

necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

OMB Control 3245-0178.

Title: Statement of Personal History.

Description of Respondents:

Applicants participating in SBA programs.

Estimated Annual Responses:

142,000.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden:

35,500.

Curtis Rich,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date, time and agenda for a meeting of the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board. The meeting will be open to the public; however, advance notice of attendance is required.

DATES: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Karton, Office of Small Business Development Centers, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416; *Rachel.newman-karton@sba.gov*; 202-619-1816.

If anyone wishes to be a listening participant or would like to request accommodations, please contact Rachel Karton at the information above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the SBA announces the meetings of the National SBDC Advisory Board. This Board provides advice and counsel to the SBA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following pertaining to the SBDC Program:

- Annual Plan
- Outreach and Engagement with the SBDC State Directors

Additionally, SBA will be seeking three volunteers from the Advisory Board to participate as judges for the National Small Business Week Small Business Development Centers Excellence and Innovation Award.

Andrienne Johnson,

Committee Management Officer.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 857 (Sub-No. 2)]

Colorado Landowners—Adverse Abandonment—Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC in Weld County, Colo.

On October 5, 2022, a group of landowners (Landowners)¹ filed an application² under 49 U.S.C. 10903 requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) authorize the third-party, or adverse, abandonment of 6.2 miles of rail line extending from milepost 0.0 at Johnstown, Colo., to milepost 6.2 near Welty, Colo. (the Line), owned by Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC (Great Western). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 80534 and 80513.

According to the Landowners, the Line was constructed in 1902 and 1903 to transport sugar beets from a sugar beet dump facility, which closed in the 1970s. In 2008, Great Western filed a verified notice of exemption to abandon the Line. *See Great W. Ry. of Colo., LLC—Aban. Exemption—in Weld Cnty., Colo.*, Docket No. AB 857 (Sub-No. 1X). After notice of the exemption was served and published in the **Federal Register**, the Board issued a notice of interim trail use or abandonment authorizing negotiations for interim trail use/rail banking of the Line under the Board's regulations at 49 CFR 1152.29 and granted six one-year extensions of the deadline to exercise abandonment authority. However, in 2014, Great Western filed a letter stating that it had decided to reopen the Line and would not be consummating the abandonment.

¹ The 27 landowners are listed in Appendix 1 to the application.

² The application is considered filed 20 days after the Landowners filed a September 15, 2022 amendment to a September 13, 2022 revised environmental and historic report. *See Colo. Landowners—Adverse Aban.—Great W. Ry. of Colo., LLC, in Weld Cnty., Colo.*, AB 857 (Sub-No. 2), slip op. at 1 (STB served Sept. 7, 2022).

According to the Landowners, the Line has not been used for Board-regulated rail transportation for approximately 43 years and there is no reasonable prospect for such use in the foreseeable future. The Landowners state that no shippers have used the Line since 1979, and that the Line has been used only for random and sporadic rail car storage between 2008 and 2016. The Landowners further claim that Great Western has performed no maintenance on the railroad right-of-way, such that use of the Line for rail transportation is impossible and/or cost prohibitive. The Landowners state that they are seeking the adverse abandonment to pave the way for action under Colorado law to free the land from Great Western's easement.

In a decision served on February 11, 2022, the Landowners were granted exemptions from several statutory provisions and waivers of certain Board regulations that were unnecessary to the adverse abandonment application or that sought information not available to the Landowners.

The Landowners state that, to their knowledge, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the Landowners' possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The Landowners' entire case-in-chief for adverse abandonment was filed with the application.

The Landowners state that the interests of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person may file written comments concerning the proposed adverse abandonment or protests (including protestant's entire opposition case) by November 21, 2022. Persons who may oppose the proposed adverse abandonment but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons opposing the proposed adverse abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest, observing the filing, service, and content requirements of 49 CFR 1152.25. The Landowners' reply is due by December 5, 2022.

Any request for an interim trail use/rail banking condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 must be