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**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36363]

### **CSX Transportation, Inc.—Corporate Family Merger Exemption—The Home Avenue Rail-Road Company**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), a Class I carrier, and The Home Avenue Rail-Road Company (HARR) (collectively, the Parties) have filed a verified notice of exemption for an intra-corporate family transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). CSXT directly controls and operates HARR. HARR owns approximately 2.9 miles of railroad and 3.99 miles of yard switching track in the State of Ohio. Under the proposed transaction, HARR will be merged into CSXT with CSXT as the surviving corporate entity.<sup>1</sup>

The Parties state that the purpose of the transaction is to simplify the corporate structure and reduce overhead costs. According to the Parties, the transaction will reduce corporate overhead and duplication by eliminating one corporation, while retaining the same assets to serve customers, and will allow CSXT to obtain various savings.

Unless stayed, the exemption will be effective on December 15, 2019 (30 days after the verified notice was filed). The Parties state that they intend to consummate the proposed transaction on or after that date.

The Parties state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3).

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. As a condition to the use of this exemption, any employees adversely affected by this transaction will be protected by the conditions set forth in *New York Dock Railway—Control—Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

<sup>1</sup> An executed copy of the agreement and plan of merger was filed on November 15, 2019, to replace the draft agreement attached to the verified notice of exemption.

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 December 6, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36363, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

According to the Parties, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

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

Decided: November 25, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Eden Besera,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) at, [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov), for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be sent to the TVA Senior Privacy Program Manager, and the OMB Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for Tennessee Valley Authority, Washington, DC 20503, or email: [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov), no later than December 30, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to

the Senior Privacy Program Manager: Christopher A. Marsalis, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W Summit Hill Dr. (WT 5D), Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401; telephone (865) 632-2467 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [camarsalis@tva.gov](mailto:camarsalis@tva.gov).

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Type of Request:** Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**Title of Information Collection:** Employment Application.

**OMB Approval Number:** 3316-0063.

**Frequency of Use:** On Occasion.

**Type of Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Small Businesses or Organizations**

**Affected:** No.

**Federal Budget Functional Category Code:** 999.

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 2,683.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 2,298.

**Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response:** .85.

**Need for and Use of Information:**

Applications for employment are needed to collect information on qualifications, suitability for employment, and eligibility for veteran's preference. The information is used to make comparative appraisals and to assist in selections. The affected public consists of individuals who apply for TVA employment.

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Notice of Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of product exclusions.

**SUMMARY:** In September 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated a product exclusion process in June 2019, and interested persons have submitted requests for the exclusion of specific