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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel PISTOLERO is:

*Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel:* Catch and release sport fishing without intent to sell fish.

*Geographic Region:* "Hawaii."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2014-0023 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 24, 2014.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2014 0026]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel NASHA III; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 31, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2014-0026. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel NASHA III is:

*Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel:* "Sightseeing in and around Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts."

*Geographic Region:* "Rhode Island and Massachusetts."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2014-0026 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested

parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 20, 2014.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2014 0024]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel C23; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 31, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2014-0024.

Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel C23 is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "We intend to operate passenger-only short excursions between Juneau, AK and Taku Inlet. Our Season of operation would be at most May 2014–September 2014 this year."

*Geographic Region:* "Alaska (limited to excursions between Juneau, AK and Taku Inlet, including Sitka Sound)"

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2014-0024 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

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Dated: February 24, 2014.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35805]

#### Central Maine & Quebec Railway U.S. Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.

Central Maine & Quebec Railway U.S. Inc. (CMQR),<sup>1</sup> a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate certain rail lines in the United States currently owned and operated by Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. (MMA).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> CMQR is a subsidiary of Rail Acquisition Holdings LLC (RAH). RAH is, in turn, indirectly owned and controlled by Fortress Worldwide Transportation and Infrastructure General Partnership (Fortress Worldwide), an investment fund managed by an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC (Fortress Investment).

<sup>2</sup> CMQR will acquire approximately 244.2 miles of rail lines located in the United States. The specific lines to be acquired by CMQR include: (1) A rail line beginning at a point in the vicinity of Searsport, Me., designated on MMA's system map as milepost 0.0+ of MMA's Searsport Subdivision and continuing north through the state of Maine through Brownville Junction to a point in the vicinity of Millinocket, Me., designated as milepost 109.00+1 of MMA's Madawaska Subdivision; (2) a rail line beginning at a point in the vicinity of Millinocket, Me., designated on MMA's system map as milepost 0.0+ of the East Millinocket Subdivision and continuing southeast to East Millinocket, Me., to a point designated as milepost 6.19+ of MMA's East Millinocket Subdivision; (3) a rail line beginning at a point in the vicinity of Brownville Junction, Me., designated on MMA's system map as milepost 0.0+ on MMA's K.I. Subdivision and continuing to a point in the vicinity of Brownville Junction, Me., designated as milepost 4.0+ of the K.I. Subdivision; (4) a rail line beginning in the vicinity of Brownville Junction, Me., from a point of connection with Eastern Maine Railway Company designated on MMA's system map as milepost 0.0+ of MMA's Moosehead Subdivision and continuing west to the United States/Canada border near Skinner, Me., designated as milepost 101.80+ of the Moosehead Subdivision; and (5) a rail line beginning at the United States/Canada border crossing in the vicinity of Richford, Vt., designated on MMA's system map as milepost 26.25+ of MMA's Newport Subdivision and continuing south to a point in the vicinity of Newport, Vt., designated as milepost 60.4+ at the end of the Newport Subdivision.

MMA and MMA's Canadian affiliate, Montreal Maine & Atlantic Canada Co. (MMA Canada) filed bankruptcy petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine and the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec, District of Montreal, respectively, on August 7, 2013, following a rail accident in Lac Mégantic, Que., on July 6, 2013. Since that time, the rail business of MMA and MMA Canada has been operated under the oversight of Robert J. Keach, the Chapter 11 Trustee in the MMA bankruptcy proceeding.

On December 12, 2013, RAH entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (Agreement) with Trustee Keach, MMA, and MMA Canada, pursuant to which RAH agreed to purchase certain rail assets of both MMA and MMA Canada. Thereafter, both the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and the Quebec Superior Court issued final orders approving the sale of the rail assets of MMA and MMA Canada to RAH.<sup>3</sup>

The purpose of the proposed transaction is to restore and preserve rail service on and over the rail lines of the bankrupt MMA located in Maine and Vermont. Although MMA has continued to provide certain rail services while in bankruptcy, east-west through service between points in Quebec and points in Maine has not been available to shippers since the Lac Mégantic disaster. CMQR and CMQR Canada will provide rail service over the entire pre-bankruptcy rail network of MMA and MMA Canada.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Fortress Investment Group LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C. and Central Maine & Quebec Railway U.S. Inc.*, Docket No. FD 35806, wherein Fortress Investment seeks Board approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C., and CMQR upon CMQR's becoming a carrier.

CMQR has certified that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in CMQR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, CMQR is required, at least

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to the Agreement, RAH will assign its rights under the Agreement to CMQR and to a Canadian subsidiary of RAH, Central Maine & Quebec Railway Canada, Inc. (CMQR Canada), to enable CMQR to acquire the U.S. rail assets of MMA and CMQR Canada to acquire the Canadian rail assets of MMA Canada. CMQR Canada will file an application with the Canada Transportation Agency to seek authority concerning these Canadian lines.