

IV. Procedure: Request for Written Comments

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the issues identified above, as well as any other concerns they may have with the proposal. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5), 6(b)(8) or any other provision of the Act, or the rules and regulations thereunder. Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b-4, any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.⁵⁹

In particular, the Commission seeks comment on the following:

- Commenter's views on whether or not the Exchange has adequately described how the proposed functionality would handle incoming Periodic Auction Orders with MTP modifiers and incoming Continuous Book Orders with MTP modifiers before, during and after the conclusion of a Periodic Auction;
- Commenter's views on whether or not the Exchange has adequately described how the proposed incoming Periodic Auction Orders with MTP modifiers and incoming Continuous Book Orders with MTP modifiers would impact other Continuous Book Orders or Periodic Auction Orders;
- Commenter's views on whether or not it is appropriate for the proposed functionality to, in certain circumstances, allow for the execution of orders originating from the same Unique Identifier, even if those orders have MTP modifiers, and whether or not the Exchange has adequately explained and justified this proposed functionality; and
- Commenter's views on whether or not the proposed functionality adds unnecessary complexity to the Exchange.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and

⁵⁹ Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Public Law 94-29 (June 4, 1975), grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by a self-regulatory organization. See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

arguments regarding whether the proposal should be approved or disapproved by October 16, 2024. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person's submission must file that rebuttal by October 30, 2024. The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency of the Exchange's statements in support of the proposal, which are set forth in Amendment No. 1,⁶⁰ in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the proposed rule change.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CboeBYX-2024-009 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBYX-2024-009. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number

⁶⁰ See *supra* note 4.

SR-CboeBYX-2024-009 and should be submitted on or before October 16, 2024. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by October 30, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶¹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20574 and #20575; SOUTH CAROLINA Disaster Number SC-20009]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of South Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of South Carolina dated 09/18/2024.

Incident: Tropical Storm Debby.

Incident Period: 08/04/2024 through 08/22/2024.

DATES: Issued on 09/18/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/18/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/18/2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Berkeley, Orangeburg
Contiguous Counties:

South Carolina: Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Charleston,

⁶¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12); 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).

Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Lexington, Williamsburg

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.625
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.813
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 205748 and for economic injury is 205750.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration is South Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Isabella Guzman, Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12547]

Certification Related to Foreign Military Financing for Colombia Under Section 7045(c)(3)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including under section 7045(c)(3)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (Div. F, Pub. L. 118-47), I hereby certify that:

- (i) the Special Jurisdiction for Peace and other judicial authorities, as appropriate, are sentencing perpetrators of gross violations of human rights, including those with command responsibility, to deprivation of liberty;
- (ii) the Government of Colombia is making consistent progress in reducing threats and attacks against human rights defenders and other civil society activists, and judicial authorities are

prosecuting and punishing those responsible for ordering and carrying out such attacks;

(iii) the Government of Colombia is making consistent progress in protecting Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities and is respecting their rights and territories;

(iv) senior military officers credibly alleged, or whose units are credibly alleged, to be responsible for ordering, committing, and covering up cases of false positives and other extrajudicial killings, or of committing other gross violations of human rights, or of conducting illegal communications intercepts or other illicit surveillance, are being held accountable, including removal from active duty if found guilty through criminal, administrative, or disciplinary proceedings; and

(v) the Colombian Armed Forces are cooperating fully with the requirements described in (I) through (IV) above.

This Certification shall be published in the Federal Register and shall be transmitted, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, to Congress.

Dated: September 9, 2024.

Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 553X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to discontinue trackage rights over approximately 1.3 miles of rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), between milepost BJB 73.21 and milepost BJB 74.51 (the Line) on CSXT's Cleveland Subdivision.¹ The

¹ CSXT received authority to abandon the Line in 2023. See CSX Transp., Inc.—Aban. Exemption—in Cuyahoga Cnty., Ohio, AB 55 (Sub-No. 812X) (STB served Sept. 1, 2023). CSXT did not disclose the existence of NSR's trackage rights in that proceeding. On September 6, 2024, in that docket, CSXT filed a request for an extension of the consummation deadline. CSXT states that NSR's trackage rights constitute a barrier to CSXT's consummation of abandonment and requests that the Board extend the deadline to consummate until 60 days after NSR's discontinuance authority in this docket is granted. CSXT's request for an extension will be addressed in a separate decision in Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 812X).

In light of that pending request, however, NSR is directed to notify CSXT when NSR has

Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 44113 and 44115.

NSR has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any common carrier overhead traffic can be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the Line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)² to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 25, 2024, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)³ must be filed by October 4, 2024.⁴ Petitions to reopen must be filed by October 15, 2024.

consummated its authority to discontinue service over the Line. See BNSF Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in Flathead Cnty., Mont., AB 6 (Sub-No. 495X), slip op. at 2 n.2 (STB served Aug. 14, 2017).

² Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

³ The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

⁴ Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. As noted, supra note 1, CSXT received authority to abandon the Line in CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, AB 55 (Sub-No. 812X) (STB served Sept. 1, 2023). In its environmental review in that proceeding, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis found that the abandonment would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and recommended no environmental conditions. As a result, none were imposed. CSX Transp., Inc.—Aban. Exemption—in Cuyahoga Cnty., Ohio, AB 55 (Sub-No. 812X) (STB served Sept. 28, 2023). Because the Line has already been