

comparable mandatory caps or concentration limits, so eliminating the 30% PMM cap will bring the Exchange's rules in line with its competitors.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁵

The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.¹⁶ As noted above, the Exchange states that waiver of this requirement will allow the Exchange to immediately remove the 30% cap and align its rules with other competing options markets that do not have comparable restrictions. The Exchange also notes that the proposed rule change preserves existing ownership and voting limitations in the LLC Agreement.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if

it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-ISE-2016-07 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2016-07. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-

2016-07 and should be submitted on or before April 15, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Public Notice; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

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 directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to April 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

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 Derek Rivers, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/PMO), who may be reached on 202-485-6332 or at RiversDA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0152
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, CA/OCS/PMO

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

¹⁶ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- *Form Number:* DS-4024, DS-4024e
 - *Respondents:* United States Citizens and Nationals
 - *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,010,389
 - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,010,389
 - *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes
 - *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 336,796 hours
 - *Frequency:* On Occasion
 - *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

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) makes it possible for U.S. nationals to register on-line from anywhere in the world. In the event of a family emergency, natural disaster or international crisis, U.S. embassies and consulates rely on this registration information to provide critical information and assistance to them. 22 U.S.C. 2715 is one of the main legal authorities that deem the usage of this form necessary.

Methodology

99% of responses are received via electronic submission on the Internet. The service is available on the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs Web site <http://travel.state.gov> at <https://step.state.gov/step/>. The paper version of the collection permits respondents who do not have Internet access to provide the information to the U.S. embassy or consulate by fax, mail or in person.

Dated: March 11, 2016.

Michelle Bernier-Toth,

Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizen Services, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36009]

Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen—Continuance in Control Exemption—North Carolina & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.

Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc. (G&O), and H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen (the Claussens) (collectively, Applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of North Carolina & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc. (NCAR), upon NCAR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *North Carolina & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.—Lease & Operation Exemption—North Carolina Department of Transportation*, Docket No. FD 36008, wherein NCAR seeks Board approval under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and to operate, approximately 5.7 miles of rail line, referred to as the Global Transpark rail corridor, between milepost GTP-0.0 (connection to the North Carolina Railroad Company track) and milepost GTP-5.7 (at the NC Global Transpark) at Kinston, in Lenoir County, NC.

Applicants expect to consummate the proposed transaction on or after April 8, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

According to Applicants, the Claussens own a controlling share of voting stock of G&O. G&O, in turn, wholly owns four Class III rail carriers operating in three states: (a) Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc., operating in Tennessee; (b) Lancaster & Chester Railroad, LLC, operating in South Carolina; (c) Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Co., Inc., operating in North Carolina; and (d) Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., d/b/a Yadkin Valley Railroad, operating in North Carolina.

Applicants certify that: (1) The rail lines to be operated by NCAR do not connect with any other railroads operated by the carriers in the Applicants' corporate family; (2) the

continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail lines to be operated by NCAR with any other railroad in Applicants' corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the 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. Stay petitions must be filed no later than April 1, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36009, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Applicants' representative, Rose-Michele Nardi, Transport Counsel PC, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: March 21, 2016.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36008]

North Carolina & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—North Carolina Department of Transportation

North Carolina & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc. (NCAR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the North