

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #18016 and #18017;
VERMONT Disaster Number VT-00046]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of
a Major Disaster for the State of
Vermont

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Amendment 5.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the
Presidential declaration of a major
disaster for the State of Vermont
(FEMA-4720-DR), dated 07/14/2023.
Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding,
Landslides, and Mudslides.
Incident Period: 07/07/2023 through
07/17/2023.

DATES: Issued on 08/31/2023.
Physical Loan Application Deadline
Date: 10/12/2023.
Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan
Application Deadline Date: 04/15/2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan
applications to: U.S. Small Business
Administration, Processing and
Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport
Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster
Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small
Business Administration, 409 3rd Street
SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416,
(202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice
of the President's major disaster
declaration for the State of Vermont,
dated 07/14/2023, is hereby amended to
extend the deadline for filing
applications for physical damages as a
result of this disaster to 10/12/2023.
All other information in the original
declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Number 59008)
Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster
Recovery & Resilience.
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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2023-0035]

Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Request and
Comment Request

The Social Security Administration
(SSA) publishes a list of information
collection packages requiring clearance
by the Office of Management and
Budget (OMB) in compliance with
Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, effective October
1, 1995. This notice includes revisions
of OMB-approved information
collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the
accuracy of the agency's burden
estimate; the need for the information;
its practical utility; ways to enhance its
quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to
minimize burden on respondents,
including the use of automated
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology. Mail, email, or
fax your comments and
recommendations on the information
collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer
and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at
the following addresses or fax numbers.
(OMB) Office of Management and
Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax:

202-395-6974, Email address: *OIRA_*
Submission@omb.eop.gov.
Submit your comments online
referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-
2023-0035].
(SSA) Social Security Administration,
OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director,
Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security
Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833-
410-1631, Email address:
OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.
Or you may submit your comments
online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, referencing Docket
ID Number [SSA-2023-0035].

I. The information collections below
are pending at SSA. SSA will submit
them to OMB within 60 days from the
date of this notice. To be sure we
consider your comments, we must
receive them no later than November 7,
2023. Individuals can obtain copies of
the collection instruments by writing to
the above email address.

1. Agreement to Sell Property—20
CFR 416.1240-1245-0960-0127.
Individuals or couples who are
otherwise eligible for Supplemental
Security Income (SSI) payments, but
whose resources exceed the allowable
limit, may receive conditional payments
if they agree to dispose of the excess
non-liquid resources and make
repayments. SSA uses Form SSA-8060-
U3 to document this agreement, and to
ensure the individuals understand their
obligations. Respondents are applicants
for and recipients of SSI payments who
will be disposing of excess non-liquid
resources.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-
approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
SSA-8060-U3	20,000	1	20	6,667	* \$29.76	** \$198,410

* We based this figures on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).
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2. Work Activity Report (Self-
Employment)—20 CFR 404.1520(b),
404.1571-404.1576, 404.1584-
404.1593, and 416.971-416.976-
0960-0598. SSA uses Form SSA-820-
BK to determine initial or continuing
eligibility for: (1) Title II Social Security
disability benefits (SSDI); or (2) Title
XVI SSI payments. Under Titles II and
XVI of the Social Security Act,
recipients receive disability benefits and
SSI payments based on their inability to
engage in substantial gainful activity

(SGA) due to a physical or mental
condition. Therefore, when the
recipients resume work, they must
report their work so SSA can evaluate
and determine by law whether they
continue to meet the disability
requirements. SSA uses Form SSA-820-
BK to obtain information on self-
employment activities of Social Security
Title II and XVI disability applicants
and recipients. We use the data we
obtain to evaluate disability claims, and
to help us determine if the claimant

meets current disability provisions
under Titles II and XVI. Since
applicants for disability benefits or
payments must prove an inability to
perform any kind of SGA generally
available in the national economy for
which we expect them to qualify based
on age, education, and work experience,
any work an applicant performed until,
or subsequent to, the date the disability
allegedly began, affects our disability
determination. The respondents are

applicants and claimants for SSI payments or SSDI benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or for teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
SSA-820-BK (in Office)	12,144	1	30	6,072	*\$12.81	**24	***\$140,013
SSA-820-BK (phone)	36,428	1	30	18,214	*12.81	**19	***381,085
SSA-820-BK (paper)	48,571	1	30	24,286	*12.81	0	***311,104
SSA-820-APP (online submission)	2,857	1	30	1,429	*12.81	0	***18,305

* We based this figure on average DI payments, as reported in SSA's disability insurance payment data (<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2023factsheet.pdf>).

** We based this figure on the average FY 2022 wait times for field offices and teleservice centers, based on SSA's current management information data.

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3. Social Security's Public Credentialing and Authentication Process—20 CFR 401.45 and 402—0960–0789.

