

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36749]

**Pioneer Rail & Transload Transport of El Reno, Okla., a Division of Pioneer Storage Company, LLC—Operation Exemption—Line in El Reno, Okla.**

Pioneer Rail & Transport of El Reno, Okla., a Division of Pioneer Storage Company, LLC (PRTO), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate 8,530 feet of existing railroad trackage inside an existing industrial facility in El Reno, Okla. (the Line). The Line contains one milepost, described as 514.5, Oklahoma City, Okla.

According to the verified notice, PRTO currently operates the Line as private track as part of its industrial facility. PRTO states that it plans to convert the Line from private track to a common carrier line of railroad and to provide common carrier switching services for the owner of the facility as well as other customers located or to be located within the facility. PRTO also states that it anticipates entering into an interchange agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *James K. Perry and W. Stinson Dean—Continuance in Control Exemption—Pioneer Rail and Transload of El Reno, Oklahoma, a Division of Pioneer Storage Co. LLC*, Docket No. FD 36752, in which James K. Perry and W. Stinson Dean, noncarriers, seek to continue in control (by majority ownership) of PRTO, through their ownership of Pioneer Storage Company LLC (PSCO), a noncarrier, upon PRTO becoming a common carrier.

PRTO certifies that its annual projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. PRTO also states that the operation agreement does not impose any interchange commitments on PRTO's operations.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is January 27, 2024, the effective date of the exemption.<sup>1</sup>

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of

the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 19, 2024 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36749, 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 PRTO's representative, Renner Jantz, Legal Counsel, Pioneer Rail & Transload of El Reno, Okla., a Division of Pioneer Storage Company, LLC, 1200 N Grand Ave., El Reno, OK 73036.

According to PRTO, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: January 9, 2024.

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

**Tammy Lowery,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Comment Period and Request for Comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment in Support of the Application for a Supersonic Flight Waiver for Boom Technology XB-1 Supersonic Test Flights**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, notice of public comment period and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to satisfy National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements (authorization to operate at supersonic speeds). This EA addresses the environmental impacts of proposed supersonic operations within the pre-existing supersonic corridors, as well as the effects of the associated landing and takeoff (LTO) operations at Mojave Air and Space Port. The proposed supersonic flight operations evaluated in this EA would consist of a limited number of test flights (10–20 supersonic

tests of the XB-1 and its chase aircraft) occurring within a one-year duration.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted to [9-APL-AEE-NEPA-Comments@faa.gov](mailto:9-APL-AEE-NEPA-Comments@faa.gov) and received on or before February 2, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Mail:* Comments should be mailed to Ms. Michon Washington at 800 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 900W, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [9-APL-AEE-NEPA-Comments@faa.gov](mailto:9-APL-AEE-NEPA-Comments@faa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For EA questions contact Ms. Michon Washington, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 900W, Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-9310; email [michon.washington@faa.gov](mailto:michon.washington@faa.gov). For Special Flight Authorization or noise questions, contact Mr. Sandy Liu, General Engineer, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 900W, Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-4748; email [Sandy.Liu@faa.gov](mailto:Sandy.Liu@faa.gov). The Environmental Assessment can be electronically accessed at [https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/aeenv\\_policy/sfa\\_supersonic](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/aeenv_policy/sfa_supersonic).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA is evaluating BOOM's request for a Special Flight Authorization (SFA) waiver under 14 CFR 91.817-818 ("Special flight authorization to exceed Mach 1") that restricts civilian supersonic operations over land in the U.S. Boom plans to operate XB-1 from Mojave Air and Space Port (MHV) subsonically, and only fly supersonically within pre-existing supersonic corridors; thus, Boom is requesting this waiver for limited supersonic flight operations within the confines of the pre-existing supersonic corridors within the R-2508 Airspace Complex that are used for daily military aircraft supersonic testing. The Environmental Assessment complies with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and its accompanying Desk Reference as well as U.S. Department of Transportation Order 5610.1C *Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts*.

The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the Draft PEA. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While

<sup>1</sup> Although PRTO filed its verified notice of exemption on December 21, 2023, this transaction cannot be consummated until the related continuance in control authority in Docket No. FD 36752 becomes effective.

you can ask the FAA in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the FAA cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Issued in Washington, DC, on: January 9, 2024.

**Donald S. Scata Jr.**,

*Deputy Director (A), Office of Environment and Energy, Office of Policy, International Affairs and Environment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0004]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: SARABI (Sail); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0004 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0004 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2024-0004, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include

your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-0903. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

—As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel SARABI is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to use for passenger sailing trips.
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* California. Base of Operations: San Francisco, CA.
- Vessel Length and Type:* 53' Catamaran.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024-0004 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Public Participation

##### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even

days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

##### *Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2024-0004 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

##### *Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

##### *May I submit comments confidentially?*

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to [SmallVessels@dot.gov](mailto:SmallVessels@dot.gov). Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

#### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)