

Chapter 19 (Environment) of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement; and (4) the Environmental Review of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement. These documents are available at <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/chile/index.htm>.

**DATES:** The Council and Commission meetings are to be held January 9, 2013 in Santiago, Chile. To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions for the agenda are requested no later than December 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be submitted to both: (1) Rebecca Slocum, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues by email to [SlocumRB@state.gov](mailto:SlocumRB@state.gov) with the subject line "U.S.-Chile EAC/JCEC Meetings" or fax to (202) 647-5947; and (2) Leslie Yang, Director for International Environmental Policy, Office of the United States Trade Representative by email to [Leslie\\_Yang@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Leslie_Yang@ustr.eop.gov) with the subject line "U.S.-Chile EAC/JCEC Meetings" or by fax to (202) 395-9517. If you have access to the Internet you can view and comment on this notice by going to: <http://www.regulations.gov/> #!home and searching on docket number DOS-2012-0057.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Slocum, (202) 647-4828 or Leslie Yang, (202) 395-3167.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Article 19.3 of the United States-Chile FTA establishes an Environment Affairs Council, which shall meet to discuss the implementation of, and progress under, Chapter 19 (Environment). Article 19.3 further provides that meetings of the Council shall include a public session, unless the Parties otherwise agree.

The United States and Chile established the U.S.-Chile Joint Commission for Environmental Cooperation when they signed the U.S.-Chile ECA on June 17, 2003, negotiated in concert with the U.S.-Chile FTA. The Commission is to meet every two years to advance environmental cooperation and review progress in implementing the ECA. The Commission also is responsible for establishing and developing work programs that reflect national priorities for cooperative environmental activities.

Please refer to the Department of State Web site at <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/index.htm> and the USTR Web site at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov) for more information.

*Disclaimer:* This Public Notice is a request for comments and suggestions, and is not a request for applications. No granting of money is directly associated with this request for suggestions for the meeting agenda. There is no expectation of resources or funding associated with any comments or suggestions for the agenda.

Dated: November 20, 2012.

**George N. Sibley,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Department of State Performance Review Board Members

In accordance with section 4314(c)(4) of 5 United States Code, the Department of State has appointed the following individuals to the Department of State Performance Review Board for Senior Executive Service members: Mary E. McLeod, Chairperson, Principal Deputy Legal Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State; Kevin P. O'Keefe, Director, Office of Plans, Policy, and Analysis, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Raymond D. Maxwell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

Dated: November 19, 2012.

**Linda Thomas-Greenfield,**

*Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0074]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated November 9, 2012, Canadian National Railway (CN), the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), and the United Transportation Union (UTU) have jointly petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

for an extension of their waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2009-0074.

In their petition, CN, BLET, and UTU seek relief from 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which in part requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. Specifically, CN, BLET, and UTU seek an extension of the existing waiver to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. In support of their request, CN, BLET, and UTU explained that this type of schedule has not compromised rail safety. Additionally, as expressed in the original petition, work-life balance has continued for train employees, and the railroad has benefitted from continued productivity.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by January 11, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments