

declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Vermont, dated 08/20/2024, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties:

Orange.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12510]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS–156E, Nonimmigrant Treaty Trader/Investor Application

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 September 27, 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. 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 Anabel Moreno-Mendez, Visa Services, Department of State, 600 19th St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, who may be reached at 202–485–7611 or PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* DS–156E, Nonimmigrant Treaty Trader/Investor Application.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0101.
- *Type of Request:* Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* CA/VO.
- *Form Number:* DS–156E.
- *Respondents:* Nonimmigrant Treaty Traders/Investors applying for E visas.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 43,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 43,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 4 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 172,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once Per Application.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

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

Under section 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)), noncitizens of certain countries may qualify for a nonimmigrant visa to carry out activities as a treaty trader, treaty investor, or other treaty worker in specialty occupation. Such individuals must be nationals of countries with a qualifying Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation or its equivalent with the United States, or that is accorded such privileges by specific legislation. The Department uses the DS–156E to elicit information necessary to determine a foreign national’s qualification for a nonimmigrant visa under these provisions. Only certain applicants seeking E nonimmigrant treaty trader/investor visas to the United States will complete Form DS–156E.

Methodology

After completing Form DS–160, Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, applicants can access the DS–156E online, print a copy of the form, and then submit it in person, via email, or via mail, depending on the procedures at the relevant consulate or embassy.

Julie M. Stufft,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice:12509]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order Regarding Blocking Property With Respect to Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State’s Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation (SPI) is publishing the name of one person who has been removed from the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and is consequently no longer subject to the prohibitions imposed pursuant to Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021, “Blocking Property With Respect To Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation.”

DATES: The action described in this notice was effective on July 8, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aaron P. Forsberg, Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: (202) 647 7677, email: ForsbergAP@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available from OFAC’s website at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac>.

Notice of Department of State Action

On July 8, 2024, pursuant to a decision by the Department of State, OFAC removed from the SDN List the person listed below, who was subject to prohibitions imposed pursuant to E.O. 14024.

Entity:

1. PANFEROV, Alexey Valeryevich (Cyrillic: ПАНФЕРОВ, Алексей Валерьевич),
 Russia; DOB 30 Sep 1970; nationality Russia; Gender Male; Passport 761897623
 (Russia) (individual) [RUSSIA-EO14024] (Linked To: SOVCOMBANK OPEN
 JOINT STOCK COMPANY)

Amy E. Holman,

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau
 of Economic and Business Affairs,
 Department of State.*

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket Nos. FD 36798; and AB 284 (Sub-
 No. 5X)]

**Waterloo Railroad, LLC—Change of
 Operator Exemption With Interchange
 Commitment—Union Pacific Railroad
 Company; and Iowa Northern Railway
 Company—Discontinuance of Service
 Exemption—in Black Hawk County,
 Iowa**

On July 25, 2024, in Docket No. FD 36798, Waterloo Railroad, LLC (WTRL), filed a verified notice for a change in operator exemption. Under this exemption, WTRL would lease and operate approximately 6.9 miles of rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), between milepost 325.1 and milepost 332.0, along with connecting ancillary trackage (yard and side tracks), in Black Hawk County, Iowa (the Line). In doing so, WTRL would replace the Line's current lessee and operator, Iowa Northern Railway Company (IANR). On August 7, 2024, in Docket No. AB 284 (Sub-No. 5X), IANR filed a petition for exemption to discontinue its operations on the Line.¹

As discussed below, WTRL's notice of exemption will be issued, and IANR's petition for exemption will be denied as moot.

*WTRL's Notice of Exemption, Docket
 No. FD 36798*

Under 49 CFR 1011.7(a)(2)(x)(A), the Director of the Office of Proceedings (Director) is delegated the authority to

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated but are being addressed in the same decision for administrative convenience.

determine whether to issue notices of exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for lease and operation transactions under 49 U.S.C. 10901. However, the Board reserves to itself the consideration and disposition of all matters involving issues of general transportation importance. 49 CFR 1011.2(a)(6). Accordingly, the Board will revoke the delegation to the Director with respect to issuance of the pending notice of exemption for a change in operator on the Line. The Board determines that this notice of exemption should be issued and does so here.

Notice

WTRL, a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and operate approximately 6.9 miles of rail line owned by UP, between milepost 325.1 and milepost 332.0, along with connecting ancillary trackage (yard and side tracks), in Black Hawk County, Iowa. The Line, known as the Waterloo Industrial Line, is currently operated by IANR, pursuant to a lease with UP. *See Iowa N. Ry.—Lease Exemption with Interchange Commitment—Rail Line of Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 36277 (STB served March 20, 2019).

According to the verified notice, WTRL will replace IANR as the operator of the Line. Upon WTRL's assumption of operations, IANR will have no common carrier obligation on the Line.

Although IANR stated in its July 26 Reply that it "could not consent to the change in operator filing," (IANR Reply 1, July 26, 2024, FD 36798; *see also* IANR Pet. 6, Aug. 7, 2024, AB 284 (Sub-No. 5X); IANR Reply 2, Aug. 14, 2024, FD 36798), IANR subsequently filed a petition in Docket No. AB 284 (Sub-No. 5X), itself seeking Board authorization to discontinue its operations on the Line. Prior to that submission, IANR acknowledged termination of its lease with UP and stated it is working "cooperatively and expeditiously" with WTRL and UP to coordinate the transfer

of operations to WTRL. (*See* IANR Reply 1, July 26, 2024, FD 36798; IANR Reply 2, July 31, 2024, FD 36798.) While IANR states that the "steps necessary for a smooth transition of operations have not been completed," (IANR Pet. 6, Aug. 7, 2024, AB 284 (Sub-No. 5X)), it offers no support for this assertion nor any indication as to what such steps entail. Nor does IANR, in requesting expedited consideration of its petition, indicate that the standard 14-day period between publication of a change in operator notice and its effectiveness,² which the Board will apply here, would be insufficient.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *OPSEU Pension Plan Trust Fund, Jaguar Transport Holdings, LLC, and Jaguar Rail Holdings, LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—Waterloo Railroad, LLC*, Docket No. FD 36797, in which OPSEU Pension Plan Trust Fund, Jaguar Transport Holdings, LLC, and Jaguar Rail Holdings, LLC, seek to continue in control of WTRL upon WTRL's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

WTRL certifies that the draft lease agreement between WTRL and UP contains an interchange commitment that affects interchange with third-party connecting carriers.³ WTRL has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.33(h).

WTRL certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in it becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change of operator requires that notice be given to shippers. The verified notice indicates

² *See* 49 CFR 1150.32(b).

³ A copy of the draft lease agreement was submitted under seal with the verified notice. *See* 49 CFR 1150.33(h)(1). WTRL states that it will submit a copy of the executed agreement when it is fully executed.