

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Validated model training courses
- Role of the human element
- Reports on unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency
- Comprehensive review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for HTW 11
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- Any other business
- Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Please note: The Sub-committee may, on short notice, adjust the HTW 10 agenda to accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, Mrs. Megan Johns Henry at megan.c.johns@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1255, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 not later than January 17, 2024, 14 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after January 17, 2024, might not be able to be accommodated. The meeting coordinator will provide the teleconference information, facilitate the building security process, and requests for reasonable accommodation. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon advanced request).

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 730 (Sub-No. 1)]

Roster of Arbitrators—Annual Update

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11708, the Board's regulations establish a voluntary

and binding arbitration process to resolve rail rate and practice complaints that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Section 11708(f) provides that, unless parties otherwise agree, an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators shall be selected from a roster maintained by the Board. Accordingly, the Board's rules establish a process for creating and maintaining a roster of arbitrators. 49 CFR 1108.6(b).

The Board most recently updated its roster of arbitrators by decision served February 17, 2023. The roster is published on the Board's website at www.stb.gov (click the "Resources" tab, select "Litigation Alternatives" from the dropdown menu, click on the "Arbitration" link, and click on the "Roster of Arbitrators" link).

As provided under 49 CFR 1108.6(b), the Board updates the roster of arbitrators annually. Accordingly, the Board is now requesting the names and qualifications of new arbitrators who wish to be placed on the roster. Current arbitrators who wish to remain on the roster must notify the Board of their continued availability and confirm that the biographical information on file with the Board remains accurate and, if not, provide any necessary updates. Arbitrators who do not confirm their continued availability will be removed from the roster. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators.

Any person who wishes to be added to the roster should file an application that describes the applicant's experience with rail transportation and economic regulation, as well as professional or business experience, including agriculture, in the private sector. The submission should also describe the applicant's training in dispute resolution and/or experience in arbitration or other forms of dispute resolution, including the number of years of experience. Lastly, the submission should provide the applicant's contact information and information on fees.

All comments—including filings from new applicants, updates to existing arbitrator information, and confirmations of continued availability—should be submitted either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 by January 25, 2024. The Board will assess each new applicant's qualifications to determine which individuals can ably serve as arbitrators based on the criteria established under 49 CFR 1108.6(b). The Board will then establish an updated roster of arbitrators. The roster will include a brief biographical sketch of each arbitrator, including information

such as background, area(s) of expertise, arbitration experience, and geographical location, as well as contact information and fees. The roster will be published on the Board's website.

It is ordered:

1. Applications from persons interested in being added to the Board's roster of arbitrators, and confirmations of continued availability (with updates, if any, to existing arbitrator information) from persons currently on the arbitration roster, are due by January 25, 2024.

2. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators and published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

Decided: December 19, 2023.

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

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2024-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has adopted the first quarter 2024 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* January 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) is an index formulated to represent changes in railroad costs incurred by the nation's largest railroads over a specified period of time. Under 49 U.S.C. 10708, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) is required to publish the RCAF on at least a quarterly basis. Each quarter, the Association of American Railroads computes three types of RCAF figures and submits those figures to the Board for approval. The Board has reviewed the submission and adopts the RCAF figures for the first quarter of 2024. The first quarter 2024 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 0.974. The first quarter 2024 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.383. The first quarter