

Rule 15Ba2-5, SEC File No. 270-91, OMB Control No. 3235-0088.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15Ba2-5 (17 CFR 240.15Ba2-5), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act").

On July 7, 1976, effective July 16, 1976 (*see* 41 FR 28948, July 14, 1976), the Commission adopted Rule 15Ba2-5 under the Exchange Act to permit a duly-appointed fiduciary to assume immediate responsibility for the operation of a municipal securities dealer's business. Without the rule, the fiduciary would not be able to assume operation until it registered as a municipal securities dealer. Under the rule, the registration of a municipal securities dealer is deemed to be the registration of any executor, administrator, guardian, conservator, assignee for the benefit of creditors, receiver, trustee in insolvency or bankruptcy, or other fiduciary, appointed or qualified by order, judgment, or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction to continue the business of such municipal securities dealer, provided that such fiduciary files with the Commission, within 30 days after entering upon the performance of his duties, a statement setting forth as to such fiduciary substantially the same information required by Form MSD or Form BD. The statement is necessary to ensure that the Commission and the public have adequate information about the fiduciary.

There is approximately 1 respondent per year that requires an aggregate total of 4 hours to comply with this rule. This respondent makes an estimated 1 annual response. Each response takes approximately 4 hours to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 4 burden hours. The approximate cost per hour is \$20, resulting in a total internal cost of compliance for the respondent of approximately \$80 (*i.e.*, 4 hours × \$20).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site: [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Comments should be

directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: [Shagufta Ahmed@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Shagufta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 22, 2016.

**Brent J. Fields,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-78394; File No. SR-Phlx-2016-77]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Price Improvement XL Pricing

July 22, 2016.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that, on July 14, 2016, NASDAQ PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange's Pricing Schedule at section IV, part A, to amend Price Improvement XL ("PIXL") Pricing.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> PIXL<sup>SM</sup> is the Exchange's price improvement mechanism known as Price Improvement XL or PIXL. A member may electronically submit for execution an order it represents as agent on behalf of a public customer, broker-dealer, or any other entity ("PIXL Order") against principal interest or against any other order (except as provided in Rule 1080(n)(i)(F) it represents as agent ("Initiating Order"), provided it submits the PIXL order for electronic execution into the PIXL Auction pursuant to Rule 1080. *See* Exchange Rule 1080(n).

While changes to the Pricing Schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated these changes to be operative on August 1, 2016.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://nasdaqphlx.cchwallstreet.com/>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend PIXL Pricing in section IV, part A, to reduce the Penny Pilot Options Specialist<sup>4</sup> or Market Maker<sup>5</sup> Responder fee from \$0.30 to

<sup>4</sup> The term "Specialist" shall apply to the account of a Specialist (as defined in Exchange Rule 1020(a)). A Specialist is an Exchange member who is registered as an options specialist pursuant to Rule 501(a). An options Specialist includes a Remote Specialist which is defined as an options specialist in one or more classes that does not have a physical presence on an Exchange floor and is approved by the Exchange pursuant to Rule 501.

<sup>5</sup> The term "Market Maker" will be utilized to describe fees and rebates applicable to Registered Options Traders ("ROTs"), Streaming Quote Traders ("SQTs"), Remote Streaming Quote Traders ("RSQTs"). An ROT is defined in Exchange Rule 1014(b) is a regular member or a foreign currency options participant of the Exchange located on the trading floor who has received permission from the Exchange to trade in options for his own account. A ROT includes SQTs and RSQTs as well as on and off-floor ROTs. An SQT is defined in Exchange Rule 1014(b)(ii)(A) as an ROT who has received permission from the Exchange to generate and submit option quotations electronically in options to which such SQT is assigned. An RSQT is defined in Exchange Rule 1014(b)(ii)(B) as an ROT that is a member affiliated with an RSQTO with no physical trading floor presence who has received permission from the Exchange to generate and submit option quotations electronically in options to which such RSQT has been assigned. A Remote Streaming Quote Trader Organization or "RSQTO," which may also be referred to as a Remote Market Making Organization ("RMO"), is a member organization in good standing that satisfies the

\$0.25 per contract. The Exchange believes that this reduction will further align pricing, taking into consideration the Marketing Fee. Additional detail on this rule change is provided below.

