

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration Number #20713
Disaster Number ZZ-00020]

The Entire United States and U.S. Territories; Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (MREIDL)

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (MREIDL), dated 10/01/2024.

DATES: Issued on 10/01/2024.

MREIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 1 year after the essential employee is discharged or released from active service.

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: This notice establishes the application filing period for the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (MREIDL).

Effective 10/01/2024 small businesses employing military reservists may apply for economic injury disaster loans if those employees are ordered to perform active service for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, and those employees are essential to the success of the small businesses' daily operations.

The purpose of the MREIDL program is to provide funds to an eligible small business to meet its ordinary and necessary operating expenses that it could have met, but is unable to meet, because an essential employee was ordered to perform active service for more than 30 consecutive days in his or her role as a military reservist. These loans are intended only to provide the amount of working capital needed by a small business to pay its necessary obligations as they mature until operations return to normal after the essential employee is released from active service.

Applications for the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal (<https://lending.sba.gov>).

Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@

[sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov) or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The interest rates are published quarterly in the **Federal Register**. The current rate for eligible small businesses is 4.000.

The number assigned is 207130.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20711 and #20712;
GEORGIA Disaster Number GA-20013]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Georgia

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Georgia (FEMA-4830-DR), dated September 30, 2024.

DATES: Issued on October 1, 2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: November 29, 2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: June 30, 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: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Georgia, dated September 30, 2024, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Incident: Hurricane Helene.

Incident Period: September 24, 2024 and continuing.

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bulloch, Burke, Candler, Chatham, Clinch, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Lincoln, McDuffie, Montgomery, Screven, Telfair, Treutlen, Ware, Washington, Wheeler.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Georgia: Baldwin, Bleckley, Charlton, Dodge, Effingham, Elbert, Hancock, Mitchell, Tift, Turner, Twiggs, Wilcox, Wilkes, Wilkinson, Worth. South Carolina: Allendale, Barnwell, Hampton, Jasper.

Florida: Baker, Columbia.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Rafaela Monchek,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 9)]

BNSF Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

By petition filed on July 26, 2024, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) requests that the Board partially revoke the trackage rights exemption granted to it under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) in Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8), as necessary to permit that trackage rights arrangement to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024.

As explained by BNSF in its verified notice of exemption in Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8), BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) entered into an agreement granting BNSF restricted, local trackage rights over two rail lines owned by UP between: (1) UP milepost 93.2 at Stockton, Cal., on UP's Oakland Subdivision, and UP milepost 219.4 at Elsey, Cal., on UP's Canyon Subdivision, a distance of 126.2 miles; and (2) UP milepost 219.4 at Elsey, and UP milepost 280.7 at Keddie, Cal., on UP's Canyon Subdivision, a distance of 61.3 miles (collectively, the Lines). BNSF Verified Notice of Exemption 2, *BNSF Ry.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8). BNSF further stated that the trackage rights arrangement is intended to permit BNSF to move empty and loaded unit ballast trains to and from the ballast pit located at Elsey. *Id.* According to BNSF, it filed its verified notice of exemption under the Board's trackage rights class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7), instead of the temporary trackage rights exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8), because the trackage rights covered by the notice are local rather than overhead. BNSF Verified Notice of Exemption 1 n.1, 2, *BNSF Ry.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8).

In its petition, BNSF asks the Board to partially revoke the exemption as necessary to permit the trackage rights to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024, pursuant to the parties' agreement. (See BNSF Pet. 1–2); see also BNSF Verified Notice of Exemption, Ex. B at 2, *BNSF Ry.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8). BNSF argues that granting this petition will promote the rail transportation policy at 49 U.S.C. 10101 and that the partial revocation would be consistent with the limited scope of the transaction and would not have an adverse effect on shippers. (BNSF Pet. 3.) In addition, BNSF asserts that the Board has granted similar petitions for partial revocation to permit temporary trackage rights to expire, including petitions involving prior iterations of the trackage rights agreement at issue here. (*Id.* at 3–4.)

Discussion and Conclusions

Although BNSF and UP have expressly agreed on the duration of the proposed trackage rights agreement, trackage rights approved under the class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) typically remain effective indefinitely, regardless of any contract provisions. At times, however, the Board has partially revoked a trackage rights exemption to allow those rights to expire after a limited time rather than lasting in perpetuity. See, e.g., *BNSF Ry.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 6377 (Sub-No. 7) (STB served February 24, 2023) (granting a petition to partially revoke a trackage rights exemption involving the Lines at issue in this case); *New Orleans Pub. Belt R.R.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—III. Cent. R.R.*, FD 36198 (Sub-No. 1) (STB served June 20, 2018).

Granting partial revocation in these circumstances to permit the trackage rights to expire at the end of 2024 would eliminate the need for BNSF to file a second pleading seeking discontinuance authority when the agreement expires, thereby promoting the aspects of the rail transportation policy at 49 U.S.C. 10101(2), (7), and (15). Moreover, partially revoking the exemption to limit the term of the trackage rights would not result in an abuse of market power because the trackage rights at issue are solely to allow BNSF to move empty and loaded unit ballast trains to and from the ballast pit in Elsey for use in BNSF's maintenance-of-way projects. (See BNSF Pet. 2.) Therefore, the Board will grant the petition and permit the trackage rights exempted in Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8) to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024.

To provide the statutorily mandated protection to any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of trackage rights, the Board will impose the employee protective conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

It is ordered:

1. The petition for partial revocation of the trackage rights class exemption is granted.

2. As discussed above, the trackage rights in Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 8) are permitted to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024, subject to the employee protective conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line*.

3. Notice of this decision will be published in the **Federal Register**.

4. This decision is effective on November 7, 2024. Petitions for stay must be filed by October 18, 2024. Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by October 28, 2024.

Decided: October 3, 2024.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz.

Eden Besera,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Directive 15, pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Drita Tonuzi, Deputy Chief Counsel (Operations)
2. Paul T. Butler, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedures and Administration)
3. Robin Greenhouse, Division Counsel (Large Business and International)
4. Edith M. Shine, Associate Chief Counsel (Finance and Management)
5. Holly A. Porter, Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries)

Alternate: Mark L. Hulse, Division Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities)

This publication is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Marjorie A. Rollinson,

Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Directive 15, pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Eric S. Nguyen, Deputy General Counsel, Department of the Treasury—Chair
2. Elizabeth P. Askey, Deputy Chief Appeals, Independent Office of Appeals (IRS)
3. Melanie R. Krause, Chief Operating Officer, (IRS)

Alternate: Douglas W. O'Donnell, Deputy Commissioner (IRS)

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Marjorie A. Rollinson,

Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10., that the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will meet in person on November 5, 2024–November 6, 2024 at the Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 3166, Washington, DC 20009. The sessions will begin and end as follows: