

Operations (OBO) will meet on Tuesday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public and will be held via WebEx Event.

This committee serves the U.S. government in a solely advisory capacity concerning industry and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations, and ideas related to the OBO mission of providing safe, secure, resilient and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to the host nation and support the Department's achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives abroad.

The majority of the meeting will be devoted to discussions between the Department's senior management and IAG representatives with respect to industry and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations, and ideas related to supporting OBO's vital mission. Additionally, time will be provided for members of the public to provide comment.

In order to register, please complete the event registration form via WebEx. Please forward any requests for reasonable accommodation by September 7. You can also visit the OBO website at <http://overseasbuildings.state.gov/> for additional information. Requests for reasonable accommodation made after that date will be considered but may not be able to be fulfilled.

Please contact Christine Foushee at [IAGR@state.gov](mailto:IAGR@state.gov), (202) 431-6890 with any questions.

**Addison D. Davis, IV,**  
Director, Bureau of Overseas Buildings  
Operations, Department of State.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36419]

### **New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation**

New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans (Railroad Commission), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation (NOPB)<sup>1</sup> and operate approximately 29.3 miles of rail line

and approximately 3.95 miles of assigned trackage rights. Railroad Commission states that it is a newly formed political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and is directed pursuant to state legislation to acquire all of the railroad operating assets of NOPB.

Railroad Commission describes the lines and trackage rights it seeks to acquire as follows:<sup>2</sup>

1. The NOPB main line from the connection with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) at milepost J8.3 at West Bridge Junction in Avondale, La., to milepost J1.1 at Southport Junction in Jefferson, La., and from milepost J0.3 at Lampert Junction in Jefferson to milepost J0.0 at the Jefferson/Orleans Parish border, a total distance of approximately 7.5 miles in two sections connected by the overhead trackage rights described in #7 below. The West Bridge Junction-Southport Junction section includes the Huey P. Long Bridge.

2. The NOPB main line from a milepost equation at the Jefferson/Orleans Parish border where milepost J0.0 = milepost 0.26 to the connection with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) at milepost 14.2 at Almonaster in New Orleans, a distance of approximately 13.94 miles.

3. The Burma West Lead in New Orleans from milepost 14.2 at Almonaster to the end of track at milepost 15.3, a distance of approximately 1.1 miles.

4. The Burma East Lead in New Orleans from the connection with CSXT at milepost 14.4 east of the Industrial Canal to the end of track at milepost 16.3, a distance of approximately 1.9 miles.

5. The Bulk Terminal Lead in New Orleans from the connection with CSXT at milepost G0.0 east of the Industrial Canal to milepost G1.5, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles.

6. Parallel line segments owned by Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) and leased to NOPB extending (1) between approximately IC milepost 906.1 at Central Avenue near East Bridge Junction in Shrewsbury, La., and the end of the track at approximately IC milepost 908.8 in Jefferson Parish, La.; and (2) between approximately IC

milepost 921.8 at Iris Avenue (approximately IC milepost 908.5 on the first segment) and approximately IC milepost 921.14 at Dakin Street near Lampert Junction in Jefferson Parish, a total distance of approximately 3.36 miles. (Between East Bridge Junction and Iris Avenue the leased lines consist of parallel tracks known as the Main Track and the A1 and A2 Track).

7. Overhead trackage rights on IC from IC milepost 449.9 at East Bridge Junction in Shrewsbury, La., through Southport Junction (NOPB milepost J1.1) to IC milepost 921.14 at Dakin Street near Lampert Junction (NOPB milepost J0.3), a distance of approximately 2.6 miles.<sup>3</sup> There is a milepost equation at Southport Junction, where IC milepost 451.7 = IC milepost 921.9.<sup>4</sup>

8. Overhead trackage rights on IC from IC Station 120+0.00 (NOPB milepost 3.4) at Nashville Avenue to IC Station 175+68.09 (NOPB milepost 4.4) at Valence Street in New Orleans, including the connection to the NOPB locomotive maintenance facility lead track at IC Station 163+80.0 (NOPB milepost 4.2) near Upperline Street, a distance of approximately 1.05 miles.<sup>5</sup>

9. Overhead trackage rights on CSXT from the connection with the NOPB main line described in #2 at CSXT milepost 801.5 at Almonaster in New Orleans across the Port-owned Industrial Canal Bridge to the connections with the Burma East Lead and Bulk Terminal Lead described in #4 and #5, respectively, at CSXT milepost 801.2 in New Orleans, a distance of approximately 0.3 miles.

