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You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Derek Rivers at SA–17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522–1710, who may be reached on 202–485–6332 or at RiversDA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Smart Traveler Enrollment Program.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0152.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).
- *Form Number:* DS–4024, 4024e.
- *Respondents:* United States Citizens and Nationals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,010,389.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,010,389.
- *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 336,796 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted,

including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) makes it possible for U.S. nationals to register on-line from anywhere in the world. In the event of a family emergency, natural disaster or international crisis, U.S. embassies and consulates rely on this registration information to provide registrants with critical information and assistance. One of the main legal authorities for use of this form is 22 U.S.C. 2715.

Methodology

Ninety-nine percent of responses are received via electronic submission on the internet. The service is available on the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs website <http://travel.state.gov> at <https://step.state.gov/step/>. The paper version of the collection permits respondents who do not have internet access to provide the information to the U.S. embassy or consulate by fax, mail or in person.

Michelle Bernier-Toth,

Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10681]

Town Hall Meeting on Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty Regime

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of State (Department) will hold a Town Hall meeting, co-hosted by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, in Kalispell, Montana, to discuss the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) regime.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 20, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 7:00 p.m., Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Grand Ballroom, 20 S Main St., Suite 150, Kalispell, MT 59901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Julien Katchinoff, Deputy Negotiator, Office of Canadian Affairs, ColumbiaRiverTreaty@state.gov, 202–647–2228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Town Hall is part of the Department’s public engagement on the

modernization of the CRT regime. The meeting is open to the public, up to the capacity of the room. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be made to the email listed above, on or before March 13, 2019. The Department will consider requests made after that date, but might not be able to accommodate them. Information about the meeting, can be found at <https://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/ca/topics/c78892.htm> or by emailing the email address listed above. If you are unable to attend in person, you can listen to the Town Hall via phone by calling 1–800–356–8278 and entering the passcode 326034#.

Mark W. Cullinane,

Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36186]

Texas Railway Exchange LLC—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Galveston County, Texas

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Issuance of Draft Environmental Assessment; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board’s (Board’s) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) in response to a petition for exemption filed on November 21, 2018 by Texas Railway Exchange LLC (TREX) to construct and operate an approximately 2,800-foot line of railroad in the City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas. The proposed rail line would connect the Texas International Terminals facility (the Terminal) on Galveston Bay with an existing line of railroad operated by BNSF Railway Company by crossing an existing Union Pacific Railroad rail line. The proposed rail line would offer a new alternative rail transportation option for rail traffic entering and leaving the Terminal.

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of two alternative rail alignments, as well as the No-Action Alternative and preliminarily concludes that construction of the proposed rail line connection would have no significant environmental impacts if the Board imposes and TREX implements the recommended mitigation measures set forth in the Draft EA. The entire Draft