

**\*\* This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.***

Dated: August 22, 2022.

**Naomi Sipple,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. AB 312 (Sub-No. 5X)]**

### **South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Darlington County, S.C.**

South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC (SCRF), has filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 CFR 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon approximately two miles of rail line over six railroad tracks that most recently served the Sonoco Products Company (Sonoco) in Hartsville, Darlington County, S.C. The rail line consists of the following: (1) Track 1 between Sonoco Lead mileposts 312.7 and 313.24, and its associated leads, Tracks 1a and 1b; (2) Tracks 2 and 2a, which do not have mileposts; and (3) Track 3 between Hartsville mileposts 312.85 and 313.56 (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 29550 and has no rail stations.

According to SCRF, the Line is the stub end of a rail line over which SCRF provided rail service to Sonoco. SCRF states, however, that Sonoco is re-tooling its facility for a different commodity and will no longer require rail service, and that, following the abandonment, SCRF plans to transfer its interest in the Line to Sonoco to facilitate Sonoco's development of its property. Attached as an exhibit to the petition is a letter from Sonoco supporting the proposed abandonment.

SCRF states that, based on information in its possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in SCRF's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the 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).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding

pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by November 25, 2022.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by September 6, 2022, 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)(1)(i).

Following abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than September 15, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 312 (Sub-No. 5X), 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 SCRF's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Replies to the petition are due on or before September 15, 2022.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245–0294. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any other agencies or persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the

filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: August 17, 2022.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Stefan Rice,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36635]**

### **Patriot Rail Company LLC, SteelRiver Transport Ventures LLC, Global Diversified Infrastructure Fund (North America) LP, First State Infrastructure Managers (International) Limited, and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.—Control Exemption—Pioneer Lines, Inc., et al.**

Patriot Rail Company LLC (Patriot), SteelRiver Transport Ventures LLC; Global Diversified Infrastructure Fund (North America) LP; First State Infrastructure Managers (International) Limited; and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) (collectively, Patriot Rail), have filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire control of 15 Class III rail carriers (the Pioneer Short Lines)<sup>1</sup> controlled by Pioneer Lines, Inc. (Pioneer). Patriot Rail currently controls 16 Class III rail carriers (the Patriot Short Lines) in 14 states.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The verified notice lists the Pioneer Short Lines as follows: Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.; Decatur Junction Railway Co.; Elkhart & Western Railroad Co.; Fort Smith Railroad Co.; The Garden City Western Railway, Inc.; Georgia Southern Railway Co.; Gettysburg & Northern Railroad Co.; Indiana Southwestern Railway Co.; Kendallville Terminal Railway Co.; Keokuk Junction Railway Co.; Keokuk Union Depot Co.; Michigan Southern Railroad Co.; Mississippi Central Railroad Co.; Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.; and Vandalia Railroad Co.

<sup>2</sup> The verified notice lists the Patriot Short Lines as follows: Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC; DeQueen and Eastern Railroad, LLC; Georgia Northeastern Railroad Company, LLC; Golden Triangle Railroad, LLC; Kingman Terminal Railroad, LLC; Louisiana and North West Railroad Company, LLC; Merced County Central Valley Railroad, L.L.C.; Patriot Woods Railroad, LLC; Rarus Railway, LLC (d/b/a Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railway Co.); Sacramento Valley Railroad, LLC; Salt Lake Garfield and Western Railway Company; Temple & Central Texas Railway, LLC; Tennessee Southern Railroad LLC; Texas, Oklahoma and

<sup>1</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 9, 2022, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

According to the verified notice, through a Stock Purchase Agreement, Patriot (an indirect holding of MUFG) will acquire a controlling interest in Pioneer, and, consequently, an indirect controlling interest in several Pioneer subsidiaries, including the Pioneer Short Lines.

The verified notice indicates that: (1) none of the Patriot Short Lines connect with any of the Pioneer Short Lines; (2) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect any of the Patriot Short Lines or Pioneer Short Lines; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 September 2, 2022 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36635, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Patriot Rail's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sipple LLC, 29 N Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

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

Decided: August 23, 2022.

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

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

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2022-0010]

### 2022 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy: Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) requests comments that identify online and physical markets to be considered for inclusion in the 2022 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy (Notorious Markets List). The Notorious Markets List identifies examples of online and physical markets that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy or trademark counterfeiting. The issue focus for the 2022 Notorious Markets List will examine the impact of online piracy on U.S. workers.

#### DATES:

*October 7, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET:*  
Deadline for submission of written comments.

*October 21, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET:*  
Deadline for submission of rebuttal comments and other information USTR should consider during the review.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section III below. For alternatives to online submissions, please contact Ariel Gordon at [notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-4510 before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ariel Gordon, Director for Innovation and Intellectual Property, at [notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-4510. You can find information about the Special 301 Review, including the Notorious Markets List, at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Background

The United States is concerned with trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy on a commercial scale because these illicit activities cause significant financial losses for right holders, legitimate businesses, and governments. In addition, they undermine critical U.S. comparative advantages in innovation and creativity to the detriment of American workers, and can pose significant risks to consumer health and safety and privacy and security. Conducted under the auspices of the Special 301 program and the authority of the U.S. Trade Representative to address practices that have significant adverse impact on the value of U.S. innovation, the Notorious Markets List identifies examples of online and physical markets that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy or trademark counterfeiting that infringe on U.S. intellectual property (IP).

Beginning in 2006, USTR identified notorious markets in the annual Special 301 Report. In 2010, USTR announced that it would publish the Notorious Markets List as an out-of-cycle review, separate from the annual Special 301 Report. USTR published the first Notorious Markets List in February 2011. USTR develops the annual Notorious Markets List based upon public comments solicited through the **Federal Register** and in consultation with Federal agencies that serve on the Special 301 Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

The United States encourages owners and operators of markets reportedly involved in piracy or counterfeiting to adopt business models that rely on the licensed distribution of legitimate content and products and to work with right holders and enforcement officials to address infringement. USTR also encourages foreign government authorities to intensify their efforts to investigate reports of piracy and counterfeiting in such markets, and to pursue appropriate enforcement actions. The Notorious Markets List does not purport to reflect findings of legal violations, nor does it reflect the U.S. Government's analysis of the general IP protection and enforcement climate in the country or countries concerned. For an analysis of the IP climate in particular countries, please refer to the annual Special 301 Report, published each spring no later than 30 days after USTR submits the National Trade Estimate to Congress.