

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270–806, OMB Control No. 3235–0757]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 147A(f)(1)(iii) Written Representation as to Purchaser Residency

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 147A(f)(1)(iii) (17 CFR 230.147A(f)(1)(iii)) requires the issuer to obtain from the purchaser a written representation as to the purchaser’s residency in order to qualify for safe harbor under Securities Act Rule 147A (17 CFR 230.147A). Rule 147A is an exemption from registration under Securities Act Section 28 (15 U.S.C. 77z–3). Under Rule 147A, the purchaser in the offering must be a resident of the same state or territory in which the issuer is a resident. While the formal representation of residency by itself is not sufficient to establish a reasonable belief that such purchasers are in-state residents, the representation requirement, together with the reasonable belief standard, may result in better compliance with the rule and maintaining appropriate investor protections. The representation of residency is not provided to the Commission. Approximately 700 respondents provide the information required by Rule 147A(f)(1)(iii) at an estimated 2.75 hours per response for a total annual reporting burden of 1,925 hours (2.75 hours × 700 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including

through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication by May 30, 2023.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comment to David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: March 23, 2023.

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12026]

Foreign Affairs Policy Board Meeting Notice

ACTION: Closed meeting.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the Department of State announces a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Policy Board to take place on April 24–25, 2023, at the Department of State, Washington, DC.

The Foreign Affairs Policy Board will review and assess: (1) Engagement with cities and states to promote sub-national diplomacy; (2) Emerging technologies and implications for Foreign Policy; (3) Economic trends with implications for the United States’ role abroad; and (4) Placing Current Geopolitical Competition in Historical and Strategic Context. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App § 10(d), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), it has been determined that this meeting will be closed to the public as the Board will be reviewing and discussing matters properly classified in accordance with E.O. 13526.

For more information, contact Timothy Peltier at (202) 647–2236 or peltierte@state.gov.

Timothy Peltier,
Designated Federal Officer, Office of Policy Planning, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1239 (Sub-No. 3X)]

City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, d/b/a Tacoma Rail—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Pierce County, Wash.

On March 8, 2023, the City of Tacoma, Wash., Department of Public Utilities d/b/a Tacoma Rail (the City) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue common carrier service over approximately 3.5 miles of rail line extending from milepost 2.11 at East C Street (USDOT Grade Crossing Inventory Number 396640U) to milepost 5.61 at McKinley Avenue (USDOT Grade Crossing Inventory Number No. 396659L), in the City, Pierce County (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 98421, 98404, and 98418.

According to the City, the Line has moved only four local carloads in the past seven years—one carload in April 2021 and three carloads in 2016. The City states that it would not expect carload volumes to or from the sole customer on the Line, Tacoma Steel, to increase significantly if the Line were to remain active. According to the City, it has advised Tacoma Steel of its plan to cease operations on the Line and the City expects that Tacoma Steel will not object to this petition for discontinuance authority. The City also states that no overhead traffic currently exists on the Line, and that, if such traffic did exist, it could be handled over other through routes.

The City states that, to the best of its information and belief, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way and that it will promptly make available to those requesting it any documentation in its possession relevant to the foregoing statement.

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 issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 26, 2023.

Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be environmental review during any subsequent

abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review. See 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(5), 1105.8(b).

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than July 6, 2023, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner.¹ Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by April 7, 2023, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1239 (Sub-No. 3X) and 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 the City's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208. Replies to the petition are due by April 17, 2023.

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

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

Decided: March 21, 2023.

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

Raina White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2023-0020]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice

¹ The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

that on February 13, 2023, the Regional Transportation District RTDC N Line and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1001 jointly petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2023-0020.

Specifically, petitioners request relief as part of their proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. Petitioners seek to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by May 30, 2023 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better

inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2023-0017]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on February 10, 2023, D & I Railroad Company (DAIR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2023-0017.

Specifically, DAIR requests relief as part of its proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. DAIR seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate