

which provides that “[e]ach covered clearing agency shall establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonable designed to, as applicable [ . . . ] manage the clearing agency’s operational risks by identifying the plausible sources of operational risk, both internal and external, and mitigating their impact through the use of appropriate systems, policies, procedures, and controls”.<sup>13</sup> The amendments to the Operational Risk Management Policy facilitate ongoing identification of operational risks and better mitigate their impact through improved procedures and controls resulting from more detailed governance and review processes with respect to risk identification, assessment, management, monitoring and reporting. In ICE Clear Europe’s view, the amendments are therefore consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(17)(i).<sup>14</sup>

*(B) Clearing Agency’s Statement on Burden on Competition*

ICE Clear Europe does not believe the proposed amendments would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The amendments are being adopted to update and clarify the Clearing House’s Operational Risk Management Policy and to adopt the Risk Identification Framework, all of which relate to the Clearing House’s internal processes for operational risk management. ICE Clear Europe does not believe the amendments and adoption would affect the costs of clearing, the ability of market participants to access clearing, or the market for clearing services generally. Therefore, ICE Clear Europe does not believe the proposed rule change imposes any burden on competition that is inappropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

*(C) Clearing Agency’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Written comments relating to the proposed amendments have not been solicited or received by ICE Clear Europe. ICE Clear Europe will notify the Commission of any written comments received with respect to the proposed rule change and adoption.

### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>) or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ICEEU-2022-008 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-ICEEU-2022-008. 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 (<http://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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filings will also be available for

inspection and copying at the principal office of ICE Clear Europe and on ICE Clear Europe’s website at <https://www.theice.com/clear-europe/regulation>. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ICEEU-2022-008 and should be submitted on or before May 5, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-94650; File No. SR-ICC-2022-004]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Credit LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the ICC Recovery Plan and the ICC Wind-Down Plan

April 8, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2022, ICE Clear Credit LLC (“ICC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by ICC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The principal purpose of the proposed rule change is to revise the ICC Recovery Plan and the ICC Wind-Down Plan (collectively, the “Plans”). These revisions do not require any changes to the ICC Clearing Rules (the “Rules”).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(17)(i).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(17)(i).

## II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, ICC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. ICC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

### (A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### (a) Purpose

ICC proposes revising the ICC Recovery Plan and the ICC Wind-Down Plan, which serve as plans for the recovery and orderly wind-down of ICC necessitated by credit losses, liquidity shortfalls, losses from general business risk, or any other losses, consistent with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii).<sup>3</sup> ICC proposes to make such changes effective following Commission approval of the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change is described in detail as follows.

#### ICC Recovery Plan

Consistent with the regulations applicable to ICC, the Recovery Plan is designed to establish ICC's actions to maintain its viability as a going concern to address any uncovered credit loss, liquidity shortfall, capital inadequacy, or business, operational or other structural weakness that threatens ICC's viability. ICC proposes general updates and edits to promote clarity and to ensure that the information provided is current. The proposed amendments reflect and relate to changes that impacted ICC in the past year, including changes to the composition of the ICC Board of Managers (collectively, the "Board" and each, a "Manager") and the responsibilities and membership composition of internal committees.

ICC proposes general updates to ensure that the information in the Recovery Plan is current. In Section I and throughout the document, the proposed changes specify that the information provided is current as of December 31, 2021, unless otherwise stated. Namely, the proposed changes ensure that relevant information regarding ICC for recovery planning, such as information about ICC's

ownership and operation, is current with respect to:

- Activities of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. ("ICE" or collectively, the "ICE Group" of affiliated companies with ICE as the ultimate parent) in Section II.A;
- clearing Index Swaptions by ICC in Section IV.A;
- data regarding ICC revenues, volumes, and expenses in Section IV.D;
- ICC personnel and facilities in Section VI.A;
- financial resources for recovery in Section X;
- ICC and ICE Group financial information in Section XI; and
- Financial service providers ("FSPs") that hold Clearing Participant ("CP") cash and collateral in Appendix C in Section XIII.

Additionally, ICC proposes to amend the composition of the Board and the descriptions of internal committees to reflect changes that impacted ICC in 2021. In Section IV.C.1, ICC proposes to change the Board size from eleven to nine managers, consistent with the adoption of the Sixth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of ICC in 2021 (the "Sixth A&R Operating Agreement"), and to revise Manager titles as necessary.<sup>4</sup> In Section IV.C.3, the proposed changes update the responsibilities and membership composition of the Participant Review Committee ("PRC") and Credit Review Subcommittee of the PRC ("CRS"), which are internal committees that assist in fulfilling counterparty review responsibilities, consistent with changes to their charters in 2021.<sup>5</sup> ICC proposes corresponding changes in Section VI.B.1 to describe the advisory role of the CRS in making recommendations to the PRC and the role of the PRC in approving FSPs.

ICC proposes additional updates to promote clarity and consistency in the Recovery Plan. Amended Section IV.E.4 notes that ICC monitors FSPs daily, intraday, and monthly, consistent with the processes described in the ICC Counterparty Monitoring Procedures.<sup>6</sup> In Section VII.B, ICC proposes to remove a metric that is no longer utilized to measure ICC performance and to update a reference to a policy section. Amended Section VII.C specifies that ICC will make required

disclosures pursuant to applicable regulations once the Recovery Plan is initiated and includes updated regulatory contacts. In Section VIII.B.2, ICC proposes minor language clarifications in describing the purpose of its Liquidity Risk Management Framework. In Section VIII.B.3, ICC proposes updates regarding the insurance coverage maintained at the ICE Group level, which may be used as a recovery tool in a non-CP default scenario.

ICC proposes changes related to seeking additional capital from the ICE Group in Section VIII.B.3, which is another recovery tool that may be used in a non-CP default scenario. The proposed changes include updated financial information, which is intended to establish that the ICE Group is capable of making such infusion. Given the changes in Board composition, ICC proposes revised procedures for seeking such additional capital, including the individual within the ICE Group with whom such discussions would begin. The proposed changes identify the role of this individual within the ICE Group and update the composition of certain ICE Group boards. Additionally, ICC proposes to include updated financial information that is relevant to the execution of other recovery tools that may be utilized in a non-CP default scenario.

ICC proposes additional minor edits for clarity and consistency. In Section IX, ICC proposes to clarify that the Recovery Plan is made available to regulators in accordance with relevant regulations and to incorporate a reference to the ICC Default Management Procedures for details on ICC's default management testing. In Section XIV, the proposed changes update the index of exhibits with the current versions of policies and procedures, consistent with updated footnote references. Finally, ICC proposes minor typographical fixes in the Recovery Plan as well as conforming changes in the Wind-Down Plan, including updates to entity names, and grammatical and formatting changes.

#### ICC Wind-Down Plan

The Wind-Down Plan is designed to establish how ICC could be wound-down in an orderly manner. ICC proposes corresponding changes to the Wind-Down Plan. ICC proposes general updates and edits to promote clarity and to ensure that the information provided is current. The proposed amendments reflect and relate to changes that have impacted ICC in the past year, including changes to the composition of the Board.

<sup>4</sup> See SR-ICC-2021-017 for additional information on the adoption of the Sixth A&R Operating Agreement.

<sup>5</sup> See SR-ICC-2021-015 for additional information on the roles and responsibilities of the PRC and CRS.

<sup>6</sup> See SR-ICC-2021-021 for additional information on ICC's counterparty monitoring processes and procedures.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii).

ICC proposes general updates to ensure that the information in the Wind-Down Plan is current. In Section I and throughout the document, the proposed changes specify that the information provided is current as of December 31, 2021, unless otherwise stated. The proposed revisions ensure that relevant information regarding ICC for wind-down planning, such as information about ICC's ownership and operation, is current with respect to:

- Activities of ICE in Section II.A;
  - ICC personnel and facilities in Section VII.C;
  - financial resources to support wind-down in Section IX; and
  - FSPs that hold CP cash and collateral in Appendix C in Section XI.
- ICC also proposes amendments with respect to the composition of the Board to reflect changes that impacted ICC in 2021. In Section IV.B.1, ICC proposes to change the Board size from eleven to nine managers, consistent with the adoption of the Sixth A&R Operating Agreement in 2021, and revise manager titles as needed.

ICC proposes additional updates and edits to promote clarity and consistency in the Wind-Down Plan. Amended Section VI.A specifies that ICC will make required disclosures pursuant to applicable regulations once the decision to wind-down is made and includes updated regulatory contacts. Furthermore, given the changes in Board composition, ICC proposes revised procedures for seeking certain required consultations or approvals identified in the Wind-Down Plan, including the individual within the ICE Group with whom such discussions would begin. The proposed changes identify the role of this individual within the ICE Group and include information on the composition of a relevant ICE Group board. In Section X, ICC proposes to note that the Wind-Down Plan is made available to regulators in accordance with relevant regulations and to clarify the testing of the Wind-Down Plan. In Section XII, the proposed changes update the index of exhibits with the current versions of policies and procedures, consistent with updated footnote references.

