

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Dena Moglia, Supervisor Veterans Affairs Specialist of Veterans Programs, Office of Veteran Business Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dena Moglia, Supervisor Veterans Affairs Specialist of Veterans Programs, Office of Veterans Business Development, [dena.moglia@sba.gov](mailto:dena.moglia@sba.gov), 202-205-7034, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Boots to Business is an entrepreneurial education initiative offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as a career track within the Department of Defense's revised Training Assistance Program called Transition Goals, Plans, Success (Transition GPS). The curriculum provides valuable assistance to transitioning service members exploring self-employment opportunities by leading them through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and the foundational knowledge required for developing a business plan. Participants are also introduced to SBA resources available to help access startup capital and additional technical assistance.

The Boots to Business Post Course surveys will be online, voluntary surveys that enable the Boots to Business program office to capture data related but not limited to the effectiveness of all Boots to Business courses, quality of the instructors and materials, and number of small businesses created as a result of participating in Boots to Business. Boots to Business will send an initial survey

via email to all course participants immediately following course completion to gain insight on the quality of the program. Every 12 months following course completion, a follow up survey will be sent to all participants to measure participant outcomes as the SBA seeks to gauge the impact of course completion on the creation of veteran owned small businesses or the motivation and confidence of veterans to pursue business ownership. Participants will be surveyed once a year for 5 years following course completion to allow for business incubation.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Summary of Information Collection**

*Title:* Boots to Business Post Course Surveys.

*Description of Respondents:* Service members, veterans and spouses.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 10,000.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 2,000 hours.

**Curtis B. Rich,**  
*Management Analyst.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 10427]

**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** On November 20, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved the Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska. The Department issues this Notice of Intent (NOI) to announce that it will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA)—consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969—to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Mainline

Alternative Route in support of the Bureau of Land Management's review of TransCanada's application for a right-of-way. This NOI solicits participation and comment from interested federal, tribal, state, and local government entities, as well as members of the public, to help inform EA scope and content.

**DATES:** The Department invites members of the public, government agencies, tribal governments, and all other interested parties to comment on the scope of the EA during the 30-day public scoping period. Comments are due by June 25, 2018.

Please note that all comments received during the scoping period may be publicized. Comments will be neither private nor edited to remove either identifying or contact information. Commenters should omit information that they do not want disclosed. Any party who will either solicit or aggregate other people's comments should convey this cautionary message.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted at <https://www.regulations.gov> by entering the title of this Notice into the search field, and then following the prompts. Comments also may be submitted by mail, addressed to: Ms. Jill Reilly, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, OES/EQT, Room 2727, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520.

Please note that all comments provided by agencies and organizations should list a designated contact person.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 26, 2017, TransCanada resubmitted its Presidential Permit application for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. Subsequently, on March 23, 2017, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs determined that issuance of a Presidential Permit to TransCanada to construct, connect, operate, and maintain at the border of the United States pipeline facilities to transport crude oil from Canada to the United States would serve the U.S. national interest. Accordingly, the Under Secretary issued a Presidential Permit to TransCanada. TransCanada's application to BLM for a right-of-way remains pending before the agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jill Reilly, Acting NEPA Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, (202) 647-9798, [reillyje@state.gov](mailto:reillyje@state.gov).

Detailed records on the proposed project, along with general information about the Presidential Permit process,

are available at: <https://keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>.

**Brian P. Doherty,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36179]

### **Lake State Railway Company—Lease Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company**

Lake State Railway Company (LSRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company (GTW) and operate approximately 3.9 miles of rail line, extending from approximately milepost 55.8 at the north side of Griswold Road to the end of the track at approximately milepost 59.7 at the Dunn Paper switch in Port Huron, Mich. (PH Track).

According to LSRC, it has entered into a Track Lease for the Handling of Cars and a companion Switching Agreement, both dated March 23, 2018, providing for LSRC's lease and operation of the PH Track. LSRC states that GTW will retain responsibility for the Black River drawbridge located at milepost 58.2 on the PH Track.

LSRC certifies that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier. LSRC further certifies, as required by 49 CFR 1150.42(e), that on April 12, 2018, it posted a 60-day notice of this transaction at the workplaces of current GTW employees on the PH Track and served the notice on the national offices of the labor unions for those employees. LSRC states that its proposed lease and operation of the PH Track does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

The transaction may be consummated on June 11, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (60 days after the § 1150.42(e) requirements were satisfied).

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 to stay must be filed no later than June 4, 2018 (at least

seven days before the exemption becomes effective).<sup>1</sup>

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36179, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

According to LSRC, this action is exempt from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and exempt from historic review under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at [WWW.STB.GOV](http://WWW.STB.GOV).

Decided: May 22, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Airport Noise Compatibility Planning**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves information on voluntary airport noise compatibility programs. The respondents are airport operators that voluntarily submit noise exposure maps and noise compatibility programs to the FAA for review and approval. The information to be collected is necessary because noise compatibility program measures are eligible for Federal grants-in-aid if they are provided to FAA for review in approval in advance.

<sup>1</sup> On May 11, 2018, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, a Division of the Rail Conference of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (BLET), filed a petition opposing the transaction and asking the Board to stay the exemption. The Board will address BLET's petition in a separate decision.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by July 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Barbara Hall, Federal Aviation Administration, ASP-110, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Hall by email at: [Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov](mailto:Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov); phone: 940-594-5913.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0517.

*Title:* Airport Noise Compatibility Planning.

*Form Numbers:* There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The voluntarily submitted information from the current CFR part 150 collection, e.g., airport noise exposure maps and airport noise compatibility programs, or their revisions, is used by the FAA to conduct reviews of the submissions to determine if an airport sponsor's noise compatibility program is eligible for Federal grant funds. If airport operators did not voluntarily submit noise exposure maps and noise compatibility programs for FAA review and approval, the airport operator would not be eligible for the set aside of discretionary grant funds.

*Respondents:* Approximately 15 airport operators.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 3,950 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 59,250 hours.

Issued in Fort Worth, TX on May 18, 2018.

**Barbara L. Hall**

*FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Performance, Policy, and Records Management Branch, ASP-110.*

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