#### Amendment to Section IV, Part A—PIXL Pricing

PIXL pricing is located in section IV, part A, of the Exchange's Pricing Schedule. A PIXL Auction Initiating Order is assessed \$0.07 per contract. There are various incentives to lower the Initiating Order fee to \$0.05 or \$0.00.<sup>6</sup> With respect to PIXL order executions in Multiply-Listed Options (including ETFs, ETNs, and indexes which are Multiply Listed), when the PIXL Order is contra to the Initiating Order a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract and Non-Customer PIXL Orders will be assessed \$0.30 per contract. When a PIXL Order is contra to a PIXL Auction Responder,<sup>7</sup> a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract, other Non-Customer PIXL Orders will be assessed \$0.30 per contract in Penny Pilot Options or \$0.38 per contract in Non-Penny Pilot Options. A Responder that is a Specialist or a Market Maker will be assessed \$0.30 per contract in Penny Pilot Options or \$0.40 per contract in Non-Penny Pilot Options. Other Non-Customer Responders will be assessed \$0.48 per contract in Penny Pilot Options or \$0.70 per contract in Non-Penny Pilot Options when contra to a PIXL Order. A Responder that is a Customer will be assessed \$0.00 per contract in Penny Pilot Options and Non-Penny Pilot Options.<sup>8</sup> All other

RSQTO readiness requirements in Rule 507(a). RSQTs may also be referred to as Remote Market Markers ("RMMs").

<sup>6</sup> If the member or member organization qualifies for the Tier 4 or 5 Customer Rebate in Section B the member or member organization will be assessed \$0.05 per contract. If the member or member organization executes equal to or greater than 3.00% of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed equity and ETF Options Classes (excluding SPY Options) in a given month, the member or member organization will be assessed \$0.00 per contract for Complex PIXL Orders. Any member or member organization under Common Ownership with another member or member organization that qualifies for a Customer Rebate Tier 4 or 5 in Section B, or executes equal to or greater than 3.00% of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed equity and ETF Options Classes (excluding SPY Options) in a given month will receive one of the PIXL Initiating Order discounts as described above. The Initiating Order Fee for Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer, Specialist and Market Maker orders that are contra to a Customer PIXL Order will be reduced to \$0.00 if the Customer PIXL Order is greater than 399 contracts. See Chapter IV, Part A.

<sup>7</sup> A PIXL Auction Responder or a resting order or quote that was on the Phlx book prior to the auction are all Non-Initiating Order interest.

<sup>8</sup> When a PIXL Order is contra to a resting order or quote a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed

fees discussed in Section II, including Marketing Fees<sup>9</sup> and surcharges, will also apply as appropriate. Today, a Responder that is a Specialist or Market Maker would be assessed \$0.30 per contract in Penny Pilot Options plus an additional \$0.25 per contract Marketing Fee on that transaction for a total fee of \$0.55 per contract.

The Exchange proposes to lower the Responder Fee for a Specialist or Market Maker from \$0.30 to \$0.25 per contract in Penny Pilot Options. The total Responder Fee for a Specialist or Market Maker in Penny Pilot Options would therefore be \$0.25 per contract (Responder Fee) plus \$0.25 per contract (Marketing Fee) for a total of \$0.50 per contract. The Exchange believes that this fee reduction would better align Specialists and Market Makers responding in a PIXL auction with other responders, in Penny Pilot Options, who are not subject to the Marketing Fee.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, while adopting a series of steps to improve the current market model, the Commission highlighted the importance of market

\$0.00 per contract, other Non-Customer will be assessed \$0.30 per contract and the resting order or quote will be assessed the appropriate Options Transaction Charge in Section II.

