

information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Irving Jones, PRM/Admissions, 2025 E Street NW, SA-9, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20522-0908, who may be reached on 202-453-9248 or at [jonesji2@state.gov](mailto:jonesji2@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0203.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM/A).
- *Form Number:* DS-0234.
- *Respondents:* Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 14,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 3,500 annual hours.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *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**

Form DS-234 is being revised to better elicit information used to determine the eligibility of Iraqis and Afghan nationals applying for special immigrant visas.

**Methodology**

The SIV Biodata information form (DS-234) is submitted electronically by the applicant to the National Visa

Center, which will forward the forms to the Refugee Processing Center of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

**Lawrence Bartlett,**

*Director, Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 10721]**

**Notice of Public Meeting**

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on April 23, 2019, in conference room 5J16-15 of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the sixth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, April 29 to May 3, 2019.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Validated model training courses
- Reports on unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency
- Guidance for STCW Code, section B-I/2
- Comprehensive review of the 1995 STCW-F Convention
- Role of the human element
- Development of amendments to the Revised guidelines for the development, review and validation of model courses (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15/Rev.1)
- Development of amendments to the STCW Convention and Code for the use of electronic certificates and documents of seafarers
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for HTW 7
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020
- Any other business

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request to the meeting coordinator, members of the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475-4000 and use Participant Code: 796 771 84. To facilitate the building security process, and to request

reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Kenneth Doyle, by email at [Kenneth.J.Doyle@uscg.mil](mailto:Kenneth.J.Doyle@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1046, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 not later than April 9, 2019, 14 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after April 9, 2019 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request).

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36278]**

**Akron Barberton Cluster Railway Company—Acquisition Exemption—Board of Portage County Commissioners**

Akron Barberton Cluster Railway Company (ABC), a Class III carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire the entire line of railroad owned by the Board of Portage County Commissioners, in Portage County, Ohio (the Line). The Line extends from milepost 190.04 near Kent, Ohio, to milepost 182.82 near Ravenna, Ohio, a total distance of 7.22 miles. ABC is the current operator of the Line.<sup>1</sup>

ABC certifies that the projected annual rail revenues of ABC as a result of the proposed transaction will not

<sup>1</sup> In 1994, ABC obtained authority to acquire from Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) and operate the nearly adjoining line segment between milepost 192.51 and milepost 190.05. See *Akron Barberton Cluster Ry.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of Consol. Rail Corp.*, FD 32537 (ICC served Aug. 10, 1994). In its verified notice here, however, ABC indicates that Conrail's transfer to ABC in 1994 also included an additional 0.01-mile segment between milepost 190.05 and milepost 190.04, for which authority was not received. ABC asks that, to the extent any further authority is deemed necessary for ABC to acquire that segment, such authority be included as part of the exemption invoked here. However, such after-the-fact authority for acquisition from Conrail cannot be granted in this proceeding. ABC should file a new notice seeking the appropriate authority for the additional segment. See, e.g., *Ga. Dep't of Transp.—Acquis. Exemption—CSX Transp., Inc.*, FD 35591 (STB served Feb. 27, 2012).