

about May 21, 2017, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PA, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

**Mark Taplin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 391X)]

### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, VA**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 15.5-mile rail line (the Line) extending from milepost B-84.0 at Mt. Jackson, Va. to milepost B-99.5 at Broadway, Va. in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, Va. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 22815, 22842, 22844, 22847, and 22853.

NSR has certified that (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending either with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion*

*Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will become effective on January 22, 2017, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>1</sup> must be filed by December 30, 2016.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 12, 2017, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: Crystal M. Zorbaugh, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [WWW.STB.GOV](http://WWW.STB.GOV).

Decided: December 20, 2016.

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

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

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## **SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

### **Actions Taken at December 8, 2016, Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its regular business meeting held on December 8, 2016, in Annapolis, Maryland, the Commission took the following actions: (1) Approved

<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,700. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Servs. Performed in Connection with Licensing & Related Servs.—2016 Update*, EP 542 (Sub-No. 24) (STB served Aug. 2, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.

the applications of certain water resources projects; (2) accepted settlements in lieu of penalties from Panda Hummel Station LLC, Panda Liberty LLC, Panda Patriot LLC, and Montage Mountain Resorts, LP; and (3) took additional actions, as set forth in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**DATES:** The business meeting was held on December 8, 2016. Comments on the proposed consumptive use mitigation policy may be submitted to the Commission on or before January 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Jason E. Oyler, Esq., General Counsel, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788, or submitted electronically at <http://mdw.srb.net/ProposedRulemakingSeptember2016/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, telephone: (717) 238-0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238-2436; email: [joyler@srb.net](mailto:joyler@srb.net). Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address. See also Commission Web site at [www.srb.net](http://www.srb.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to the actions taken on projects identified in the summary above and the listings below, the following items were also presented or acted upon at the business meeting: (1) Adoption of a resolution urging President-elect Trump and the United States Congress to provide full funding for the Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program, thereby supporting the Susquehanna Flood Forecast & Warning System; (2) approval/ratification of a contract and two agreements; (3) approval to extend the comment deadline for the Consumptive Use Mitigation Policy to January 30, 2017; (4) a report on delegated settlements with the following project sponsors, pursuant to SRBC Resolution 2014-15: Lewistown Borough Municipal Authority, in the amount of \$5,250; Columbia Water Company, in the amount of \$7,500; Eagle Lake Community Association, in the amount of \$7,500; and Fox Hills Country Club, in the amount of \$5,000; and (5) approval to extend the term of an emergency certificate with Hazleton City Authority to December 8, 2017.

### **Compliance Matters**

The Commission approved settlements in lieu of civil penalties for the following projects:

1. Panda Hummel Station LLC, Hummel Station, Shamokin Dam Borough and Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pa.—\$22,750.