<sup>3</sup> See *New Orleans Pub. Belt R.R.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Ill. Cent. R.R.*, FD 33182 (STB served Oct. 30, 1996). According to Railroad Commission, the eastern segment of these trackage rights, from Southport Junction to Lampert Junction, connects the two sections of NOPB's main line described in #1 above. Railroad Commission states that the western segment of the trackage rights, from East Bridge Junction to Southport Junction, is adjacent to and north of NOPB's main line between those points.

<sup>4</sup> Railroad Commission states that the overhead trackage rights described in #7 overlap with some of the line segments that NOPB currently leases, as described in #6, particularly with respect to the IC lines extending between East Bridge Junction and Dakin Street near Lampert Junction. According to Railroad Commission, despite this overlap, it will retain the overhead trackage rights described in #7, which it would exercise if it and IC were to agree to terminate the lease for the segments described in #6.

<sup>5</sup> See *Ill. Cent. R.R.—Joint Relocation Project Exemption—in New Orleans, La.*, FD 33533 (STB served Jan. 16, 1998); *Ill. Cent. R.R.—Joint Relocation Project Exemption—in New Orleans, La.*, FD 32598 (ICC served Nov. 16, 1994). Railroad Commission states that these trackage rights are parallel to NOPB's main line described in #2 above and serve as a bypass around Cotton Warehouse Yard.

<sup>1</sup> Railroad Commission states that NOPB is a corporate subsidiary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans (Port).

<sup>2</sup> NOPB was authorized to acquire and operate the segments described in #1 through #5 and #7 through #9 in *New Orleans Public Belt Railroad—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Public Belt Railroad Commission of the City of New Orleans*, FD 36149 (STB served Dec. 27, 2017). NOPB was authorized to lease and operate the segments described in #6 in *New Orleans Public Belt Railroad—Lease and Operation Exemption—Line of Illinois Central Railroad*, FD 36362 (STB served Dec. 13, 2019).

Railroad Commission states that it will also acquire NOPB's ownership or operating interests in all yard, industry, wharf, and lead tracks associated with the above line segments, including the Southern Recycling Lead, East Bridge Yard, Pacific Fruit Express Yard, Cotton Warehouse Yard, Race Yard, French Market Station, Pauline Yard, Claiborne Yard, France Yard, North Bulk Terminal Yard, South Bulk Terminal Yard, and Kingfish Yard. According to Railroad Commission, upon completion of the transaction, it will be a Class III switching and terminal railroad, providing neutral local and intermediate switching service to shippers and six connecting Class I railroads in the New Orleans area in place of NOPB.

Railroad Commission certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.<sup>6</sup> Because Railroad Commission's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, on July 2, 2020, Railroad Commission certified to the Board that it had complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) by posting notice on July 2, 2020 at workplaces of NOPB employees and by serving notice on the national offices of the labor unions representing NOPB employees on the same date. Railroad Commission further certifies that neither the legislation governing this transaction nor any of the agreements to which Railroad Commission would succeed in place of NOPB includes any provision limiting Railroad Commission's future interchange of traffic with any connecting carrier.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 10, 2020, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed). 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 to stay must be filed no later than September 3, 2020 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36419, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Railroad

Commission's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

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

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: August 24, 2020.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0153]

#### Request for Comments on the Approval of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act (CVSSA) Training Provider Certification

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used to assess CVSSA Training Provider Certification applicants against the CVSSA Model Course Standard. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 26, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. MARAD-2020-0153] through one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameron Naron, 202-366-1883, Office of Maritime Security, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Training Provider Certification.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0547.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* Section 3508 of the Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act (CVSSA) of 2010, Public Law 111-207 (as codified at 46 U.S.C. 3507-3508) provides the Maritime Administrator with discretionary authority to certify CVSSA training providers that comply with training standards developed by the USCG, FBI and the Maritime Administration (MARAD). The certification process necessarily requires applicants to provide supporting information to evidence their compliance with the CVSSA Model Course training standards.

*Respondents:* Cruise line companies and maritime industry training providers.

*Affected Public:* Passengers and crew onboard cruise lines.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 10.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 40.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 400.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

Dated: August 24, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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<sup>6</sup>Railroad Commission notes that, because it will operate as a switching and terminal railroad, it would be classified as a Class III carrier in any event under 49 CFR pt. 1201, General Instructions § 1-1(d).