

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–96725; File No. 4–698]

Joint Industry Plan; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Amendment to the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail, as Modified by Partial Amendment No. 1

January 20, 2023.

On May 13, 2022, the Operating Committee for Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC (“CAT LLC”), on behalf of the Participants¹ to the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail (the “CAT NMS Plan”),² filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)³ and Rule 608 of Regulation National Market System (“NMS”) thereunder,⁴ a proposed amendment to the CAT NMS Plan (“Proposed Amendment”) to implement a revised funding model (“Executed Share Model”) for the consolidated audit trail (“CAT”) and to establish a fee schedule for Participant CAT fees in accordance with the Executed Share Model.⁵ The Proposed Amendment was

¹ The Participants are: BOX Exchange LLC, Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Cboe Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Investors Exchange LLC, Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc., MEMX LLC, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, MIAx Emerald, LLC, MIAx PEARL, LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq GEMX, LLC, Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Nasdaq MRX, LLC, Nasdaq PHLX LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Chicago, Inc., and NYSE National, Inc. (collectively, the “Participants”).

² The CAT NMS Plan is a national market system plan approved by the Commission pursuant to section 11A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79318 (Nov. 15, 2016), 81 FR 84696 (Nov. 23, 2016). The CAT NMS Plan functions as the limited liability company agreement of the jointly owned limited liability company formed under Delaware state law through which the Participants conduct the activities of the CAT (“Company”). On August 29, 2019, the Participants replaced the CAT NMS Plan in its entirety with the limited liability company agreement of a new limited liability company named Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC, which became the Company. The latest version of the CAT NMS Plan is available at <https://catnmsplan.com/about-cat/cat-nms-plan>.

³ 15 U.S.C 78k–1.

⁴ 17 CFR 242.608.

⁵ See Letter from Michael Simon, CAT NMS Plan Operating Committee Chair, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission (May 13, 2022).

published for comment in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 2022.⁶

On August 30, 2022, the Commission instituted proceedings pursuant to Rule 608(b)(2)(i) of Regulation NMS⁷ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposed Amendment with any changes or subject to any conditions the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.⁸ On November 15, 2022, CAT LLC submitted a letter to propose a partial amendment of the Proposed Amendment (“Partial Amendment No. 1”) and to respond to the Commission’s solicitation of comments in the OIP and comments received on the OIP.⁹ On November 23, 2022, pursuant to Rule 608(b)(2)(i) of Regulation NMS,¹⁰ the Commission extended the period within which to conclude proceedings regarding the Proposed Amendment to 240 days from the date of publication of the Notice.¹¹ Notice of the filing of Partial Amendment No. 1 was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2022.¹²

Rule 608(b)(2)(ii) of Regulation NMS provides that the time for conclusion of proceedings to determine whether a national market system plan or proposed amendment should be disapproved may be extended for an additional period up to 60 days (up to 300 days from the date of notice publication) if the Commission determines that a longer period is appropriate and publishes the reasons for such determination or the plan participants consent to the longer period.¹³ The 240th day after publication of the Notice for the Proposed Amendment is January 27, 2023. The Commission is extending this 240-day period.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94984 (May 25, 2022), 87 FR 33226 (June 1, 2022) (“Notice”). Comments received in response to the Notice can be found on the Commission’s website at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/4-698/4-698-a.htm>.

⁷ 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(i).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95634 (Aug. 30, 2022), 87 FR 54558 (Sept. 6, 2022) (“OIP”). Comments received in response to the OIP can be found on the Commission’s website at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/4-698/4-698-a.htm>.

⁹ See Letter from Michael Simon, CAT NMS Plan Operating Committee Chair, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission (Nov. 15, 2022).

¹⁰ See 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(ii).

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96382 (Nov. 23, 2022), 87 FR 73366 (Nov. 29, 2022).

¹² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96394 (Nov. 28, 2022), 87 FR 74183 (Dec. 2, 2022).

Comments received in response to Partial Amendment No. 1 can be found on the Commission’s website at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/4-698/4-698-a.htm>.

¹³ See 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(ii).

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to conclude proceedings regarding the Proposed Amendment, as modified by Partial Amendment No. 1, so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed modifications and the justifications provided in support thereof, and the comments received. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 608(b)(2)(ii) of Regulation NMS,¹⁴ the Commission designates March 28, 2023, as the date by which the Commission shall conclude the proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposed Amendment, as modified by Partial Amendment No. 1 (File No. 4–698).

By the Commission.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11978]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “The Sassoons” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the exhibition “The Sassoons” at The Jewish Museum, New York, New York; the exhibition “Styled by Sargent” at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Chiu, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA–5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat.

¹⁴ *Id.*

985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 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, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Stacy E. White,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11977]

Notice of Determinations; Additional Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Juan de Pareja, Afro Hispanic Painter” Exhibition

SUMMARY: On February 8, 2022, notice was published on page 7230 of the **Federal Register** (volume 87, number 26) of determinations pertaining to a certain object to be included in an exhibition entitled “Juan de Pareja.” Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain additional objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the aforesaid exhibition, now retitled “Juan de Pareja, Afro Hispanic Painter,” at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned 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), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 541 (Sub-No. 3X)]

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Washington County, Or.

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon the rail line extending between milepost 10.28 in Forest Grove, Or., and milepost 4.68 in Hillsboro, Or. (the Line). PNWR owns a perpetual freight easement for the Line, and the underlying property is owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation. There are four stations on the Line: Forest Grove (milepost 10.28), Cornelius (milepost 7.8), Hillsboro (milepost 4.7) and Forest Grove Junction (milepost 4.68). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 97116, 97113, 97123, and 97124, entirely in Washington County, Or.

PNWR has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line since November 2015; (2) as the Line is stub-ended, there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court, or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports),¹ 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad*—

¹ On January 20, 2023, PNWR filed a supplement certifying that it complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.11.

Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,² this exemption will be effective on February 25, 2023, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by February 3, 2023.³ Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by February 6, 2023.⁴ Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 15, 2023.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 541 (Sub-No. 3X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on PNWR’s representative, Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

PNWR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by January 31, 2023. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board’s website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0294. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Comments on environmental or historic

² Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

³ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption’s effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption’s effective date.

⁴ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.