

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #20969 and #20970; MISSISSIPPI Disaster Number MS-20011]

**Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Mississippi**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Mississippi dated January 27, 2025.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

**DATES:** Issued on January 27, 2025.

*Incident Period:* December 28, 2024 through December 29, 2024.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* March 28, 2025.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* October 27, 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](mailto: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:* Oktibbeha, Wayne. *Contiguous Counties:*

Mississippi: Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Lowndes, Noxubee, Perry, Webster, Winston. Alabama: Choctaw, Washington.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.125
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.563
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 20969C and for economic injury is 209700.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration are Alabama, Mississippi.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Everett Woodel,**  
*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 12643]

**Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Modern Art and Politics in Germany, 1910–1945: Masterworks From the Neue Nationalgalerie Berlin” Exhibition**

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition “Modern Art and Politics in Germany, 1910–1945: Masterworks from the Neue Nationalgalerie Berlin” at the Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas; the Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made

pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 257-1 of December 11, 2015.

**Rafik K. Mansour,**  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)]

**Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Vacancy**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancy on the Passenger Railroad Advisory Committee (PRAC) and solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) hereby gives notice of a vacancy on the PRAC for a representative from a state that provides funding for intercity passenger rail. The Board is soliciting nominations from the public for candidates to fill this vacancy.

**DATES:** Nominations are due by February 27, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's website, at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov). Any person submitting a filing in paper format should send the original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian O'Boyle at 202-245-0364. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board established the PRAC in 2023 to provide advice and recommendations to the Board on issues relating to passenger rail service. See *Establishment of the Passenger Rail Advisory Comm.*, EP 774 (STB served Nov. 13, 2023). Matters on which the PRAC advise the Board

include improving efficiency on passenger rail routes; reducing disputes between passenger rail carriers and freight rail hosts regarding the use of freight rail carrier-owned facilities and infrastructure for passenger service, including passenger on-time performance issues; and improving regulatory processes related to intercity passenger rail to the benefit of the public, the communities served by passenger rail, and the environment. The PRAC operates under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 10).

When all vacancies are filled, the PRAC consists of at least 18 voting members<sup>1</sup> who comprise a balanced representation of individuals knowledgeable regarding passenger rail transportation, freight rail transportation, commuter rail operations, and transportation public policy. Members are selected by the Chair of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the Board. The Chair of the Board may invite representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation to serve on the PRAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members. The members of the Board also serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee. The PRAC meets at least twice a year, and meetings are open to the public, consistent with the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409 (1976).

A vacancy currently exists on the PRAC for a representative from a state that provides funding for intercity passenger rail. The Board is therefore soliciting nominations from the public for candidates to fill this vacancy. Pursuant to the PRAC charter, this representative cannot be from the same state as any of the representatives of the commuter rail operators, or the representative from a state in which the intercity passenger rail stations are served only by long-distance trains.<sup>2</sup> See PRAC Charter art. 12.a.ii.4. The new member will serve the remainder of the representative's current 3-year term, which ends in March 2027. Members may serve an additional term with approval from the Chair of the Board, without needing to be renominated for that additional term.<sup>3</sup> Members of the

PRAC are appointed to serve in a representative capacity.

According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as the PRAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See *Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Fed. Advisory Comms., Bds., & Comm'ns*, 79 FR 47482 (Aug. 13, 2014). No honoraria, salaries, travel or per diem are available to members of the PRAC; however, reimbursement for travel expenses may be sought from the Board in cases of hardship.

Nominations for candidates to fill the current vacancy should be submitted in letter form and should include: (1) the name, position, and business contact information (including email address and phone number) of the candidate; (2) a summary of the candidate's experience and qualifications for the position; (3) a representation that the candidate is willing to serve as a member of the PRAC; and, (4) a statement that the candidate agrees to serve in a representative capacity. Candidates may nominate themselves. Nominations for candidates for the current vacancy on the PRAC should be filed with the Board by February 27, 2025. Please note that submissions will be posted publicly on the Board's website under Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1).

*Authority:* 49 U.S.C. 1321; 49 U.S.C. 24101.

Decided: January 28, 2025.

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

**Aretha Laws-Byrum,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. AB 1343X]**

### **Saratoga Railroad, LLC— Abandonment Exemption—in Carbon County, Wyo.**

Saratoga Railroad, LLC (Saratoga), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 23.71-mile rail line between milepost 0.57, near Walcott, Wyo., and milepost 24.28, at Saratoga, Wyo., in Carbon County, Wyo. (the

reappointed, they may serve two additional terms before being required to be renominated.

Line).<sup>1</sup> The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 82331 and 82335.

Saratoga has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the past two years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment 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) has been received,<sup>2</sup> this exemption will be effective on March 2, 2025, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do

<sup>1</sup> In 2006, the Board authorized Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc. (WYCO), the Line's then-owner, to abandon it. *Wyo. & Colo. R.R.—Aban. Exemption—in Carbon Cnty., Wyo.*, AB 307 (Sub-No. 6X) (STB served May 1, 2006). WYCO, however, did not file a notice of consummation by the May 2007 deadline, and, as a result, its abandonment authority automatically expired at that time. In 2017, Saratoga (which at that time was under common control with WYCO) acquired the Line from WYCO. See *Durbano—Corp. Fam. Transaction*, FD 36091 (STB served Feb. 2, 2017). On April 1, 2024, Saratoga and its parent company, Western Group Holding Company, Inc., (which by that time were no longer affiliated with WYCO) filed a petition in WYCO's 2006 abandonment docket asking the Board to waive the requirement for WYCO to have filed a consummation notice or extension request by the May 2007 deadline, in order to permit Saratoga to consummate the 2006 abandonment authority itself. That request was denied, and Saratoga was advised that if it wished to abandon the Line, it must file for abandonment authority in a new docket. *Wyo. & Colo. R.R.—Aban. Exemption—in Carbon Cnty., Wyo.*, AB 307 (Sub-No. 6X), slip op. at 3 (STB served Aug. 13, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>1</sup> There are currently 20 voting members serving on the PRAC, plus one vacancy.

<sup>2</sup> The current commuter rail representatives are from Illinois and California and the current representative from a state in which the intercity passenger rail stations are served only by long-distance trains is from Colorado.

<sup>3</sup> Under the PRAC Charter, any member of the PRAC who has served for two consecutive terms will be required to be renominated for membership and appointed by the Chair of the Board should they wish to serve for additional terms. If