

the UIT principal underwriter or depositor evaluations, Commission staff estimates that 541 acquiring UITs will be subject to rule 12d1-4.¹⁴ Commission staff estimates that such UITs will spend 5 hours annually conducting evaluations and creating, reviewing, and maintaining written materials.¹⁵ This results in a total annual hour burden of 2,705 hours.¹⁶

Separate Accounts Funding Variable Insurance Contracts. With respect to the separate account funding variable insurance contracts, Commission staff estimates that 186 acquiring separate accounts will be subject to rule 12d1-4.¹⁷ Commission staff estimates that separate accounts will spend 4 hours annually obtaining certificates and maintaining records, resulting in a total annual hour burden of 744 hours.¹⁸

The following estimates of external costs are made solely for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms.

Voting Provisions. The staff estimates that, on average, outside counsel will spend 1 hour per vote conducting voting procedures with respect to mirror voting at a cost of \$565 per hour. Staff therefore estimates an annual external cost burden of \$246,340 with respect to mirror voting.¹⁹ Staff further estimates that, with respect to pass-through voting, outside counsel will spend 1 hour to assist funds in communicating with shareholders and voting accordingly at a rate of \$565 per hour. Staff therefore estimates an annual external cost burden of \$5,650 with respect to pass-through voting.²⁰ Accordingly, staff estimates a total

annual external cost of \$251,990 for compliance with the voting provisions of the rule.²¹

Fund of Funds Investment Agreement. Staff estimates that, on average, for funds newly subject to the rule, outside counsel will spend 2 hours negotiating and memorializing the necessary agreements under the rule at a cost of \$565 per hour. Staff further estimates that, on average, for funds newly subject to the rule, outside counsel will spend 4 hours establishing recordkeeping policies and procedures. Accordingly, staff estimates a total annual external costs of \$2,186,550 for compliance with the fund of funds investment agreement provisions of the rule.²²

Management Companies—Fund Filings. It is estimated that there is no external cost burden with respect to the management company findings provisions of the rule.

UITs—Principal Underwriter or Depositor Evaluations. It is estimated that there is no external cost burden with respect to the UIT evaluation provisions of the rule.

Separate Accounts Funding Variable Insurance Contracts. It is estimated that there is no external cost burden with respect to the separate account certification provisions of the rule.

As outlined above, we estimate the total external cost burden to comply with rule 12d1-4 to be \$2,438,540.²³

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of 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 by January 16, 2024.

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

Please direct your written comments to: David Bottom, Acting 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: November 13, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date, time and agenda for a meeting of the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board. The meeting will be open to the public; however, advance notice of attendance is required.

DATES: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Karton, Office of Small Business Development Centers, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416; Rachel.newman-karton@sba.gov; 202-619-1816.

If anyone wishes to be a listening participant or would like to request accommodations, please contact Rachel Karton at the information above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the SBA announces the meetings of the National SBDC Advisory Board. This Board provides advice and counsel to the SBA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following pertaining to the SBDC Program:

- Annual Plan
- Outreach and Engagement with SBDC State Directors

Additionally, SBA will be seeking three volunteers from the Advisory Board to participate as judges for the National Small Business Week Small

¹⁴ This estimate assumes that there are 1,353 series of UITs and that 40% of such UITs are acquiring UITs (as estimated in the prior renewal). The estimate of 1,353 series of UITs is based on data as of December 2022, as derived from N-CEN filings (items F.18 and F.19) through July 14, 2023.

¹⁵ This estimate assumes 2.5 hours of general clerk time and 2.5 hours of senior computer operator time 5 hours = 2.5 + 2.5.

¹⁶ This estimate is based on the following calculations: 2,705 = 5 hours × 541 funds.

¹⁷ 186 acquiring separate accounts that will be subject to rule 12d1-4 = [418 variable annuity separate accounts registered as UITs + 240 variable life insurance separate accounts registered as UITs + 15 management company separate accounts (these figures are based on data as of December 2022, as derived from N-CEN filings through July 14, 2023)] × 40% of funds that are acquiring funds (as estimated in the prior renewal) × 69% of acquiring separate accounts that will be subject to rule 12d1-4 as estimated by a commenter (as estimated in the prior renewal).

