

an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) authorize the third-party, or “adverse,” abandonment of an approximately 11.9-mile segment of a freight rail easement owned by GNP RLY, Inc. (GNP), and located between milepost 26.38 and milepost 38.25, in Snohomish County, Wash. (the Line or the Snohomish Segment of the Easement). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 98290, 98296, and 98072.

The County explains that in a series of transactions recorded on December 21, 2009, under the Board’s line of precedent in *Maine, Department of Transportation—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Maine Central Railroad*, 8 I.C.C.2d 835 (1991), BNSF Railway Company sold the physical assets of a rail line between milepost 23.8 in Woodinville, Wash., and milepost 38.25 in Snohomish, Wash., to the Port of Seattle (the Port); GNP acquired a permanent freight rail easement for the entirety of that rail line (the Easement); and GNP entered into an operations and maintenance agreement with the Port. The County states that the Easement is subject to a covenant, binding on all successors, requiring the holder of the Easement, upon cessation of rail service, either to seek voluntary abandonment authority and, upon request, to cooperate in railbanking the rail line pursuant to the National Trails System Act (Trails Act), 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), or to cooperate in an adverse abandonment proceeding and, upon request, railbanking of the rail line. According to the County, in 2015, it purchased the physical assets of the Snohomish Segment from the Port, and the City of Woodinville (Woodinville) purchased the physical assets of the segment of the rail line between milepost 23.8 and milepost 26.38 in Woodinville, Wash. (the Woodinville Segment).

The County notes that GNP was authorized to abandon the Woodinville Segment of the Easement in Docket No. AB 1316X, and GNP and Woodinville subsequently entered an interim trail use/railbanking agreement covering that segment. The County explains that it is now seeking adverse abandonment of the Snohomish Segment of the Easement so that segment can also be railbanked, as required by the covenant in the deed from BNSF to the Port creating the Easement and by a settlement agreement the County and GNP entered prior to the County filing its application. The County states that GNP supports and does not oppose the County’s adverse abandonment application and agrees to cooperate with

the County to pursue interim trail use/railbanking of the Line under the Trails Act.

In a decision served in this proceeding on May 23, 2023, the County was granted exemptions from several statutory provisions as well as waivers of certain Board regulations that the Board concluded were inapplicable and unneeded in connection with the County’s anticipated application.

According to the County, the Line may contain federally granted rights of way. The County states that any documentation in its possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The County’s entire case in chief for adverse abandonment was filed with the application.

The interests of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person may file comments concerning the proposed adverse abandonment or protests (including protestant’s entire opposition case) by December 1, 2023. Persons who may oppose the proposed adverse abandonment but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons opposing the proposed adverse abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest, observing the filing, service, and content requirements of 49 CFR 1152.25. The County’s reply is due by December 18, 2023.

Any request for an interim trail use/railbanking condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 1, 2023,¹ and should address whether the issuance of a certificate of interim trail use or abandonment in this case would be consistent with the grant of an adverse abandonment application.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1331, should 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 the County’s representative, Charles H. Montagne, 426 NW 162nd Street, Seattle, WA 98177. Except as otherwise set forth in 49 CFR part 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all

¹ Filing fees for interim trail use/railbanking requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

parties to this adverse abandonment proceeding 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the Draft EA (or EIS) may contact OEA by phone at the number listed below. Draft EAs normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application, and the deadline for submission of comments on the Draft EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in a Final EA (or EIS) and the Board’s decision. A Supplemental Final EA (or EIS) may be issued where appropriate.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to OEA at (202) 245-0305. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: November 1, 2023.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Tammy Lowery,
Clearance Clerk.

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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Extension of the Agency’s Current Approval for Information Collection

AGENCY: United States Trade and Development Agency.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the U.S. Trade and Development Agency’s (USTDA’s) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection for Evaluation of USTDA Performance. USTDA invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed extension of USTDA’s current approval for information collection. All comments received will

be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 2, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all of the documents related to the data collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the agency name. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. All submissions received must include the agency name. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Administrative Officer, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209-3901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sheneé Turner, Administrative Officer, Attn: PRA, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209-3901; Tel.: (703) 875-4357, Fax: (703) 775-4037; Email: comments@ustda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Summary Collection Under Review

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Expiration Date of Previous Approval: 01/31/2024.

Title: Evaluation of USTDA Performance.

Form Number: USTDA 1000E-2014a.

Frequency of Use: Annually for duration of projects.

Type of Respondents: Business or other for profit; not-for-profit

institutions; farms; Federal, State, and local government.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,000 to 1,300 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 334 to 434 hours per year.
Federal Cost: \$402,523.

Authority for Information Collection: Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 Public Law 103-62 or GPRA; 107 Stat. 285, the Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 114-191) or FATAA, the Information Quality Act (IQA) of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-554), and Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 Public Law 115-435.

Abstract: USTDA will collect information from various stakeholders on USTDA-funded activities regarding development and/or commercial benefits as well as evaluate success regarding GPRA objectives and support evidence-based policymaking.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 31, 2023.

Sheneé Turner,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2023-2211]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Identification of Foreign-Registered Civil Unmanned Aircraft Operating in the United States

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves identifying information regarding foreign-registered civil unmanned aircraft operated in the airspace of the United States. The information to be collected will be used to associate a foreign-registered unmanned aircraft operating in the United States with Remote Identification to the unmanned aircraft operator.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:

www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field)

By mail: Benjamin Walsh, FAA Flight Standards Service, Emerging Technologies Division, AFS-700, 800 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20591

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Benjamin Walsh by email at: ben.walsh@faa.gov; phone: 202-267-8233

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0782.

Title: Identification of Foreign-Registered Civil Unmanned Aircraft Operating in the United States.

Form Numbers: N/A.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The unmanned aircraft remote identification operating requirements in title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 89 apply to persons operating foreign civil unmanned aircraft in the United States. The FAA must be able to correlate the remote identification message elements broadcast by foreign civil unmanned aircraft operated in the United States against information that helps FAA and law enforcement identify a person responsible for the operation of the foreign civil unmanned aircraft. Where unmanned aircraft are registered in a foreign jurisdiction, the FAA may not have access to information regarding the unmanned aircraft or its registered owner. Thus, the FAA is allowing a person to operate foreign-registered civil unmanned aircraft with remote identification in the United States only if the person submits a notice of identification to the Administrator in accordance with title 14 Code of Federal Regulations § 89.130. The notice can be submitted online using the notice of identification form in FAA Drone Zone (<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/>). The