

actions shall remain in force as if taken under this Order, unless or until rescinded, amended or superseded.

This delegation supersedes ECA Delegation of Authority 239 (March 10, 2000). This delegation does not rescind any existing delegation of authority pertaining to section 102 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2452).

This document shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

(End text.)

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 556]

### Delegation of Authority Appointment of Members to Certain Committees Compact of Free Association

By virtue of the authority vested the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including 22 U.S.C. 2651a, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the authority to appoint one member each to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Joint Trust Fund Committee, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Trust Fund Committee, the FSM Joint Economic Management Committee, and the RMI Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee, pursuant to sections 205 and 206 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024 (Div. G, Title II, Pub. L. 118-42).

Provided that, the appointments to the FSM Joint Economic Management Committee and the RMI Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee will be after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs may exercise any function or authority delegated by this delegation. This delegation of authority does not rescind or modify any other delegation of authority.

This document shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 30, 2024.

**Antony J. Blinken,**

*Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12394]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments up to June 12, 2024.

**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 particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 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 Andrea Battista, who may be reached at [BattistaAL@state.gov](mailto:BattistaAL@state.gov) or 202-663-3136.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0227.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- *Originating Office:* Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Department of State (T/PM/DDTC).
- *Form Number:* DS-7789.
- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies registered with DDTC and engaged in the business of manufacturing, brokering, exporting, or temporarily importing defense hardware or defense technology data.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 698.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 698.
- *Average Time per Response:* 2 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 1396 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information 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 Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120-130), has the principal missions of taking final action on license applications and other requests for defense trade transactions via commercial channels, ensuring compliance with the statute and regulations, and collecting various types of reports. By statute, Executive Order, regulation, and delegation of authority, DDTC is charged with controlling the export and temporary import of defense articles, the provision of defense services, and the brokering thereof, which are covered by the U.S. Munitions List.

ITAR §§ 122.4 and 129.8 requires registrants to notify DDTC in the event of a change in registration information or if the registrant is a party to a merger, acquisition, or divestiture of an entity producing or marketing ITAR-controlled items. Based on certain conditions enunciated in the ITAR, respondents must notify DDTC of these changes at differing intervals—no less than 60 days prior to the event, if a foreign person is acquiring a registered entity, and/or within 5 days of its culmination. This information is necessary for DDTC to ensure registration records are accurate and to determine whether the

transaction is in compliance with the regulations (e.g., with respect to ITAR § 126.1); assess the steps that need to be taken with respect to existing authorizations (e.g., transfers); and to evaluate the implications for US national security and foreign policy.

### Methodology

This information will be collected by DDTC's electronic case management system and respondents will certify the data via electronic signature.

**Michael J. Vaccaro,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1332X]

### Athens Transportation Partners, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Clarke County, Ga.

Athens Transportation Partners, LLC (ATP), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152.50 to abandon an approximately 6.5-mile rail line that runs from the northern end of the Oconee River trestle bridge in Athens-Clarke County at approximate milepost F-MP 98.8 (33°52'30.49" N, 83°21'28.11" W) to approximate milepost F-MP 105.3 (33°57'30.23" N, 83°22'14.95" W) in the north near East Broad Street in Athens, Clarke County, Ga. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 30601, 30602 and 30605.

ATP has certified that: (1) no local freight traffic has moved over the Line during the past nine years; (2) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (3) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this

condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,<sup>1</sup> this exemption will be effective on June 12, 2024, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 23, 2024.<sup>3</sup> Petitions to reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 3, 2024.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1332X, 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 ATP's representative, Paul A. Cunningham, Harkins Cunningham LLP, 1750 K St. NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

ATP has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by May 17, 2024. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245. Comments on environmental or historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking

<sup>1</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, 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)(2)(i).

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), ATP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by ATP's filing of a notice of consummation by May 13, 2025, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: May 7, 2024.

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

**Eden Besera,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from the Michigan Technological University (WB24-20-4/30/24) for permission to use data from the Board's 1984-2022 Unmasked Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board's website under docket no. WB24-20.

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

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 2023-1859]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Safe Disposition of Life-Limited Aircraft Parts

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.