

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-EMERALD-2022-22 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EMERALD-2022-22. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EMERALD-2022-22 and should be submitted on or before July 27, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>65</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Interest Rates**

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 2.75 percent for the July-September quarter of FY 2022.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

**John Wade,**

*Chief, Secondary Market Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 11777]**

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Affidavit of Identifying Witness**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. 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 preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to August 5, 2022.

**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 information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search

function. You must include the DS form number (DS-0071), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence (if applicable). 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 [PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov](mailto:PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov). You must include the DS form number (DS-0071) and information collection title.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Affidavit of Identifying Witness.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0088.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).
- *Form Number:* DS-0071.
- *Respondents:* Individuals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 32,260.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 32,260.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 5 min.
- *Total Estimated Time Burden:* 2,688 hours.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the 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 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**

The Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. It is used by Passport Agents, Passport Acceptance Agents, and Consular Officers to collect information for the purpose of establishing the identity of the applicant. This affidavit is

<sup>65</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

completed by the identifying witness when the applicant is unable to establish their identity to the satisfaction of a person authorized to accept passport applications.

### Methodology

The Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. Due to legislative mandates, Form DS-0071 is only available at acceptance facilities, passport agencies, and U.S. embassies and consulates. This form must be completed and signed in the presence of an authorized Passport Agent, Passport Acceptance Agent, or Consular Officer.

#### Kevin E. Bryant,

Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, U.S. Department of State.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1322X]

### Wolf Creek Railroad LLC— Abandonment Exemption—in Gibson County, Tenn.

On June 16, 2022, Wolf Creek Railroad LLC (WCR) filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 10-mile line of railroad (the Line) located within the Milan Army Ammunition Plant (the Plant) in Gibson County, Tenn. There is one station on the Line, and the Line constitutes WCR's entire rail system. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 38358.

According to WCR, it leased the Line from the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command (JMC) through JMC's representative, American Ordnance LLC. A portion of the Plant had been repurposed as a business park, and WCR provided common carrier rail service to customers there.<sup>1</sup> On March 31, 2021, the JMC provided notice to WCR that it was terminating the lease as of December 31, 2021, and that WCR was required to cease its rail operations and vacate the Plant. WCR represents that the last customer on the Line was a plastics-transload customer that stopped shipping on the Line in October 2021. Thus, WCR seeks to abandon the Line.

WCR states that the Line and the property that the Line serves are owned by the JMC. Therefore, the Line is

located on a federally-owned right-of-way. Any documentation in WCR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Citing *A&R Line, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Cass & Pulaski Counties*, AB 855 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served Aug. 20, 2003), WCR asserts that, because it proposes to abandon its entire railroad system, the imposition of employee protective conditions is not appropriate.

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 October 4, 2022.

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 July 18, 2022, 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).

Following abandonment, 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/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than July 26, 2022.<sup>2</sup>

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1322X, 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 WCR's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill, PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Replies to the petition are due on or before July 26, 2022.

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

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA 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](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: June 29, 2022.

#### Mai T. Dinh,

Director, Office of Proceedings.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Comments: Trade Strategy to Combat Forced Labor

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is coordinating with all relevant United States federal agencies to develop a focused trade strategy to combat forced labor. The strategy will identify priorities and establish an action plan for utilizing existing and potential new trade tools to combat forced labor in traded goods and services. USTR invites public comments to inform the development of the strategy.

**DATES:** The deadline for the submission of written comments is August 5, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*), using Docket Number USTR-2022-0006. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in 'Requirements for Submissions' below. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Jennifer Oetken, Director for Labor Affairs, in advance of the deadline at [Jennifer.L.Oetken@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Jennifer.L.Oetken@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-2870.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Oetken, Director for Labor Affairs, at [Jennifer.L.Oetken@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Jennifer.L.Oetken@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-2870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

<sup>1</sup> See *Wolf Creek R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Am. Ordnance LLC*, FD 36236 (STB served Nov. 18, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.