

ACTION: Notice of vacancies on federal advisory committee and solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) hereby gives notice of nine vacancies on its Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) for one representative from Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited; one representative from CSX Transportation, Inc.; one representative from Class II and III railroads; two representatives from electric utilities; one representative from biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; two representatives from the petroleum shipping industry; and one at-large representative. The Board is soliciting nominations from the public for candidates to fill these vacancies.

DATES: Nominations for candidates for membership on RETAC are due August 8, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted via e-filing on the Board's website under Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth McGrath at 202-748-4566. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates, practices, and service issues, (49 U.S.C. 10701-47, 11101-24), the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines, (49 U.S.C. 10901-07), as well as railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements, (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-27).

The Board established RETAC in 2007 as a federal advisory committee consisting of a balanced cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders to provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, railroads, and users of energy resources. RETAC operates under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 10).

RETAC's membership is balanced and representative of interested and affected parties, consisting of not less than: one representative from each of the Class I railroads; three representatives from Class II and III railroads; three representatives from coal producers;

five representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility); four representatives from biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; two representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers; three representatives from the petroleum shipping industry; two representatives from renewable energy sources; and one representative from a labor organization.¹ The Committee may also include up to two at large members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors.

Members are selected by the Chairman of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the Board. The Chairman may invite representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy, and Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on RETAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members. The members of the Board serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee.

RETAC meets at least twice per year. Meetings are typically held at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, but may be held virtually or in other locations. Members of RETAC serve without compensation and without reimbursement of travel expenses. Further information about RETAC is available on the RETAC page of the Board's website at www.stb.gov/resources/stakeholder-committees/retac/.

The Board is soliciting nominations from the public for candidates to fill nine vacancies RETAC, including one representative from Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited; one representative from CSX Transportation, Inc.; one representative from Class II and III railroads; two representatives from electric utilities; one representative from biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; two representatives from the petroleum shipping industry; and one at-large representative. All the vacancies are for three-year terms ending September 30, 2028. According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered

¹ This membership breakdown reflects the addition of two Class I railroad seats (to include all six Class Is) and two additional petroleum shipping industry seats, to improve the representative balance of individuals experienced in issues affecting the transportation of energy resources. An updated RETAC charter is forthcoming.

lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as RETAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See *Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Fed. Advisory Comms., Bds., & Comm'ns*, 79 FR 47,482 (Aug. 13, 2014). Members of RETAC are appointed to serve in a representative capacity.

Nominations for candidates to fill the vacancies should be filed in letter form and should include: (1) the name, position, and business contact information of the candidate to include email address and phone number; (2) the interest the candidate will represent; (3) a summary of the candidate's experience and qualifications for the position; (4) a representation that the candidate is willing to serve as a member of RETAC; and, (5) a statement that the candidate agrees to serve in a representative capacity. Candidates may nominate themselves. Nominations should be filed with the Board by August 8, 2025. Please note that submissions will be posted publicly on the Board's website under Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2).

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1321; 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: July 3, 2025.

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

Zantori Dickerson,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 23)]

Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board (Board).

ACTION: Notice of vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Board hereby gives notice of vacancies on RSTAC for a small railroad representative and a small shipper representative. The Board seeks nominations for candidates to fill these vacancies.

DATES: Nominations are due on August 8, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted via e-filing on the Board's website at www.stb.gov. Submissions will be posted to the Board's website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 23).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Lyons at (202) 997-7813. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Board, created in 1996 to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates, practices, and service issues, (49 U.S.C. 10701-47, 11101-24), the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-07), as well as railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements, (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-27).

The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), enacted on December 29, 1995, established RSTAC to advise the Board's Chairman; the Secretary of Transportation; the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with respect to rail transportation policy issues RSTAC considers significant. RSTAC focuses on issues of importance to small shippers and small railroads. ICCTA instructs RSTAC to endeavor to develop private sector mechanisms to prevent, or identify and address, obstacles to the most effective and efficient transportation system practicable. The members of RSTAC also prepare an annual report concerning RSTAC's activities. RSTAC is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RSTAC's 15 appointed members include representatives of small and large shippers, and small and large railroads. These members are appointed by the Chairman of the Board. In addition, members of the Board and the Secretary of Transportation serve as ex officio members. Of the 15 appointed members, nine are voting members and are appointed from senior executive officers of organizations engaged in the railroad and rail shipping industries. At least four of the voting members must be representatives of small shippers as determined by the Chairman of the Board, and at least four of the voting members must be representatives of Class II or III railroads. The remaining voting member has traditionally been an at-large representative. The other six members—three representing Class I railroads and three representing large shipper organizations—serve in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, but may participate in RSTAC deliberations.

Meetings of RSTAC are required by statute to be held at least semi-annually. RSTAC typically holds meetings quarterly at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, although some meetings are held virtually or in other locations.

The members of RSTAC receive no compensation for their services and are required to provide for the expenses incidental to their service, including travel expenses. Currently, RSTAC members have elected to submit annual dues to pay for certain RSTAC expenses.

RSTAC members must be citizens of the United States and represent as broadly as practicable the various segments of the railroad and rail shipper industries. They may not be full-time employees of the United States Government. According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as RSTAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See *Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Fed. Advisory Comms., Bds., & Comm'ns*, 79 FR 47,482 (Aug. 13, 2014). Members of RSTAC are appointed to serve in a representative capacity.

Each RSTAC member is appointed for a term of three years. No member will be eligible to serve in excess of two consecutive terms. However, a member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has taken office.

Due to the retirement and resignation of a small railroad representative and the expiration of the term of a small shipper representative, the Board is seeking to fill two RSTAC positions. Nominations for candidates to fill either vacancy should be submitted in letter form, identifying the name of the candidate and the vacancy for which the candidate is being nominated, providing a summary of why the candidate is qualified to serve on RSTAC, and containing representations that the candidate is willing to serve as an RSTAC member effective immediately upon appointment. Candidates may nominate themselves. RSTAC candidate nominations should be filed with the Board by August 8, 2025. Members selected to serve on RSTAC are chosen at the discretion of the Board's Chairman.

Please note that submissions will be posted on the Board's website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 23) and can also be obtained by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental

Affairs, and Compliance at RCPA@stb.gov or (202) 245-0238.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1325.

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

Zantori Dickerson,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Foreign Assets Control****Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action**

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons and vessels that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. The vessels placed on the SDN List have been identified as property in which a blocked person has an interest.

DATES: This action was issued on July 3, 2025. See Supplementary Information for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Availability**

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On July 3, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Entities

1. TRANS ARCTIC GLOBAL MARINE SERVICES PTE. LTD., Harbourfront