

	Percent
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.250
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14768 6 and for economic injury is 14769 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Pennsylvania Maryland West Virginia.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: July 19, 2016.

**Maria Contreras-Sweet,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9655]

### U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on Family Law

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, gives notice of a public meeting to discuss a questionnaire prepared by the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law ("Hague Conference") on the topic of international parentage and surrogacy. The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

In March 2015, the Council on General Affairs and Policy ("Council") of the Hague Conference decided that an Experts' Group should be convened to explore the feasibility of advancing work on private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements. In preparation for the second meeting of the Experts' Group, the Permanent Bureau has circulated a questionnaire seeking ideas and views from members of the Experts' Group.

The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on the questions presented in the questionnaire. A copy of the questions to be discussed will be provided to individuals who will be participating in the public meeting.

Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to Michael Coffee at [coffeems@state.gov](mailto:coffeems@state.gov).

**Time and Place:** The meeting will take place from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT in Room 10.00, State Department Annex 17, 600 19th Street NW., Washington, DC 20522. Participants should plan to arrive at the North Entrance by 12:40 p.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

**Public Participation:** This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, and email address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) not later than September 6, 2016. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled.

If you would like to participate by telephone, please email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) to obtain the call-in number and other information. We ask that each person who intends to participate by telephone notify us directly so that we may ensure that we have adequate dial-in capacity.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities.

The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at [https://foia.state.gov/\\_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf](https://foia.state.gov/_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf) for additional information.

Dated: July 20, 2016.

**Michael S. Coffee,**

Attorney-Adviser, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36050]

### Iowa Southern Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc.

Iowa Southern Railway Company (ISR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire by lease from Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. (APNC) and to operate approximately 34.5 miles of rail line between milepost 0.0 in Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa, and milepost 34.5 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Progressive Rail Incorporated—Continuance in Control Exemption—Iowa Southern Railway*, Docket No. FD 36051, wherein Progressive Rail Incorporated seeks Board approval to continue in control of ISR, upon ISR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

ISR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million or result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. ISR states that the lease agreement does not include any provision limiting its future interchange of traffic on the line with a third-party connecting carrier.

The transaction may be consummated on or after August 13, 2016, 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 for stay must be filed no later than August 5, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36050, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Litwiler and Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to ISR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

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Decided: July 26, 2016.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina S. Contee,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36051]**

### **Progressive Rail Incorporated— Continuance in Control Exemption— Iowa Southern Railway Company**

Progressive Rail Incorporated (PGR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Iowa Southern Railway Company (ISR), upon ISR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Iowa Southern Railway Company—Lease & Operation Exemption—Appanoose County Community Railroad*, Docket No. FD 36050, wherein ISR seeks Board approval to lease and operate approximately 34.5 miles of rail line between milepost 0.0 in Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa, and milepost 34.5 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa.

The transaction may be consummated on or after August 13, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

PGR owns or operates rail lines in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois, and controls three other Class III rail carriers that operate rail lines in Minnesota, Missouri, and Iowa.

PGR represents that: (1) The rail line to be leased and operated by ISR does not connect with any of the rail lines of PGR or of the other three Class III rail carriers controlled by PGR; (2) the continuance in control is not a part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

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 by August 5, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

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Decided: July 26, 2016.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina S. Contee,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services of the Republic of Moldova**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States  
Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On September 21, 2015, the WTO Committee on Government Procurement approved the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). The United States, which also is a party to the GPA, has agreed to waive discriminatory purchasing requirements for eligible products and suppliers of the Republic of Moldova beginning on July 14, 2016.

**DATES:** Effective July 14, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Pietan, Director of International Procurement Policy, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 202-395-9646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 21, 2015, the WTO Committee on Government Procurement approved the accession of the Republic

of Moldova to the GPA. The Republic of Moldova submitted its instrument of accession to the Secretary-General of the WTO on June 14, 2016. The GPA will enter into force for the Republic of Moldova on July 14, 2016. The United States, which also is a party to the GPA, has agreed to waive discriminatory purchasing requirements for eligible products and suppliers of the Republic of Moldova beginning on July 14, 2016.

Section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980, delegated the functions of the President under sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (the Trade Agreements Act) (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512) to the United States Trade Representative.

### **Determination**

In conformity with sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act, and in order to carry out U.S. obligations under the GPA, I hereby determine that:

1. The Republic of Moldova has become a party to the GPA and will provide appropriate reciprocal competitive government procurement opportunities to United States products and services and suppliers of such products and services. In accordance with section 301(b)(1) of the Trade Agreements Act, the Republic of Moldova is so designated for purposes of section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.

2. Accordingly, beginning on July 14, 2016, with respect to eligible products of the Republic of Moldova, namely, those goods and services covered under the GPA for procurement by the United States, and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than that accorded:

A. to United States products and suppliers of such products, or

B. to eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the GPA and suppliers of such products, shall be waived. This waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in United States Annexes 1 and 3 of GPA Appendix 1.

3. The United States Trade Representative may modify or withdraw the designation in paragraph 1 and the waiver in paragraph 2.

**Michael B.G. Froman,**  
*United States Trade Representative.*

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