

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Shrimp Exporter's/Importer's Declaration.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0095.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC).
- *Form Number:* DS–2031.
- *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit organizations.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 10,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 1,666 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

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

The DS–2031 form is necessary to document imports of shrimp and products from shrimp pursuant to the State Department's implementation of Section 609 of Public Law 101–162, which prohibits the entry into the United States of shrimp harvested in ways which are harmful to sea turtles. Respondents are exporters of shrimp and products from shrimp and government officials in countries that export shrimp and products from shrimp to the United States. The importer is required to present the DS–

2031 form at the port of entry into the United States, to retain the DS–2031 form for a period of three years subsequent to entry, and during that time to make the DS–2031 form available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the Department of State upon request.

Methodology

The DS–2031 form is completed by the exporter, the importer, and under certain conditions a government official of the harvesting country. The DS–2031 form accompanies shipments of shrimp and shrimp product to the United States and is to be made available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the time of entry and for three years after entry.

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STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

AGENCY: State Justice Institute.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this meeting is to consider grant applications for the 1st quarter of FY 2024, and other business.

DATES: The SJI Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 1 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: SJI Headquarters, 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 340, Fairfax, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 10702(f).)

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 578X]

Austin Area Terminal Railroad, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—In Bastrop, Burnet, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties, Texas

On December 30, 2022, the Board, by decision of the Director of the Office of Proceedings (Director), rejected the verified notice of exemption filed by Austin Area Terminal Railroad, Inc. (AATR) to discontinue service over an approximately 162-mile line in Texas because the required certification concerning the absence of local traffic on the line was deficient. AATR appealed that decision. For the reasons discussed below, the Board will deny the appeal. Nevertheless, the Board will grant on its own motion an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 permitting AATR to discontinue common carrier rail service over the line.

Background

On November 30, 2022, AATR filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152.50 to discontinue common carrier rail service over approximately 162 miles of rail line owned by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, located between milepost AUNW–MP 0.0 (SPT–MP 57.00), west of Giddings, and milepost AUNW–MP 154.07 (SPT–MP 99.04), at Llano, including the Marble Falls Branch (6.43 miles), the Scobee Spur (3.3 miles), and the Burnet Spur (0.93 miles) in Bastrop, Burnet, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties, Tex. (the Lines).

According to AATR, it received Board authority to provide common carrier service over the Lines in 2002, replacing its parent company, Trans-Global Solutions Inc., as operator. *See Austin Area Terminal R.R.—Change in Operators Exemption—Trans-Glob. Sols., Inc.*, FD 33972 (STB served Dec. 20, 2000); *see also Trans-Glob. Sols., Inc.—Operation Exemption—Cap. Metro. Transp. Auth.*, FD 33860 (STB served Apr. 4, 2000). AATR's verified notice states, however, that it has not operated over the Lines in many years and that the Lines are presently operated by Austin Western Railroad, L.L.C. (AWRR), a rail carrier unaffiliated with AATR. (Verified Notice 1–2.)¹

On December 30, 2022, the Director rejected the notice, noting that, under 49

¹ *See Austin W. R.R.—Operation Exemption—Cap. Metro. Transp. Auth.*, FD 35072 (STB served Sept. 14, 2007).