

Description of Collections*Collection Number 1*

Title: Petitions for declaratory order.

OMB Control Number: 2140–0031.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Affected shippers, railroads, communities, and other stakeholders that choose to seek a declaratory order from the Board to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty.

Number of Respondents: Approximately eight.

Estimated Time per Response: 180 hours.

Frequency: On occasion. In calendar years 2020–2022, approximately 12 petitions for declaratory order were filed with the Board per year.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 2,160 hours (estimated hours per petition (180) × total number of petitions (12)).

Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

Needs and Uses: Under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 1321, the Board may issue a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. Because petitions for declaratory order can encompass a broad range of issues and types of requests, the Board does not prescribe specific instructions for their filing. The collection by the Board regarding petitions for declaratory order that parties choose to file enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

Collection Number 2

Title: Petitions for relief not otherwise provided.

OMB Control Number: 2140–0030.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Affected shippers, railroads, communities, and other stakeholders that seek to address issues under the Board’s jurisdiction that are not otherwise specifically provided for under the Board’s other regulatory provisions.

Number of Respondents: Approximately four.

Estimated Time per Response: 25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion. In calendar years 2020–2022, approximately four petitions of this type were filed with the Board per year.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 100 hours (estimated hours per petition (25) × total number of petitions (4)).

Total “Non-Hour Burden” Cost: None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

Needs and Uses: Under 49 U.S.C. 1321 and 49 CFR part 1117 (the Board’s catch-all petition provision), shippers, railroads, and the public in general may seek relief (such as waiver of the Board’s regulations) not otherwise specifically provided for under the Board’s other regulatory provisions. Under section 1117.1, such petitions should contain three items: (a) a short, plain statement of jurisdiction, (b) a short, plain statement of petitioner’s claim, and (c) request for relief. The collection by the Board of these petitions that parties choose to file enables the Board to more fully meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

The Board makes this submission because, under the PRA, a Federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), Federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: May 9, 2023.

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Dispute Resolution Procedures Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection of “FAST Act” Dispute Resolution Procedures, as described below.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by July 11, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001, or to PRA@stb.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, FAST Act Dispute Resolution Procedures.” For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance (OPAGAC), at (866) 254–1792 (toll-free) or 202–245–0238, or by emailing to rcpa@stb.gov. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are requested concerning: (1) the accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

Description of Collection

Title: FAST Act Dispute Resolution Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 2140–0036.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Parties seeking the Board’s informal assistance under Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114–94 (signed Dec. 4, 2015) (FAST Act).

Number of Respondents: Approximately three.

Estimated Time per Response: One hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): Three hours (estimated hours per response (1) × total number of responses (3)).

Total Annual “Non-Hour Burden” Cost (such as start-up and mailing costs): There are no non-hourly burden costs for this collection.

Needs and Uses: Title XI of the FAST Act, entitled “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015,” gives the

Board jurisdiction to resolve cost allocation and access disputes between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), the states, and potential non-Amtrak operators of intercity passenger rail service. The FAST Act directs the Board to establish procedures for the resolution of these disputes, “which may include the provision of professional mediation services.” 49 U.S.C. 24712(c)(2), 24905(c)(4). Under 49 CFR 1109.5, the Board provides that parties to a dispute involving the State-Sponsored Route Committee or the Northeast Corridor Committee may, by a letter submitted to OPAGAC, may request the Board’s informal assistance in securing outside professional mediation services. The letter shall include a concise description of the issues for which outside professional mediation services are sought. The collection by the Board of these request letters enables the Board to meet its statutory duty under the FAST Act.

The Board makes this submission because, under the PRA, a Federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), Federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: May 9, 2023.

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36700]

Grenada Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—North Central Mississippi Regional Railroad Authority and Grenada Railway, LLC

Grenada Railroad, LLC (GRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 228 miles of rail line from the North Central Mississippi Regional Railroad Authority (NCMRRRA) and Grenada Railway, LLC

(GRY). The line consists of three segments: (1) approximately 175.4 miles of main line between milepost 403.0 at Southaven, Miss. (GRY MP 491.09), and milepost 703.8 near Canton, Miss. (GRY MP 616.49), along with certain side and yard tracks (the Grenada Line); (2) approximately 11.42 miles of branch line between a point of connection with the Grenada Line at milepost 603.0 and milepost 614.42 at Bruce Junction, Miss. (the Water Valley Branch); and (3) approximately 21.70 miles of branch line between a point of connection with the Grenada Line at milepost H–0.20 at Aberdeen Junction, Miss., and milepost H–21.90 near Kosciusko, Miss. (the Aberdeen Branch) (collectively, the Lines). According to the verified notice, GRR has operated the Grenada Line and Water Valley Branch pursuant to a lease and operating agreement since 2015¹ and now seeks authority to acquire these lines and the Aberdeen Branch, which is owned by NCMRRRA.² GRR states that the Aberdeen Branch has been out of service since prior to NCMRRRA’s acquisition of that segment.

The verified notice states that the parties entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement on April 27, 2023.

GRR certifies that the proposed acquisition of the Lines does not involve any interchange commitments. GRR further certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier’s projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, GRR has filed a request for partial waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements to allow the transaction to proceed after 30 days’ notice to employees on the Lines. GRR’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

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)

¹ See *Ill. Co. Rail Road—Lease & Operation Exemption—N. Cent. Miss. Reg’l R.R. Auth.*, FD 35940 (STB served July 9, 2015).

² See *N. Cent. Miss. Reg’l R.R. Auth.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Miss. Dep’t of Transp.*, FD 36182 (STB served Nov. 20, 2018).

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 May 19, 2023.

All pleadings referring to Docket No. FD 36700, should 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on GRR’s representative, Terence M. Hynes, Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

According to GRR, 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.

Decided: May 9, 2023.

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

Raina White,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36679]

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC—Change of Operators Exemption—Ogeechee Railroad Company

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (CPR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to assume operation of approximately 22.4 miles of rail line owned by the State of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) between milepost SA–36.4 at or near Ardmore, Ga., and milepost SA–58.8 at or near Sylvania, Ga. (the Line).¹

CPR states that Ogeechee Railroad Company (ORC) is the current lessee and operator of the Line. According to the verified notice, CPR, ORC, and GDOT have executed a novation agreement transferring ORC’s rights under its lease agreement with GDOT to CPR.² CPR will operate the Line under an amended lease with GDOT.

¹ CPR states that the notice of exemption filed in *Ogeechee Railroad—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Georgia Midland Railroad*, Docket No. FD 35086, identifies the Line’s endpoint as milepost SA–57.5, but, according to CPR, a recent review determined that the Line extends to milepost SA–58.8.

² CPR states that it is also entering into an asset purchase agreement with ORC under which CPR is acquiring ORC’s assets related to the operation of

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