<sup>9</sup> The Exchange assesses a Marketing Fee of \$0.25 per contract for options that are trading in the Penny Pilot Program and \$0.70 per contract for remaining equity options on trades resulting from either Directed or non-Directed Orders that are delivered electronically and executed on the Exchange, the above fees will be assessed on Specialists, Market Makers and Directed ROTs on those trades when the Specialist unit or Directed ROT elects to participate in the Marketing program. No Marketing Fees are assessed on trades not delivered electronically. No Marketing Fees are assessed in Professional Orders. See Section II of the Pricing Schedule. The term "Directed Order" means any order (other than a stop or stop-limit order as defined in Rule 1066) to buy or sell which has been directed to a particular specialist, RSQT, or SQT by an Order Flow Provider, as defined in Rule 1080(l).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system "has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies."<sup>12</sup>

Likewise, in *NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission*<sup>13</sup> ("NetCoalition") the D.C. Circuit upheld the Commission's use of a market-based approach in evaluating the fairness of market data fees against a challenge claiming that Congress mandated a cost-based approach.<sup>14</sup> As the court emphasized, the Commission "intended in Regulation NMS that 'market forces, rather than regulatory requirements' play a role in determining the market data . . . to be made available to investors and at what cost."<sup>15</sup>

Further, "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' . . . As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers'. . . ." <sup>16</sup> Although the court and the SEC were discussing the cash equities markets, the Exchange believes that these views apply with equal force to the options markets.

#### Amendment to Section IV, Part A—PIXL Pricing

The Exchange's proposal to amend section IV, part A to lower the PIXL Responder Fee for a Specialist or Market Maker from \$0.30 to \$0.25 per contract in Penny Pilot Options is reasonable because Specialists and Market Makers are subject to the Marketing Fee, whereas other types of market participants are not assessed the Marketing Fee. By lowering the PIXL Responder Fee for a Specialist or Market Maker from \$0.30 to \$0.25 per contract these market participants would be more closely aligned with other responders. The Exchange believes that Specialists and Market Makers will be

<sup>12</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) ("Regulation NMS Adopting Release").

<sup>13</sup> *NetCoalition v. SEC*, 615 F.3d 525 (D.C. Cir. 2010).

<sup>14</sup> See *NetCoalition*, at 534–535.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 537.

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 539 (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782–83 (December 9, 2008) (SR–NYSEArca–2006–21)).

encouraged to respond to PIXL auctions with the lower fee. The proposed Non-Customer fees are lower than fees assessed to Non-Customers by other options exchanges.<sup>17</sup>

The Exchange's proposal to amend section IV, part A to lower the PIXL Responder Fee for a Specialist or Market Maker from \$0.30 to \$0.25 per contract in Penny Pilot Options is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory for the following reasons. The differential as between Specialists and Market Makers and other Non-Customers (Professionals,<sup>18</sup> Firms<sup>19</sup> and Broker-Dealers<sup>20</sup>) is not misaligned because Specialists and Market Makers pay a Marketing Fee.<sup>21</sup> This proposal decreases the differential as between the Initiating Order Fee (\$0.07 presuming no discount) and the Specialist or Market Maker contra party to the PIXL Order (proposed \$0.25 per contract) for Penny Pilot Options. Specialists and Market Makers would receive lower prices because they have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants in the continuous market, and as such the Exchange continues to believe Specialists and Market Makers should receive certain discounts in auctions.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, the Marketing Fee is only paid by Specialists and Market Makers. Other Non-Customer Responders (Firms, Professionals and Broker-Dealers) are assessed \$0.48 per contract in Penny Pilot Options. All non-Customer market participants that do not engage in market making (Firms, Professionals and Broker-Dealers) are treated in a

<sup>17</sup> See NYSE MKT Inc. ("NYSE Amex") Fees and Charges. Specifically, the RFR Response Penny Pilot Option Fee (Non-Customer) is \$0.50 per contract for the CUBE auction. CUBE is NYSE Amex's electronic price improvement auction for options. This mechanism is similar to the PIXL auction. MIAX assesses a Responder to the Prime Auction a per contract Penny Pilot fee of \$0.50 per contract to all market participants (including priority customer). PRIME is MIAX's electronic price improvement auction for options. This mechanism is similar to the PIXL auction.

<sup>18</sup> The term "Professional" applies to transactions for the accounts of Professionals, as defined in Exchange Rule 1000(b)(14) means any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s).

<sup>19</sup> The term "Firm" applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Firm range at The Options Clearing Corporation.

<sup>20</sup> The term "Broker-Dealer" applies to any transaction which is not subject to any of the other transaction fees applicable within a particular category.

<sup>21</sup> See note 9 above.

