

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Data Collection Available for Public Comments

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires Federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Donna Fudge, [donna.fudge@sba.gov](mailto:donna.fudge@sba.gov), (202) 205–6363, Office of Policy Planning and Liaison, Small Business Administration.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Fudge, [donna.fudge@sba.gov](mailto:donna.fudge@sba.gov), (202) 205–6363, Office of Policy Planning and Liaison, Small Business Administration. Curtis B. Rich, Agency Clearance Officer [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov) 202–205–7030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SBA is considering revising its information collections for various certification programs to streamline the certification process for those programs. In particular, SBA seeks to make the programs more uniform so that small businesses applying for multiple certifications face a common standard of review where possible. The certification programs affected are the 8(a) Business Development (BD) program, the women-owned small business program, the veteran-owned small business program, and the HUBZone program.

#### Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c)

whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

#### Summary of Information Collection

*PRA Number:* 3245–0331

(1) *Title:* 8(A) BD Paper and Electronic Application

*Description of Respondents:* Small Business Administration collects this information to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission into the 8(a) BD Program and for continued eligibility to participate in the Program. SBA also uses some of the information for reporting to Congress on the 8(a) BD Program. Respondents can be individuals and firms making application to the 8(a) BD Program, or those who are already Participants in the program.

*Form Number:* SBA Form 1010–NHO, SBA Form 1010–Business, SBA Form 1010–CDC, SBA Form 1010 ANC, SBA Form 1010 AIT, SBA Form 1010–Individual, SBA Form 1010 Questionnaire; SBA 1010C; 1010AIT, 1010–ANC, 1010–NHO, 1010–IND.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 13,621.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 60,070.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36765]

### San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.— Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment— BNSF Railway Company

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co. (SJVR), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41 to enter into a lease amendment to extend the term of, and to make other minor changes to, its lease of the Landco spur between the Porterville Subdivision, MP 111 + 4029 feet, near Oil Junction, Cal., and milepost 113 + 3717 feet, at or near Bakersfield, Cal., a distance of approximately 2.0 miles (the Line).

According to the verified notice, the original lease for the Line was part of a broader agreement between SJVR's predecessor and the predecessor of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF). *See Tulare Valley R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—the Atchison,*

*Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.*, FD 32215 (ICC served Jan. 13, 1993). SJVR states that it is currently operating the Line pursuant to that lease, which has been renewed and amended numerous times, most recently in 2015. *See San Joaquin Valley R.R.—Lease Amendment & Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment—BNSF Ry.*, FD 35772 (STB served May 15, 2015). The verified notice indicates that SJVR and BNSF have reached an agreement to amend the agreement and further extend the term of the lease, pursuant to which SJVR will continue to operate the Line.

SJVR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenues currently exceed \$5,000,000. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, SJVR has filed a request for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements to allow the exemption to take effect 30 days after the filing of SJVR's verified notice of exemption. SJVR's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

According to the verified notice, the lease contains an existing interchange commitment. SJVR has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment, as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).<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 June 7, 2024.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36765, 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 SJVR's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two

<sup>1</sup> SJVR filed a copy of the agreement under seal with the verified notice. *See* 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1).

Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to SJVR, 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: May 24, 2024.

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

**Stefan Rice,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2024-0008]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments— Reinstatement of the Collection of Information, 301 Exclusion Requests

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate an information collection request (ICR) entitled *301 Exclusion Requests* for three years under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations.

**DATES:** Submit comments no later than July 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the submission instructions below. The Docket Number is USTR-2024-0008. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact the Section 301 hotline at (202) 395-5725 before transmitting a comment and in advance of the deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Assistant General Counsel Rachel Hasandras at (202) 395-5725, or by email at [mbx.ustr.301exclusions@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:mbx.ustr.301exclusions@ustr.eop.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Comments

Submit written comments and suggestions addressing one or more of the following:

(1) Whether the ICR is necessary for the proper performance of USTR's

functions, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of USTR's estimate of the burden of the ICR, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the ICR.

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the ICR on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### B. Overview of This Information Collection

*Title:* 301 Exclusion Requests.

*OMB Control Number:* 0350-0015, which expired on January 31, 2023.

*Form Number(s):* 301 Exclusion Request/Response/Reply Form.

*Description:* Following a comprehensive review of the July 6, 2018 and the August 23, 2018 actions, as modified, in the Section 301 Investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation, the U.S. Trade Representative determined, among other findings, to establish an exclusion process limited to machinery used in domestic manufacturing and under certain 8-digit tariff lines in Chapters 84 and 85 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). See 89 FR 46252 (May 28, 2024). A mockup of the 301 Exclusion Request/Response/Reply Form is attached as an annex to this notice.

OMB initially approved an information collection request for Section 301 Exclusion Requests on June 20, 2019, and assigned Control Number 0350-0015, which expired on December 31, 2019.

OMB approved a prior extension for this collection that expired in January 2023. USTR now is seeking to reinstate the expired collection and to extend the approval for three years.

*Affected Public:* U.S. stakeholders who want to request that certain enumerated subheadings under Chapters 84 and 85 of the HTSUS for machinery used in domestic manufacturing be excluded from the additional duties on products of China.

*Frequency of Submission:* One submission per request.

*Respondent Universe:* U.S. stakeholders.

*Reporting Burden:*

*Total Estimated Responses:* 5,000 requests to exclude a particular product. 1,000 responses in support or

opposition to exclude a particular product.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* USTR estimates that preparing and submitting a request to exclude a particular product will take approximately 60 minutes, and the total time burden for the public to submit requests is 5,000 hours. USTR estimates that preparing and submitting a response to a product exclusion request will take approximately 30 minutes, and the total time burden for responses is approximately 500 hours.

USTR estimates that the cost to the Federal government to evaluate each request is 1.0 hours, for a total time burden of 5,300 hours and will cost about \$150 per submission. The estimated total cost is \$813,000. The total cost estimate includes the average annual salary plus benefits, for the federal employees and contractors expected to work on the exclusion process. The process is expected to continue on a rolling basis.

*Status:* After reviewing comments received in response to this notice, under the PRA and its implementing regulations, USTR plans to submit a request to OMB to reinstate the ICR for three years.

#### C. Requirements for Submissions

You must submit written comments by the deadline set forth in this notice. You must make all submissions in English via <http://www.regulations.gov>, using Docket Number USTR-2024-0008. USTR will not accept hand-delivered submissions. To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the appropriate docket number in the 'search for' field on the home page and click 'search.' The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting 'notice' under 'document type' in the 'filter results by' section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled 'comment now.' The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website offers the option of providing comments by filling in a 'type comment' field or by attaching a document using the 'upload file(s)' field. USTR prefers that you provide submissions in an attached document and note 'see attached' in the 'type comment' field on the online submission form. Include any data attachments to the submission in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

You will receive a tracking number upon completion of the submission procedure at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The tracking