

the phase-in period for the manual trade exception in proposed new Supplementary Material .02(b) of Rule G–14 RTRS Procedures by one additional year. While the MSRB does not intend at this time to provide an interim period for optional use of the manual trade indicator, the MSRB intends to provide a sufficient implementation timeframe, publish updated technical specifications and will work with dealers to provide interpretive guidance, facilitate free testing and other appropriate support to ensure that all dealers have significant opportunity to prepare systems and processes to achieve full compliance with the proposed rule change.²²³ The Commission believes that the MSRB, through its responses and through proposed changes in Amendment No. 1 has addressed commenters' concerns.

The Commission has also reviewed the record for the proposed rule change and notes that the record does not contain any information to indicate that the proposed rule change would have a negative effect on capital formation. Further, the Commission finds that the possible increased investor protections offered by reducing the timeframe for trade reporting could foster greater faith in the integrity of the municipal securities market, increasing participation in this market, thereby increasing capital formation.

The Commission also finds that the proposed rule change includes provisions that help promote efficiency. In particular, the Commission believes that the reduced timeframe for trade reporting could further reduce information asymmetries between market professionals and retail investors by increasing access to more timely information about executed transactions.

For the reasons noted above, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²²⁴ that the proposed rule change (SR–MSRB–2024–01), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, pursuant to delegated authority.²²⁵

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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²²³ See MSRB Letter at 24.

²²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²²⁵ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12554]

Notice of Public Meeting: International Information and Communications Policy Division Stakeholder Briefing

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The State Department will hold a public meeting at 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (ET) on WebEx with the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy's International Information and Communications Policy (CDP/ICP) division. The purpose of the meeting is to brief stakeholders on CDP/ICP's past and upcoming international engagements. These include engagement at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Organization of American States Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum Telecommunications and Information Working Group, the Group of Seven (G7) Digital & Tech Working Group, the Group of Twenty (G20) Digital Economy Task Force, and other multilateral processes and bilateral digital and ICT dialogues.

DATES: The meeting will be on October 9, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Coreene White, Foreign Affairs Officer, CDP/ICP, at WhiteCE@state.gov or 771–205–9909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information about the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy is accessible at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/deputy-secretary-of-state/bureau-of-cyberspace-and-digital-policy/>.

We encourage anyone wanting to attend this virtual meeting to register using the following link by 5 p.m. Monday, October 7: <https://statedept.webex.com/statedept/j.php?MTID=m5a8fd865411e9795f1b79405cceed2ed>.

Requests for reasonable accommodation made after Wednesday, October 2 will be considered but might not be able to be accommodated. The public may have an opportunity to provide comments at this meeting.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. (ET)

Opening Remarks
Briefings on CDP/ICP's past and upcoming activities
Public Comment

Adjournment

Stephan A. Lang,

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2024–4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has adopted the fourth quarter 2024 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* October 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245–0333. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245–0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) is an index formulated to represent changes in railroad costs incurred by the nation's largest railroads over a specified period of time. The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is required by law to publish the RCAF on at least a quarterly basis. Each quarter, the Association of American Railroads computes three types of RCAF figures and submits those figures to the Board for approval. The Board has reviewed the submission and adopts the RCAF figures for the fourth quarter of 2024. The fourth quarter 2024 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 0.961. The fourth quarter 2024 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.375. The fourth quarter 2024 RCAF–5 is 0.354. Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: September 20, 2024.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz.

Zantori Dickerson,
Clearance Clerk.

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