

individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to *July 22, 2024*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to *www.Regulations.gov*. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2024-0019" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* *rudisileme@state.gov*.

- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Director, Occupational Health and Wellness, Bureau of Medical Services, 2401 E Street NW, SA-1, Room H-228, Washington, DC 20522-0101.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 Dr. Michael Rudisile, Director of Occupational Health and Wellness, who may be reached at 202-663-2642 or *rudisileme@state.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Pre-Employment Medical and Driver Evaluation Forms.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-XXXX.

- *Type of Request:* New Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Medical Services, Office of Occupational Health and Wellness.

- *Form Number:* DS-6571, DS-6572, DS-6573, DS-6574, DS-6575, DS-6576, DS-6577.

- *Respondents:* Prospective locally employed staff employees and prospective/current employees who require a driver certificate to operate a government owned vehicle overseas.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 13,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 13,000.

- *Average Time per Response:* 2.66 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 34,550.

- *Frequency:* Once, every two years, or every four years depending on occupation requirements.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

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

This collection is necessary for the Department's Bureau of Medical Services to evaluate medical eligibility for employment regarding operating a government owned vehicle, and for gathering supplemental pertinent medical information regarding identified conditions that could pose a safety risk to employees and others. This collection consists of the following forms: the medical evaluation for locally employed staff non-drivers (DS-6571); a tuberculosis risk assessment (DS-6573); a driver medical evaluation for locally employed staff (DS-6572); a driver medical evaluation for U.S. Direct Hire (DS-6576); and supplemental health questionnaires. The supplemental health questionnaires are utilized for vision related (DS-6577), seizure related (DS-6574), and diabetes related diagnoses (DS-6575). These questionnaires and concurrent medical evaluations are required to make informed assessments on ability to complete required employment-related tasks; implementation of this collection is pursuant to 5 CFR 930.108, 339.301, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 4084, 3901, and 3984.

Methodology

The respondent will download the forms from a Department website. The respondent will complete and submit

the forms to the local Health Unit and schedule an evaluation.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36756]

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board—Acquisition Exemption—San Mateo County Transit District

On February 21, 2024, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB)¹ filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-24 to allow JPB to acquire all the rights, title, and interest of SamTrans in a line of railroad and related right-of-way currently owned by SamTrans as tenant-in-common with JPB (the Transaction). The petition is unopposed. The Board will grant JPB's petition for exemption, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

Background

In 1991, JPB acquired a full ownership interest in the 51.3 miles of rail line known as the Peninsula Corridor from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP), with the exception of an undivided one-half tenant-in-common interest for the portion of the rail line from milepost 5.2 to milepost 29.7 in the County of San Mateo, Cal. (the Line), which was acquired by SamTrans. *Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Bd.—Acquis. Exemption—S. Pac. Transp. Co.*, FD 31980 (ICC served Jan. 17, 1992). SamTrans is the managing agency responsible for the management and operations of passenger rail services along the Line. (Pet. 3.) According to JPB, the Transaction will give JPB a 100% interest in the Line, including any track, right-of-way, and related properties. (*Id.*)

JPB explains that rail operations on the Line and the rights and obligations of the owners and the freight and passenger operators are governed by three key agreements. (*Id.*) The first is the 1991 Purchase and Sale Agreement JPB entered into with SP for the

¹JPB is an agency created by the State of California and is comprised of member agencies San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and the City and County of San Francisco. (*See* Pet. 1, 2 n.2.)

Peninsula Corridor, which includes the Line. (Pet. 3; *see also id.*, Ex. B.) The second is the 1991 Real Property Ownership Agreement, as amended in 2008 (RPOA), which establishes ownership rights with respect to the Line and various other properties along the Peninsula Corridor among JPB and its member agencies. (Pet. 3; *see also id.*, Exs. C, C–1.) Pursuant to Sections 4.1 and 7.8 of the RPOA, SamTrans is to transfer its tenant-in-common interest in the Line to JPB upon the fulfillment of certain financial conditions. (Pet. 3.) The third is the 1996 Joint Powers Agreement between JPB and its member agencies, which delegates management and operations of the Line to SamTrans. (*Id.* at 3–4; *see also id.*, Ex. D.)

With the conditions established in the RPOA and its amendment satisfied, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding dated August 5, 2022, JPB will now acquire all ownership interest in the Line, with SamTrans remaining the managing agency for the management and operations of the Line. (Pet. 4; *see also id.*, Ex. E.)

