

private sector capital and expertise to achieve a variety of economic goals.

The purpose of this collection is to gather the required details necessary to determine if applicants' projects qualify to participate in the I2U2 initiative. This information is necessary to select participants and share information with I2U2 partners. The window to receive project proposals will remain open as long as the I2U2 initiative exists.

I2U2 will consider projects and initiatives on an individual basis that meet the following criteria:

1. Fall into at least one of these seven sectors: water, climate/energy, transportation, space, health, food security, or technology.

2. Preferably operate in the Middle East, India, the United States, or Africa. However, the I2U2 Group will consider opportunities anywhere in the world.

3. Allow each of the four partner countries to benefit from and/or contribute to the project. Priority will be given to projects based on cooperation and/or involvement of participants from all four I2U2 partner countries.

Respondents will access to the form at [www.state.gov/I2U2](http://www.state.gov/I2U2). Following these criteria, the form asks individuals to select the applicable sectors and explain the proposed role of/benefits to each partner country. The form also requests details about the project submitter, any monetary and nonmonetary requests, and a description of the project and timeline. I2U2 will utilize this form for vetting, review, and selection of project submissions. Submitters may also optionally provide additional supporting documentation, such as a detailed budget, marketing brochure, or other relevant materials.

### Methodology

The collection will be completed 100 percent electronically. The respondent will complete the form online and submit the form by email to [I2U2@state.gov](mailto:I2U2@state.gov).

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12228]

### Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “The Heart of Zen” Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby

determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition “The Heart of Zen” at the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, California, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

**Nicole L. Elkon,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 35441 (Sub-No. 1)]

### Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad Company—Lease Exemption—Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority

Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad Company (BNGR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease approximately 37.26 miles of rail line, owned by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Blackwell Industrial Authority (BIA) and extending from milepost 0.09 at Wellington, Kan., to milepost 35.35 at Blackwell, Okla., and from milepost 127.0 at Blackwell to milepost 125.0

also at Blackwell (the Line). ODOT owns the portions of the Line extending from milepost 18.32 at Hunnewell, Kan., to milepost 35.35 at Blackwell, and from milepost 127.0 to milepost 126.45 in Blackwell. BIA owns the portions of the Line extending from milepost 0.09 at Wellington to milepost 18.32 at Hunnewell, and from milepost 126.45 to milepost 125.0 in Blackwell.

BNGR states that it currently operates the Line pursuant to a lease agreement with ODOT and BIA.<sup>1</sup> According to BNGR, it, ODOT, and BIA have executed a new Track Lease and Operating Agreement, which will govern BNGR operation of the Line upon the effective date of this notice.

BNGR certifies that its projected annual freight revenues will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. BNGR also certifies that the agreement does not include an interchange commitment.

The transaction may be consummated on or after November 1, 2023,<sup>2</sup> the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

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 October 25, 2023 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35441 (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 BNGR's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to BNGR, 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: October 13, 2023.

<sup>1</sup> See *Blackwell N. Gateway R.R.—Lease Renewal Exemption—Okla. Dept. of Transp.*, FD 35441 (STB served Nov. 17, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> BNGR initially submitted its verified notice on September 29, 2023, but supplemented it by letter on October 2, 2023. The date of BNGR's supplement will be considered the filing date for purposes of calculating the effective date of this exemption.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
**Stefan Rice,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*  
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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. WB 23-54]

**Release of Waybill Data**

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Washington State University (WB23-54-10/9/23) for permission to use data from the Board’s annual 2000–2021 unmasked Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board’s website under docket no. WB23-54.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board’s Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Alexander Dusenberry, (202) 245-0319.

**Eden Besera,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*  
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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**30-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Statutory Licensing Authority**

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

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.  
**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 approval for the information collection required from those seeking statutory licensing authority, as described below.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by November 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Statutory Licensing Authority.” Written comments for the proposed information collection should be submitted via [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). This information collection can be accessed by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. As an alternative, written comments may be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Michael J. McManus, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer: via email at [aira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:aira_submission@omb.eop.gov); by fax at (202) 395-1743; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Please also direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, PRA Officer, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board: Statutory Licensing Authority.” For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at (202) 245-0284 or [michael.higgins@stb.gov](mailto:michael.higgins@stb.gov). If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the *Federal Register* (88 FR 52237 (August 7, 2023)). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

*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:* Statutory Licensing Authority.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0023.  
*STB Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Rail carriers and non-carriers seeking statutory licensing or consolidation authority, an exemption from filing an application for such authority, or interchange commitments.  
*Number of Respondents:* 85.  
*Estimated Time per Response:*

**ESTIMATED HOURS PER RESPONSE**

Type of filing	Number of hours per response under 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26
Applications .....	575
Petitions * .....	75
Notices * .....	25
Interchange commitments ....	10

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES FOR FY 2020-2022**

Type of filing	Average number of filings per year under 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26
Applications .....	7
Petitions * .....	15
Notices * .....	88
Interchange commitments ....	5

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 7,300 hours (sum of estimated hours per response x number of responses for each type of filing).

**TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

Type of filing	Hours per response	Annual number of filings	Total annual burden hours
Applications .....	575	7	4,025
Petitions * .....	75	15	1,125
Notices * .....	25	88	2,200