Background

Authentication is the foundation for secure, online transactions. Identity authentication is the process of determining, with confidence, that someone is who he or she claims to be during a remote, automated session. It comprises three distinct factors: something you know; something you have; and something you are. Single-factor authentication uses one of the factors, and multi-factor authentication uses two or more of the factors.

SSA's Public Credentialing and Authentication Process

SSA offers consistent authentication across SSA's secured online services. We allow our users to request and maintain only one User ID, consisting of a self-selected username and password, to access multiple Social Security electronic services. Designed in accordance with the OMB Memorandum M–04–04 and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800–63, this process provides the means of authenticating users of our secured electronic services and streamlines access to those services.

SSA's public credentialing and authentication process:

- Issues a single User ID to anyone who wants to do business with the agency and meets the eligibility criteria;
- Partners with an external Identity Services Provider (ISP) to help us verify the identity of our online customers;
- Complies with relevant standards;
- Offers access to some of SSA's workloads online, while providing a high level of confidence in the identity of the person requesting access to these services;

- Offers an in-person process for those who are uncomfortable with or unable to use the internet process;
- Balances security with ease of use; and
- Provides a user-friendly way for the public to conduct extended business with us online instead of visiting local servicing offices or requesting information over the phone. Individuals have real-time access to their Social Security information in a safe and secure web environment.

Public Credentialing and Authentication Process Features

We collect and maintain the users' personally identifiable information (PII) in our Central Repository of Electronic Authentication Data Master File Privacy Act system of records, which we published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 79065). The PII may include the users' name; address; date of birth; Social Security number (SSN); phone number; and other types of identity information [e.g., address information of persons from the W–2 and Schedule Self Employed forms we receive electronically for our programmatic purposes as permitted by 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(1)(A)]. We may also collect knowledge-based authentication data, which is information users establish with us or that we already maintain in our existing Privacy Act systems of records.

We retain the data necessary to administer and maintain our e-Authentication infrastructure. This includes management and profile information, such as blocked accounts; failed access data; effective date of passwords; and other data allowing us to evaluate the system's effectiveness. The data we maintain also may include archived transaction data and historical data.

We use the information from this collection to identity proof and authenticate our users online, and to

allow them access to their personal information from our records. We also use this information to provide second factor authentication. We are committed to expanding and improving this process so we can grant access to additional online services in the future.

Offering online services is not only an important part of meeting SSA's goals, but is vital to good public service. In increasing numbers, the public expects to conduct complex business over the internet. Ensuring SSA's online services are both secure and user-friendly is a high priority.

We awarded a competitively bid contract to an ISP, Equifax,¹ to help us verify the identity of our online customers. We use this ISP, in addition to our other authentication methods, to help us prove, or verify, the identity of our customers when they are completing online or electronic transactions with us.

Social Security's Authentication Strategy

We remain committed to enhancing our online services using authentication processes that balance usability and security. We will continue to research and develop new authentication tools while monitoring the emerging threats.

The following are key components of our authentication strategy:

- Enrollment and Identity Verification—Individuals who meet the following eligibility requirements may enroll:
 - Must have a valid email address;
 - Must have a valid Social Security number (SSN);
 - Must have a domestic address of record (includes military addresses); and
 - Must be at least 18 years of age.

We collect identifying data and use SSA and ISP records to verify an

¹ Equifax is a global information solutions provider. Equifax's solutions help Social Security to manage risk and mitigate fraud.

individual’s identity. Individuals have the option of obtaining an enhanced, stronger, User ID by providing certain financial information (e.g., Medicare wages, self-employed earnings, or the last eight digits of a credit card number) for verification. We also ask individuals to answer out-of-wallet questions so we can further verify their identities. Individuals who are unable to complete the process online can present identification at a field office to obtain a User ID.

- Establishing the User Profile—The individual self-selects a username and password, both of which can be of variable length and alphanumeric. We provide a password strength indicator to help the individual select a strong password. We also ask the individual to choose challenge questions for use in restoring a lost or forgotten username or password.

- Provide a Second Factor—We ask the individual to provide a text message enabled cell phone number or an email address. We consider the cell phone number or email address the second factor of authentication. We send a security code to the individual’s selected second factor. We require the individual to confirm its receipt by entering the security code online. Subsequently, each time the individual attempts to sign in to his or her online account, we will also send a message with a one-time security code to the individual’s selected second factor. The individual must enter the security code along with his or her username and password. The code is valid for only 10 minutes. If the individual does not enter the code within 10 minutes, the code expires, and the individual must request another code.