Discussion and Conclusions

Under 49 U.S.C. 11323(a)(3), the acquisition of control of a rail carrier by any number of rail carriers requires prior Board approval. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(a), however, the Board shall, to the maximum extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part A, exempt a transaction or service from regulation when it finds that: (1) regulation is not necessary to carry out the rail transportation policy of 49 U.S.C. 10101 (RTP); and (2) either (a) the transaction or service is limited in scope, or (b) regulation is not needed to protect shippers from the abuse of market power.

In this case, an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–24 is consistent with the standards of 49 U.S.C. 10502. Detailed scrutiny of the proposed transaction through an application for review and approval under 49 U.S.C. 11323–24 is not necessary here to carry out the RTP. Consolidating ownership of the Line in JPB will ensure that JPB will be able to further govern the Line as consistent with the agreements reached when JPB purchased the Line from SP. The Transaction will not have any operational impacts on passenger or common carrier service, as SamTrans will remain the managing agency overseeing the operation of passenger rail service, and no freight or commuter rail common carrier interests will be affected by the transfer of SamTrans' ownership interest to JPB. An exemption would promote the RTP by:

minimizing the need for federal regulatory control over the transaction (49 U.S.C. 10101(2)), ensuring the development and continuation of a sound rail transportation system that would continue to meet the needs of the public (49 U.S.C. 10101(4)), fostering sound economic conditions in transportation (49 U.S.C. 10101(5)), encouraging efficient management (49 U.S.C. 10101(9)), and providing for the expeditious resolution of this proceeding (49 U.S.C. 10101(15)). Other aspects of the RTP would not be adversely affected.

Regulation of this transaction is not needed to protect shippers from an abuse of market power.² This acquisition involves no more than transferring the ownership interests of one current tenant-in-common to the other, thus consolidating ownership of the Line in the latter. According to JPB, no change in operations will occur, no interests of the freight railroads' operation on the corridor will be impacted, and no shippers will be adversely affected by the Transaction. Nothing in the record indicates that the Transaction would result in any shipper losing access to rail service or foreclose any transportation options currently available to shippers. Moreover, no shipper (or any other entity) has objected to the Transaction.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of employees. Accordingly, as a condition to granting this exemption, the Board will impose the standard employee protective conditions in *New York Dock Railway—Control—Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal*, 360 I.C.C. 60, *aff'd New York Dock Railway v. United States*, 609 F.2d 83 (2d Cir. 1979).

The control transaction is exempt from environmental reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(1)(i) because it will not result in any significant change in carrier operations. Similarly, the transaction is exempt from the historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1), as JPB states it has no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to Board jurisdiction that are 50 years old or older.

The exemption will be effective June 19, 2024, and petitions to stay will be due by May 30, 2024. Petitions for reconsideration or petitions to reopen will be due by June 10, 2024.

It is ordered:

² Given this finding, the Board need not determine whether the transaction is limited in scope. *See* 49 U.S.C. 10502(a).

1. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25 the control transaction described above, subject to the employee protective conditions in *New York Dock Railway—Control—Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal*, 360 I.C.C. 60, *aff'd New York Dock Railway v. United States*, 609 F.2d 83 (2d Cir. 1979).

2. Notice of the exemption will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. The exemption will become effective on June 19, 2024. Petitions for stay must be filed by May 30, 2024. Petitions for reconsideration or petitions to reopen must be filed by June 10, 2024.

Decided: May 18, 2024.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz.

Eden Besera,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36775]

CG Railway, LLC—Operation Exemption—Rail Ferry Service

CG Railway, LLC (CGR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 for after-the-fact authority to operate a rail ferry service between the Port of Mobile, Ala., and the U.S. maritime boundary line in the Gulf of Mexico.¹

According to the verified notice, CGR provides a rail ferry service between the Port of Mobile and the Port of Coatzacoalcas, Veracruz in Mexico. CGR states that it began its rail ferry service in 2001 out of the Port of Mobile after receiving Board authorization for the lease and operation of certain tracks from the Terminal Railway Alabama State Docks (TASD) in Mobile, Ala.,² and that CGR's rail operations in Mobile are currently conducted pursuant to an exemption received in 2007 to lease from TASD and operate 0.583 miles of rail line.³ CGR states, however, that

¹ By decision served April 4, 2024, in another proceeding, the Board directed CGR to indicate whether it had ever received Board authority to operate the rail car ferry service and, if not, to seek after-the-fact authority or explain why it believed authorization is not needed. *GMéxico Transportes, S.A.B. de C.V.—Acquis. of Control Exemption—CG Ry.*, FD 36701, slip op. at 5 (STB served Apr. 4, 2024).

² *See Cent. Gulf Ry.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Terminal Ry. Ala. State Docks*, FD 33891 (STB served July 6, 2000).

³ *See CG Ry.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Terminal Ry. Ala. State Docks*, FD 35009 (STB served Apr. 12, 2007). As described in the verified