<sup>22</sup> See Rule 1014 titled "Obligations and Restrictions Applicable to Specialists and Registered Options Traders."

uniform manner. Customers will continue to be assessed no fee, as is the case today because Customer liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, which attracts market makers. An increase in the activity of these market participants in turn facilitates tighter spreads, which may cause an additional corresponding increase in order flow from other market participants.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. In terms of inter-market competition, the Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

In this instance, the proposed changes to the charges assessed and credits available to member firms for execution of securities in securities of all three Tapes do not impose a burden on competition because the Exchange's execution services are completely voluntary and subject to extensive competition both from other exchanges and from off-exchange venues. The proposed PIXL Responder fees do not impose an undue burden on inter-market competition for the reasons described herein. In sum, if the changes proposed herein are unattractive to market participants, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

The Exchange's proposal to amend section IV, part A to lower the PIXL Responder Fee for a Specialist or Market Maker from \$0.30 to \$0.25 per contract

in Penny Pilot Options does not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition because the differential between the Initiating Order Fee and the Specialist or Market Maker contra party to the PIXL Order (\$0.07 (presuming no discount) vs. \$0.25 per contract for Penny Pilot Options is being decreased. The Marketing Fee is only paid by Specialists and Market Makers and not other market participants. Specialists and Market Makers would receive lower prices because have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants in the continuous market, and as such the Exchange continues to believe Specialists and Market Makers should receive certain discounts in auctions.<sup>23</sup> Other Non-Customer Responders (Firms, Professionals and Broker-Dealers) are assessed \$0.48 per contract in Penny Pilot Options. All non-Customer market participants that do not engage in market making (Firms, Professionals and Broker-Dealers) are treated in a uniform manner. Customers will continue to be assessed no fee, as is the case today because liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, which attracts market makers. An increase in the activity of these market participants in turn facilitates tighter spreads, which may cause an additional corresponding increase in order flow from other market participants.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>24</sup>

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: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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.

<sup>23</sup> *Id.*

<sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

#### 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2016-77 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-Phlx-2016-77. 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 such 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-Phlx-2016-77, and should be submitted on or before August 18, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>25</sup>

**Brent J. Fields,**

*Secretary.*

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

#### In the Matter of American Transportation Holdings, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

July 26, 2016.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of American Transportation Holdings, Inc. (CIK No. 0001404526) because of recent, unusual and unexplained market activity in the company's stock taking place during a suspicious promotional campaign, and because of concerns about the accuracy of publicly available information, including but not limited to company press releases issued in June and July 2016. American Transportation Holdings Inc. is a Nevada corporation with its principal executive offices in Littleton, Colorado, with stock quoted on OTC Link (previously "Pink Sheets") operated by OTC Markets Group, Inc. under the ticker symbol ATHI.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on July 26, 2016, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on August 8, 2016.

By the Commission.

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 398]

#### Authority To Submit Declarations and Claim Privileges on Behalf of the United States Under Military Rules of Evidence 505 and 506

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including the Department of State Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), I hereby delegate to the Legal Adviser, to the extent authorized by law, the authority to claim the privileges and

provide the declarations described in Military Rules of Evidence 505 and 506.

Any act, executive order, regulation, or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time. This delegation of authority does not revoke or otherwise affect any other delegation of authority.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, this authority may be exercised by the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 20, 2016.

**John F. Kerry,**

*Secretary of State.*

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#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21070]

**SunTx Capital III Management Corp., et al.—Control—TBL Group, Inc.; GBJ, Inc.; Echo Tours and Charters L.P.**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

**SUMMARY:** On June 28, 2016, SunTx Capital III Management Corp. (SunTx III), SunTx Capital Partners III GP, LP (SunTx GP), SunTx TBL Logistics Management Holdings, LP (SunTx Holdings), and TBL Logistics Management, LLC (TBL Logistics), along with TBL Group, Inc. (TBL Group) and the motor carriers of passengers it controls, GBJ, Inc. (GBJ) and Echo Tours and Charters L.P. (Echo) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to acquire control of TBL Group, GBJ, and Echo. Concurrently with their application, the parties also filed a request for interim approval under 49 U.S.C. 14303(i). In a decision served on July 28, 2016 in related Docket No. MCF 21070 TA, interim approval was granted, effective on the service date of that decision. The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction, and if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by September 12, 2016. Applicants may file a reply by September 26, 2016. If no comments are filed by September 12,

<sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).