#### (b) Statutory Basis

ICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>7</sup> and the regulations thereunder applicable to it, including the applicable standards under Rule 17Ad-22.<sup>8</sup> In particular, Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the

Act<sup>9</sup> requires that the rule change be consistent with the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and derivative agreements, contracts and transactions cleared by ICC, the safeguarding of securities and funds in the custody or control of ICC or for which it is responsible, and the protection of investors and the public interest.

ICC believes the proposed changes would enhance its ability to effectuate a successful recovery as well as to execute an orderly wind-down by providing updates and additional clarity with respect to ICC's recovery and wind-down processes and procedures. As discussed herein, the proposed revisions ensure that relevant information regarding ICC for recovery and wind-down planning is current, including updated information regarding personnel and facilities, finances and operations, and financial resources for recovery and wind-down. The proposed amendments also reflect and relate to changes that impacted ICC in the past year, including changes to the Board composition from the adoption of the Sixth A&R Operating Agreement and the responsibilities and membership composition of internal committees based on their amended charters. Such changes ensure that the Plans clearly and accurately set out the functions of the Board and committees to remain effective and to ensure that these groups carry out their required functions. To support and enhance the implementation of the Plans, additional language clarifications or edits are included so that the Plans remain up-to-date, transparent, and focused on clearly articulating the policies and procedures used to support ICC's recovery and wind-down efforts. Such revisions include additional details regarding required disclosures, references to relevant policies, updated information regarding recovery tools, and amended language that is intended to be more precise. The Plans would thus promote ICC's ability to continue providing clearing services with as little disruption as possible, and should continuation not be feasible, promote ICC's ability to discontinue clearing services in an orderly manner with minimum negative impact to the marketplace and stakeholders. Accordingly, in ICC's view, the proposed rule change is consistent with the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, derivatives agreements, contracts, and transactions, the safeguarding of securities and funds in the custody or

control of ICC or for which it is responsible, and the protection of investors and the public interest, within the meaning of Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.<sup>10</sup>

The proposed rule change would also satisfy the relevant requirements of Rule 17Ad-22.<sup>11</sup> Rule 17Ad-22(e)(2)<sup>12</sup> requires ICC to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to provide for governance arrangements that are (i) clear and transparent; (iii) support the public interest requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>13</sup> applicable to clearing agencies, and the objectives of owners and participants; and (v) specify clear and direct lines of responsibility. The Plans clearly and transparently set forth the governance arrangements that are relevant to recovery and wind-down, including the roles and responsibilities of the Board, applicable committees, and management. The Plans assign and document responsibility and accountability for key recovery and wind-down decisions, such as activating the Recovery Plan and deciding to wind-down the business, and require consultation or approval from relevant parties. Given the change in Board composition, the proposed changes update procedures for seeking additional capital in a recovery scenario and update procedures for seeking required consultations or approvals in a wind-down scenario from the ICE Group. The amendments ensure that the procedures for implementing these actions in a recovery or wind-down scenario are up-to-date, transparent, and effective such that responsible parties can act promptly without unnecessary delay. Moreover, the governance arrangements in the Plans promote the safety and efficiency of ICC and support the public interest requirements in Section 17A of the Act<sup>14</sup> applicable to clearing agencies, and the objectives of owners and participants, by describing the roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders to ensure that such groups or individuals are able to discharge their responsibilities. As such, ICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(2).<sup>15</sup>

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii)<sup>16</sup> requires ICC to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22.

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(2).

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

reasonably designed to maintain a sound risk management framework for comprehensively managing legal, credit, liquidity, operational, general business, investment, custody, and other risks that arise in or are borne by ICC, which includes plans for the recovery and orderly wind-down of ICC necessitated by credit losses, liquidity shortfalls, losses from general business risk, or any other losses. The Recovery Plan continues to establish ICC's actions to maintain its viability as a going concern to address any uncovered credit loss, liquidity shortfall, capital inadequacy, or business, operational or other structural weakness that threatens ICC's viability. The Wind-Down Plan continues to establish how ICC could be wound-down in an orderly manner should its recovery efforts fail. As described above, the proposed changes include updates and edits to promote clarity and to ensure that the information in the Plans is current, such as updated information regarding financial resources for recovery and wind-down, updated information regarding recovery tools, including updated procedures for seeking additional capital from the ICE Group, and updated procedures for seeking required consultations or approvals in a wind-down scenario. In ICC's view, such changes would ensure that the Plans remain useful and effective in a recovery and wind-down scenario. The proposed rule change would thus promote ICC's ability to carry out a successful recovery or orderly wind-down, consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii).<sup>17</sup>

