

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Extension:  
Rule 15c2-1

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15c2-1, (17 CFR 240.15c2-1), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 15c2-1 prohibits the commingling under the same lien of securities of margin customers (a) with other customers without their written consent, and (b) with the broker-dealer. The rule also prohibits the re-hypothecation of customers' margin securities for a sum in excess of the customer's aggregate indebtedness. Pursuant to Rule 15c2-1, respondents must collect information necessary to prevent the re-hypothecation of customer securities in contravention of the rule, issue and retain copies of notices of hypothecation of customer securities in accordance with the rule, and collect written consents from customers in accordance with the rule. The information is necessary to ensure compliance with the rule, and to advise customers of the rule's protections.

There are approximately 48 respondents (*i.e.*, broker-dealers that conducted business with the public, filed Part II or Part IICSE of the FOCUS Report, did not claim an exemption from the Rule 15c3-3 reserve formula computation, and reported that they had a bank loan during at least one quarter of the current year) that require an aggregate total of approximately 1,080 hours to comply with the rule. Each of these approximately 48 registered broker-dealers makes an estimated 45 annual responses. Each response takes approximately 0.5 hours to complete. Thus, the total burden per year is approximately 1,080 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: December 18, 2020.

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 11287]

**Sudan; Determination Under Presidential Proclamation**

I hereby determine, in accordance with section 5 of Presidential Proclamation No. 6958, of November 22, 1996, that the suspension of entry into the United States of members or officials of the Government of Sudan (GOS) and members of the Sudanese armed forces is no longer necessary and should be terminated given the termination of the restrictive measures in UN Security Council Resolution 1054 and its successor resolution UNSCR 1070, and the significant shift in U.S. foreign policy toward Sudan following the installation of the new Sudanese Civilian-Led Transitional Government. Restrictions imposed in said proclamation, pursuant to Section 212(f) and 215 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 as amended (8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and section 301 of title 3, United States Code shall therefore lapse, and said proclamation shall terminate effective immediately.

This determination will be reported to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 15, 2020.

**Michael R. Pompeo,**

*Secretary of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36456]

**Dutchtown Southern Railroad, L.L.C.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Illinois Central Railroad Company**

Dutchtown Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (DUSR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) and operate approximately 9,285 feet of track known as the Rubber Lead Track, extending from a point on the Line roughly adjacent to milepost 386 + 1636.15' on IC's parallel main line, extending southeastward to a point proximate to milepost 388 + 357' on the aforementioned, parallel-running IC main line in Geismar, Ascension Parish, La. (the Line).<sup>1</sup>

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Dutchtown Southern Railroad, L.L.C.*, Docket No. FD 36457, in which Watco Holdings, Inc., seeks to continue in control of DUSR upon DUSR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

DUSR states that it and IC will shortly execute agreements pursuant to which DUSR will lease the Line from IC and will be the operator of the Line. DUSR further states that the proposed agreements between DUSR and IC do not contain any provision limiting DUSR's future interchange of traffic on the Line with a third-party connecting carrier.

DUSR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in DUSR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. DUSR further certifies that its projected annual revenue will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 8, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption

<sup>1</sup> The verified notice indicates that DUSR also will secure rights to operate into IC's Geismar storage yard for purposes of interchanging rail cars there with IC.