

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

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Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SBA Guaranteed Business Loans to Cooperatives

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of change of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on February 28, 2019, announcing that the Office of Financial Assistance would be holding two public forums with members of the general public on SBA-guaranteed business loans to cooperatives. The purpose of the public forums is to provide an opportunity for members of the public to present their views to SBA on practical alternatives to satisfying SBA's personal guarantee requirement for small businesses with cooperative ownership. Today's notice announces the cancellation of the public forum that was going to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 19, 2019. A teleconference, to allow more attendees to participate, will be conducted in its place.

DATES: The public forum will take place via teleconference on March 29, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Please note the registration instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Heou, SBA Office of Financial Assistance, *thomas.heou@sba.gov* or (202) 205-9168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Sec. 862 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232), SBA is holding two public forums to discuss practical alternatives to satisfy SBA's personal guarantee requirement on SBA-guaranteed loans to cooperatives. The first public forum was held in Washington, DC on March 12, 2019. The second public forum will be held via teleconference on March 29, 2019, at the time specified above.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to present their views to SBA on practical alternatives that would satisfy SBA's personal guarantee

requirements. No policy recommendations or views will be offered by SBA at the forum. Individual speakers will be allowed to make oral comments limited to 3-5 minutes each, depending on the number of participants interested in speaking.

All interested parties must register in advance to participate in the teleconference. Attendance is limited to the first 200 individuals who register to attend.

Participants interested in attending may register for the conference at <http://ems8.intellor.com/do=register&t=1&p=813511>. After completing the registration, the participant will receive an email containing a personalized access link to participate in the teleconference.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 12)]

Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancy

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board (Board).

ACTION: Notice of upcoming vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Board hereby gives notice of an upcoming vacancy on RSTAC for a small shipper representative. The Board seeks suggestions for candidates to fill this vacancy.

DATES: Nominations are due on April 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Suggestions may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-Filing link on the Board's website, at <http://www.stb.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 12), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 (if sending via express company or private courier, please use zip code 20024). Please note that submissions will be posted to the Board's website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 12).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Bourdon at (202) 245-0285.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board, created in 1996 to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701-47, 11101-24), the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-07), as well as railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-27).

The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), enacted on December 29, 1995, established RSTAC to advise the Board's Chairman, the Secretary of Transportation, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with respect to rail transportation policy issues RSTAC considers significant. RSTAC focuses on issues of importance to small shippers and small railroads, including car supply, rates, competition, and procedures for addressing claims. ICCTA instructs RSTAC to endeavor to develop private-sector mechanisms to prevent, or identify and address, obstacles to the most effective and efficient transportation system practicable. The members of RSTAC also prepare an annual report concerning RSTAC's activities. RSTAC is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RSTAC's 15 appointed members consist of representatives of small and large shippers, and small and large railroads. In addition, members of the Board and the Secretary of Transportation serve as ex officio members. Of the 15 appointed members, nine are voting members and are appointed from senior executive officers of organizations engaged in the railroad and rail shipping industries. At least four of the voting members must be representatives of small shippers as determined by the Chairman, and at least four of the voting members must be representatives of Class II or III railroads. The remaining six members to be appointed—three representing Class I railroads and three representing large shipper organizations—serve in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, but may participate in RSTAC deliberations.

Meetings of RSTAC are required by statute to be held at least semi-annually.

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).