- Enhancing the User ID—If individuals opt to enhance or upgrade their User IDs, they must provide certain financial information for

verification. We mail a one-time-use upgrade code to the individual’s verified residential address. When the individual receives the upgrade code in the mail, he or she can enter this code online to enhance the security of the account. With extra security, we continue to require the individuals to sign in using their username, password, and a one-time security code we send to their second factor email address or cell phone number (whichever the users listed in their account).

- Sign in and Use—Our authentication process provides an individual with a User ID for access to our sensitive online Social Security services. Second factor authentication requires the individual to sign in with a username, password, and a one-time security code sent to the individual’s selected second factor. SSA expanded its existing capabilities to require second factor authentication for every online sign in. We also allow for maintenance of the second factor options. An individual who forgets the password can reset it automatically without contacting SSA.

Social Security’s Enrollment Process

The enrollment process is a one-time only activity. SSA requires the individuals to agree to the “Terms of Service” detailed on our website before we allow them to begin the enrollment process. The “Terms of Service” inform the individuals what we will and will not do with their personal information, and the privacy and security protections we provide on all data we collect. These terms also detail the consequences of misusing this service.

To verify the individual’s identity, we ask the individual to give us minimal personal information, which may include:

- Name;
- SSN;

- Date of birth;
- Address—mailing and residential;
- Telephone number;
- Email address;
- Financial information;
- Cell phone number; and
- Selecting and answering password reset questions.

We send a subset of this information to the ISP, who then generates a series of out-of-wallet questions back to the individual. The individual must answer all or most of the questions correctly before continuing in the process. The exact questions generated are unique to each individual.

This collection of information, or a subset of it, is mandatory for respondents who want to do business with SSA via the internet. We collect this information via the internet, on SSA’s public-facing website. We also offer an in-person identification verification process for individuals who cannot, or are not willing, to register online. For this process, the individual must go to a local SSA field office and provide identifying information. We do not ask for financial information with the in-person process.

We only collect the identity verification information one time, when the individual registers for a credential. We ask for the User ID (username and password) every time an individual signs in to our automated services. If individuals opt for the enhanced or upgraded account, they also either receive an email message or a text message on their cell phones (this serves as the second factor for authentication) each time they sign in.

The respondents are individuals who choose to use the internet or Automated Telephone Response System to conduct business with SSA.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
Internet Registrations	11,788,914	1	8	1,571,855	* \$29.76	.....	*** \$46,778,405
Internet Sign-Ins	124,989,089	1	1	2,083,151	* 29.76	.....	*** 6,194,574
Intranet Registration (RCS)	54,908	1	8	7,321	* 29.76	** 24	*** 871,492
Totals	136,832,911	.....	.....	3,662,327	.....	.....	** 53,844,471

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen’s hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).

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II. SSA submitted the information collection below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding this

information collection would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication.

To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than October 10, 2023. Individuals can obtain

copies of this OMB clearance package by writing to the
OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Authorization for the Social Security Administration to Obtain Wage and Employment Information from Payroll Data Providers—0960–0807.

Section 824 of the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2015, Public Law 114–74, authorizes SSA to enter into information exchanges with payroll data providers for the purposes of improving program administration and preventing improper payments in the SSDI and SSI programs. SSA uses Form SSA–8240, “Authorization for the Social Security Administration to Obtain Wage and Employment Information from Payroll Data Providers,” to secure the authorization needed from the relevant members of the public to obtain their wage and employment information from payroll data providers. Ultimately, SSA

uses this wage and employment information to help determine program eligibility and payment amounts.

The public can complete Form SSA–8240 using the following modalities: a paper form; the internet; and an in-office or telephone interview, during which an SSA employee documents the wage and employment information authorization information on one of SSA’s internal systems (the Modernized Claims System (MCS); the SSI Claims System; eWork; or iMain). The individual’s authorization will remain effective until one of the following four events occurs:

- SSA makes a final adverse decision on the application for benefits, and the applicant has filed no other claims or appeals under the Title for which SSA obtained the authorization;
- the individual’s eligibility for payments ends, and the individual has

not filed other claims or appeals under the Title for which SSA obtained the authorization;

- the individual revokes the authorization verbally or in writing; or
- the deeming relationship ends (for SSI purposes only).

SSA requests authorization on an as-needed basis as part of the following processes: (a) SSDI and SSI initial claims; (b) SSI redeterminations; and (c) SSDI Work Continuing Disability Reviews. The respondents are individuals who file for, or are currently receiving, SSDI or SSI payments, and any person whose income and resources SSA counts when determining an individual’s SSI eligibility or payment amount.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or for teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
SSA–8240 (paper)	150,000	1	8	20,000	* \$12.81	.....	*** \$256,200
Web Title II & Title XVI Electronic (MCS, MSSICS, and eWork)	697,580	1	3	34,879	* 12.81	* 21	*** 3,574,400
Internet	147,820	1	3	7,391	* 12.81	0	*** 94,679
Totals	995,400	.....	.....	62,270	.....	.....	*** 3,925,279

* We based this figure on the average DI payments based on SSA’s current FY 2023 data (<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2023factsheet.pdf>).

