals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,947.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,947.
- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 2,947.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *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**

Pursuant to ITAR § 123.10, a completed “Nontransfer and Use Certificate” (OMB No. 1405–0021, Form DSP–83) must be received by DDTC for the export of significant military equipment and classified articles, including classified technical data. Pursuant to ITAR § 124.10, a completed “Nontransfer and Use Certificate” must be submitted with any manufacturing license agreement or technical assistance agreement that relates to significant military equipment or classified defense articles, including classified technical data. In both cases, the foreign consignee (if applicable), foreign end-user, and applicant execute this form. By signing the certificate the foreign end-user certifies that they will not, except as specifically authorized by prior written approval of the Department of State, re export, resell or otherwise dispose of the defense articles enumerated in the application (1) outside the foreign country named as the country of ultimate destination; or (2) to any other person. With respect to agreements that involve classified articles or classified technical data, an authorized representative of the foreign government must also sign the form.

**Methodology**

This information collection may be sent to the Directorate of Defense Trade

Controls via the following methods: electronically or mail.

**Michael J. Vaccaro,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. 36869]

**Iowa Northern Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Cedar River Railroad Company**

Iowa Northern Railway Company (IANR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to acquire limited local trackage rights on a line of railroad of Cedar River Railroad Company (CEDR)<sup>1</sup> between milepost 0.0 at Mona Junction in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and milepost 85.0 in London Township, Minn. (the Line), a distance of approximately 85.0 miles.<sup>2</sup>

According to the verified notice, on November 3, 2025, IANR and CEDR entered into a written trackage rights agreement that permits IANR to operate trains with its own crews to and from an ethanol facility of Absolute Energy LLC (or any successor entity) on CEDR’s line at Mona/St. Ansgar, Iowa, as well as to serve other facilities on CEDR’s line that tender or receive “co-load” traffic in blocks of at least 25 cars that are combined into unit trains for movement to or from a single off-line location. IANR states that the trackage rights are intended to provide operational flexibility and reliability in service to customers.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The verified notice states that IANR and CEDR are indirect rail carrier subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company (CNR), whose U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries (including IANR and CEDR) are held directly or indirectly by CNR’s wholly owned subsidiary Grand Trunk Corporation (GTC). *See Can. Nat’l Ry.—Control—Iowa N. Ry.*, FD 36744 (STB served Jan. 14, 2025); *see also Can. Nat’l Ry.—Control—Ill. Cent. Corp.*, 4 S.T.B. 122 (1999); *Ill. Cent. Corp.—Control—CCP Holdings, Inc.*, FD 32858 (STB served May 14, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> In its verified notice of exemption, IANR states that it owns, leases, or operates approximately 218 miles of rail line extending generally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, through Waterloo, Iowa, and Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Manly, Iowa, and that CEDR owns approximately 100 miles of rail line extending north from Cedar Falls through Charles City, Iowa, to Glenville, Minn. The verified notice states that IANR and CEDR connect at Cedar Falls.

<sup>3</sup> The verified notice states that the parties’ agreement is in the form of an amendment to an existing trackage rights agreement, previously submitted to the Board, between CEDR and Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP), another GTC affiliate. *See Chi., Cent. & Pac. R.R.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Cedar River R.R.*, FD 36722 (STB served Sept. 15, 2023). In a related proceeding, CCP has filed a verified notice of

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 25, 2025, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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 December 18, 2025 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36869, 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 IANR's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

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

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

Decided: December 8, 2025.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

**Brendetta Jones,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to extend its existing trackage rights on CEDR's rail line, pursuant to the same amendment to the trackage rights agreement. See *Chi., Cent. & Pac. R.R.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Cedar River R.R.*, Docket No. FD 36722 (Sub-No. 1). According to the verified notice, the amended trackage rights agreement admits IANR to the same CEDR line over which CCP holds or is obtaining trackage rights.

## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. 36722 (Sub-No. 1)]

### **Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company—Amended Trackage Rights Exemption—Cedar River Railroad Company**

Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to acquire limited local trackage rights over a line of railroad of Cedar River Railroad Company (CEDR),<sup>1</sup> between milepost 41.5 in Charles City, Iowa, and milepost 85.0 in London Township, Minn. (the Line), a distance of approximately 43.5 miles.<sup>2</sup>

According to the verified notice, CCP acquired overhead trackage rights on CEDR's rail line between Mona Junction and Charles City in 2023.<sup>3</sup> CCP states that, on November 3, 2025, it entered into an amended trackage rights agreement with CEDR to permit CCP to acquire extended, limited local trackage rights over the Line so that CCP may operate trains with its own crews to and from an ethanol facility of Absolute Energy LLC (or any successor entity) on CEDR's line at Mona/St. Ansgar, Iowa, as well as to serve other facilities on CEDR's line that tender or receive "co-load" traffic in blocks of at least 25 cars that are combined into unit trains for movement to or from a single off-line location. CCP states that the trackage rights are intended to provide operational flexibility and reliability in service to customers.<sup>4</sup>

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 25, 2025, the

<sup>1</sup> The verified notice states that CCP and CEDR are indirect rail carrier subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company (CNR), whose U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries (including CCP and CEDR) are held directly or indirectly by CNR's wholly owned subsidiary Grand Trunk Corporation. See *Can. Nat'l Ry.—Control—Ill. Cent. Corp.*, 4 S.T.B. 122 (1999); see also *Ill. Cent. Corp.—Control—CCP Holdings, Inc.*, FD 32858 (STB served May 14, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> As explained by CCP in its verified notice, CCP operates approximately 725 miles of rail line between Chicago, Ill., and Council Bluffs/Sioux City, Iowa, and CEDR owns approximately 100 miles of rail line extending north from Cedar Falls, Iowa, through Charles City, to Glenville, Minn. The verified notice states that CEDR and CCP connect at Mona Junction in Cedar Falls.

<sup>3</sup> See *Chi., Cent. & Pac. R.R.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Cedar River R.R.*, FD 36722 (STB served Sept. 15, 2023) (acquiring overhead trackage rights over approximately 41.5 miles of rail line owned by CEDR between milepost 0.0 at Mona Junction and milepost 41.5 in Charles City).

<sup>4</sup> CCP states that the amended trackage rights agreement also provides for Iowa Northern Railway Company (IANR), a CCP/CEDR affiliate, to obtain new trackage rights over CEDR's line that overlap with the trackage rights currently held and to be obtained by CCP. The IANR trackage rights transaction is the subject of a separate proceeding. See *Iowa N. Ry.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Cedar River R.R.*, Docket No. 36869.

effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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 December 18, 2025 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36722 (Sub No. 1), 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 CCP's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

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

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Decided: December 8, 2025.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

**Brendetta Jones,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket Number USTR-2025-0243]

### **Request for Comments and Notice of a Public Hearing Regarding the 2026 Special 301 Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Each year, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) conducts a review to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual