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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available*

*From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

#### *Extension:*

Rule 15b1-1/Form BD

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 previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 15b1-1(17 CFR 240.15b1-1) and Form BD (17 CFR 249.501) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Form BD is the application form used by firms to apply to the Commission for registration as a broker-dealer, as required by Rule 15b1-1. Form BD also is used by firms other than banks and registered broker-dealers to apply to the Commission for registration as a municipal securities dealer or a government securities broker-dealer. In addition, Form BD is used to change information contained in a previous Form BD filing that becomes inaccurate.

The total industry-wide annual time burden imposed by Form BD is approximately 4,118.07 hours, based on approximately 11,137 responses (183 initial filings + 10,954 amendments). Each application filed on Form BD requires approximately 2.75 hours to complete and each amended Form BD requires approximately 20 minutes to complete. (183 × 2.75 hours = 503.25 hours; 10,954 × 0.33 hours = 3,614.82 hours; 503.25 hours + 3,614.82 hours = 4,118.07 hours.) The staff believes that a broker-dealer would have a Compliance Manager complete and file both applications and amendments on Form BD at a cost of \$314/hour. Consequently, the staff estimates that the total internal cost of compliance associated with the annual time burden is approximately \$1,293,073.98 per year

(\$314 × 4,118.07). There is no external cost burden associated with Rule 15b1-1 and Form BD.

The Commission uses the information disclosed by applicants in Form BD: (1) To determine whether the applicant meets the standards for registration set forth in the provisions of the Exchange Act; (2) to develop a central information resource where members of the public may obtain relevant, up-to-date information about broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers, and government securities broker-dealers, and where the Commission, other regulators, and SROs may obtain information for investigatory purposes in connection with securities litigation; and (3) to develop statistical information about broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers, and government securities broker-dealers. Without the information disclosed in Form BD, the Commission could not effectively implement policy objectives of the Exchange Act with respect to its investor protection function.

Completing and filing Form BD is mandatory in order to engage in broker-dealer activity. Compliance with Rule 15b1-1 does not involve the collection of confidential information.

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 website: <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: [lindsay.m.abate@omb.eop.gov](mailto:lindsay.m.abate@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Candace Kenner, 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 within 30 days of this notice.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36299]

### Soo Line Railroad Company—Petition for Declaratory Order and Preliminary Injunction—Interchange With Canadian National

By decision served on July 19, 2019, the Board announced that it will hold oral argument to address the issues presented in this proceeding. The oral argument will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in the James E. Webb Memorial Auditorium of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), located at 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC, across the street from the Board’s headquarters building. The oral argument will be open for public observation, but only counsel and designated representatives for the parties, as discussed below, will be permitted to participate.

CP and CN will each have 20 minutes of argument time. The Village of Bartlett filed a notice of intent to participate on July 26, 2019, and requested 10 minutes of argument time, which will be granted. CP will open and may reserve part of its time for rebuttal if it so chooses. Board members may ask questions during the parties’ allotted time. Absent a request from the Board, no additional written comments or other submissions may be filed in connection with this oral argument. Each party is encouraged to use its allotted time to call attention to the arguments and evidence it believes are particularly important. The arguments will be in the style of an appellate court. Parties should prepare a short statement of their argument and be prepared to answer questions from the Board. The purpose of oral argument is not to restate the written arguments previously presented or to present evidence, but to summarize and emphasize the key points of a party’s case and provide an opportunity for parties to answer questions that the Board may have.

#### Instructions for Attendance at Oral Argument

All persons attending the oral argument should use NASA’s visitors West Lobby entrance, located at 300 E Street SW (closest to the northeast corner of the intersection of 4th and E Streets). There will be no reserved seating, except for those scheduled to present arguments. The building will be open to the public at 7:00 a.m. There is no public parking in the building.

Laptops may be used in the Auditorium, and Wi-Fi will be available. Cellular telephone use is not permitted in the Auditorium.