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(15)<sup>18</sup> requires ICC to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to identify monitor, and manage ICC's general business risk and hold sufficient liquid net assets funded by equity to cover potential general business losses so that ICC can continue operations and services as a going concern if those losses materialize, including by (i) determining the amount of liquid net assets funded by equity based upon its general business risk profile and the length of time required to achieve a recovery or orderly wind-down, as appropriate, of its critical operations and services if such action is taken; (ii) holding liquid net assets funded by equity equal to the greater of either (x) six months of ICC's current operating expenses, or (y) the amount determined by the Board to be sufficient to ensure a recovery or orderly wind-down of critical operations and

services of ICC, as contemplated by the plans established under Rule 17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii);<sup>19</sup> and (iii) maintain a viable plan, approved by the Board and updated at least annually, for raising additional equity should its equity fall close to or below the amount required under Rule 17Ad-22(e)(15)(ii).<sup>20</sup> The Plans continue to analyze ICC's particular circumstances and risks to ensure that ICC maintains financial resources necessary to implement both Plans and that ICC remains in compliance with all regulatory capital requirements. The Plans include updated information on the financial resources maintained by ICC for recovery and to support wind-down in compliance with relevant regulations and include procedures to follow in case of any shortfall. Such changes continue to ensure that the Plans remain accurate and useful and that ICC holds sufficient liquid net assets to achieve recovery or orderly wind-down. As such, ICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(15).<sup>21</sup>

#### *(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition*

ICC does not believe the proposed rule change would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The proposed changes to the Plans will apply uniformly across all market participants. The changes are being proposed to promote clarity and ensure that the information provided is current in the Plans. ICC does not believe the amendments would affect the costs of clearing or the ability of market participants to access clearing. Therefore, ICC does not believe the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is inappropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### *(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not been solicited or received. ICC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by ICC.

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period

up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ICC-2022-004 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ICC-2022-004. 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 (<http://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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ICE Clear Credit and on ICE Clear Credit's website at <https://www.theice.com/clear-credit/regulation>.

All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(15).

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(3)(ii).

<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(15)(ii).

<sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(15).

redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–ICC–2022–004 and should be submitted on or before May 5, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>22</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11708]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: MyTravelGov

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments up to May 16, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to CA/EX Special Assistant Robin Patzelt, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of the Executive Director, SA–17, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20522–1707, who may be reached on 202–485–7365 or at [PublicCommentsEX@state.gov](mailto:PublicCommentsEX@state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• *Title of Information Collection:* MyTravelGov.

- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of the Executive Director (CA/EX).
- *Form Number:* No form.
- *Respondents:* Individuals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,128,741 annually.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 4,128,741 annually.
- *Average Time per Response:* Five minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 344,062 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

MyTravelGov is an electronic account creation and validation portal. U.S. citizens who wish to submit applications for consular services online (electronic applications) instead of submitting paper applications must create a unique user account through MyTravelGov. The unique user account will safeguard the submission and storage of personally identifiable information necessary to process an online application. The information collected will also be used by servers to validate subsequent log-ons to the unique user account or attempts to reset the account password to ensure the security and integrity of accounts.

#### Methodology

Information is collected when an individual logs on to the MyTravelGov

web portal and elects to create a unique user account.

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36601]

### Great Basin and Northern Railroad—Change in Operators Exemption—in Elko and White Pine Counties, Nev.

Great Basin and Northern Railroad (Great Basin), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41 to assume operations over 127 miles of rail line between milepost 0.0 at or near Cobre, Nev., and milepost 127.0 at or near McGill Junction in White Pine County, Nev. (the Line).<sup>1</sup> The Line is owned by the City of Ely (the City) and the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation (the Foundation) and currently is operated by S&S Shortline Leasing, LLC (S&S). Great Basin states that it has recently reached an agreement with the City and the Foundation to replace S&S as the operator over the Line, and that S&S has agreed to cooperate in this change.

Great Basin states that it currently possesses Board authorization to operate a connecting line extending from milepost 127.0 to milepost 146.1 at or near Keystone, Nev., and two branch lines connecting to that line segment. *See Great Basin & N. R.R.—Change in Operators Exemption—City of Ely*, FD 34506 (STB served June 7, 2004); *Great Basin & N. R.R.—Change in Operators Exemption—City of Ely*, FD 36549 (STB served Nov. 27, 2020).

Great Basin certifies that the proposed transaction does not involve a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. Great Basin also certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. Great Basin states, however, that there are no customers on the Line.

The transaction may be consummated on or after April 28, 2022, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

<sup>1</sup> Great Basin states the STB previously authorized S&S Shortline Leasing, LLC, to operate the Line in *S&S Shortline Leasing, LLC—Operation Exemption—City of Ely, Nev.*, FD 35284 (STB served Aug. 14, 2009).

<sup>22</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).