¹⁸ This estimate is based on the following calculations: 744 = 4 hours × 186 funds.

¹⁹ \$246,340 = (\$565 × 1 hour) × 436.

²⁰ \$5,650 = (\$565 × 1 hour) × 10 funds subject to pass through voting.

²¹ \$251,990 = \$246,340 + \$5,650.

²² \$2,186,550 = [(\$565 × 2) + (\$565 × 4)] × 645 funds newly subject to the fund of funds investment agreement provisions of the rule. See footnote 7 for the calculation of funds newly subject to the rule.

²³ \$2,438,540 = \$251,990 + \$2,186,550.

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Excellence and Innovation Award.

Andrienne Johnson,

Committee Management Officer.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36735]

3i RR Holdings GP LLC, 3i RR Holdings Partnership L.P., 3i RR Intermediate Holdings LLC, 3i RR LLC, Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, Regional Rail Sub Holdings LLC, and Regional Rail, LLC—Control Exemption—Indiana Eastern Railroad, LLC

3i RR Holdings GP LLC, 3i RR Holdings Partnership L.P., 3i RR Intermediate Holdings LLC, 3i RR LLC, Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, and Regional Rail Sub Holdings LLC (collectively, 3i RR) and Regional Rail, LLC (Regional Rail), each a noncarrier, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire control of Indiana Eastern Railroad, LLC (IERR). IERR is a Class III rail carrier that operates a rail line in Indiana and Ohio and, doing business as Ohio South Central Railroad, operates on a separate, noncontiguous line in Ohio.

According to the verified notice, Regional Rail is directly controlled by Regional Rail Sub Holdings LLC, which is controlled by Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, which is controlled by 3i RR LLC, which is controlled by 3i RR Intermediate Holdings LLC, which is controlled by 3i RR Holdings Partnership L.P., which is controlled by 3i RR Holdings GP LLC. The verified notice states that Regional Rail is a noncarrier holding company that directly controls 11 Class III rail carriers in the eastern United States.¹

According to the verified notice, pursuant to a membership interest purchase agreement to be entered into by Regional Rail, IERR, and IERR's current owners, Regional Rail proposes to acquire all the existing equity interest of IERR and assume direct control of

¹ Those carriers, and the states in which they operate, are: (1) Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (North Carolina and South Carolina); (2) East Penn Railroad, LLC (Delaware and Pennsylvania); (3) Florida Central Railroad Company, Inc. (Florida); (4) Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc. (Florida); (5) Florida Northern Railroad Company, Inc. (Florida); (6) Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC (New York); (7) Port Manatee Railroad LLC (Florida); (8) Tyburn Railroad LLC (Pennsylvania); (9) Effingham Railroad Company (Illinois); (10) Illinois Western Railroad Company (Illinois); and (11) South Point & Ohio Railroad, Inc. (Ohio).

that carrier.² 3i RR would assume indirect control of IERR. The verified notice further states that no significant changes in the rail services currently provided by IERR are anticipated as a result of the proposed transaction and that the agreement does not include any provision that would limit the future interchange of traffic with a third-party connecting carrier.

3i RR and Regional Rail represent that: (1) the rail lines of IERR do not connect with the lines of the rail carriers currently controlled by 3i RR and Regional Rail; (2) this control transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

This transaction may be consummated on or after November 30, 2023, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 November 22, 2023.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36735, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on 3i RR's and Regional Rail's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606–3208.

² Public and confidential versions of the agreement were filed with the verified notice. The confidential version was submitted under seal concurrent with a motion for protective order, which is addressed in a separate decision.

According to 3i RR and Regional Rail, 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: November 8, 2023.

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

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA–2020–0532; Summary Notice No. –2023–43]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Causey Aviation Unmanned, Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before December 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2020–0532 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.,