

be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000.

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*Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### 60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: System Diagram Maps

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.  
**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection of system diagram maps, described below.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by February 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, System Diagram Maps." For further information regarding this collection, contact Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245-0333 or [pedro.ramirez@stb.gov](mailto:pedro.ramirez@stb.gov). Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are requested concerning: (1) The

accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

### Description of Collection

*Title:* System Diagram Maps (or, in the case of Class III carriers, the alternative narrative description of rail system).

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0003.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Common carrier freight railroads that are either new or reporting changes in the status of one or more of their rail lines.

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5 hours.

*Total "Non-Hour Burden" Cost:* No "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection have been identified. The information is submitted electronically.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 CFR 1152.10-1152.13, railroads subject to the Board's jurisdiction must keep current system diagram maps on file, or alternatively, in the case of a Class III carrier (a carrier with annual operating revenues of \$39,194,876 or less in 2018 dollars), to submit the same information in narrative form. The information sought in this collection identifies all lines in a particular railroad's system, categorized to indicate the likelihood that service on a particular line will be abandoned and/or whether service on a line is currently provided under the financial assistance provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904. Carriers are obligated to amend these maps as the need to change the category of any particular line arises.

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C.

3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: December 9, 2019.

**Jeffrey Herzig**,  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### 60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: Arbitration "Opt-In" Notices

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection of Arbitration "Opt-in" Notices, described below.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by February 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Arbitration "Opt-in" Notice." For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0284 or at [michael.higgins@stb.gov](mailto:michael.higgins@stb.gov). Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including