** We based this figure by averaging the average FY 2023 wait times for field offices and teleservice centers, based on SSA’s current management information data.

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2. Notice to Electronic Information Exchange Partners to Provide Contractor List—0960–0820. The Federal standards Privacy Act of 1974; E-Government act of 2002; and the National Institute of Standard Special Publications 800–53–4, requires SSA to maintain oversight of the information it provides to Electronic Information Exchange Partners (EIEPs). EIEPs obtain SSA data for the administration of federally funded and state-administered programs. SSA has a responsibility to monitor and protect the personally identifiable information SSA shares with other Federal and State agencies, and private organizations through the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act, and the Information Exchange Agreements

(IEA). Under the terms of the State Transmission Component IEA, and agency IEA, EIEPs agree to comply with Electronic Information Exchange security requirements and procedures for State and local Agencies exchanging electronic information with SSA. SSA’s Technical Systems Security Requirements document provides all agencies using SSA data ensure SSA information is not processed; maintained; transmitted; or stored in; or by means of data communications channel; electronic devices; computers; or computer networks located in geographic or virtual areas not subject to U.S. law. SSA conducts tri-annual compliance reviews of all State and local agencies, and Tribes with whom

we have an IEA, to verify appropriate security safeguards remain in place to protect the confidentiality of information SSA supplies. SSA requires any organization with an electronic data exchange agreement, to provide the SSA Regional Office contact a current list of contractors, or agents who have access to SSA data upon request. SSA uses Form SSA–731, Notice to Electronic Information Exchange Partners to Provide Contractor List to collect this. The respondents are Federal agencies; State, local, or tribal agencies; who exchange electronic information with SSA.

Type of Request: Revision to an OMB approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
SSA–731	300	1	20	100	* \$29.76	** \$2,976

* We based this figure on average State, local and tribal government worker’s salaries (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).

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Dated: September 1, 2023.

Naomi Sipple,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36719]

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of BNSF Railway Company

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company (RRVW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and to operate an approximately 0.4-mile rail line, extending from milepost 54.55 to milepost 54.95 in Casselton, Cass County, N.D. (the Line).¹

According to the verified notice, RRVW reached an agreement with BNSF in 2006 for acquisition and operation of the Line. RRVW states that the parties' transaction was consummated in 2006 and that RRVW has been operating over the Line since that time.² RRVW states, however, that it recently discovered that it inadvertently neglected to seek acquisition and operation authority for the Line from the Board when it acquired the Line from BNSF. RRVW now seeks after-the-fact Board authorization for its prior acquisition and operation of the Line.³

RRVW certifies that the proposed acquisition of the Line does not involve any interchange commitments. RRVW further certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not (and did not) result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier's projected annual revenues

will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, RRVW has filed a request for partial waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements to allow the exemption to take effect as soon as its waiver request is granted, but no earlier than 30 days after the filing of RRVW's notice of exemption. RRVW's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

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 September 15, 2023.

All pleadings referring to Docket No. FD 36719 should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on RRVW's representative, William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

According to RRVW, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(1)(i) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: September 5, 2023.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2023–0038]

Initial Decision That Certain Frontal Driver and Passenger Air Bag Inflators Manufactured by ARC Automotive Inc. and Delphi Automotive Systems LLC Contain a Safety Defect; and Scheduling of a Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of initial decision and public meeting.

SUMMARY: NHTSA will hold a public meeting regarding its initial decision that certain frontal and passenger air bag inflators manufactured by ARC and Delphi through January 2018 contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety and should be recalled.

DATES: The public meeting will be held at DOT headquarters in Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on October 5, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written submissions to the docket number identified in the heading of this document by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. Note that all written submissions received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act discussion below. We will consider all written submissions received before the close of business on Friday, October 20, 2023.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or written submissions received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to

¹ On September 1, 2023, RRVW filed an errata to its verified notice of exemption to note that the Line is an approximately 0.4-mile rail segment, rather than a 0.5-mile rail segment as previously indicated in its notice filed on August 23, 2023.

² RRVW states that, in 1987, it received authority from the agency to acquire the tracks, physical assets, and common carrier obligation for 656 miles of various rail lines from BNSF. *See Red River Valley & W. R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of Burlington N. R.R.*, FD 31071 (ICC served July 22, 1987). According to RRVW, the Line was not part of that original transaction but provides a connection from the lines acquired in 1987 to one of RRVW's customers, Tharaldson Ethanol.

³ RRVW is not seeking retroactive effectiveness for the exemption.