

for the State of Alabama dated 12/14/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Storms with Wind and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 11/29/2016 through 11/30/2016.

*Effective Date:* 12/14/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/13/2017.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan*

*Application Deadline Date:* 09/14/2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Jackson.

*Contiguous Counties:*

*Alabama:* De Kalb, Madison, Marshall.

*Georgia:* Dade.

*Tennessee:* Franklin, Marion.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.500
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.250
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.125
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.125
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15007 B and for economic injury is 15008 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: December 14, 2016.

**Maria Contreras-Sweet,**

*Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Notice of Surrender of License of Small Business Investment Company**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") under Section 309 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, and Section 107.1900 of the Small Business Administration Rules and Regulations, SBA by this notice declares null and void the license to function as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Company License No. 02/02-0661 issued to DeltaPoint Capital IV (New York), LP.

United States Small Business Administration.

Dated: December 15, 2016.

**Mark L. Walsh,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15014 and #15015]**

**Tennessee Disaster #TN-00099**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Tennessee (FEMA-4293-DR), dated 12/15/2016.

*Incident:* Wildfires.

*Incident Period:* 11/28/2016 through 12/09/2016.

*Effective Date:* 12/15/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/13/2017.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan*

*Application Deadline Date:* 09/15/2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the

President's major disaster declaration on 12/15/2016, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Sevier. *Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

Tennessee: Blount, Cocke, Jefferson, Knox.

North Carolina: Haywood, Swain.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.500
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.250
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.125
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.125
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 150145 and for economic injury is 150150.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 9821]**

**Notice of Determinations Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Wild Noise/Ruido Salvaje: Artworks From El Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba" Exhibition**

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat.

2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Wild Noise/Ruido Salvaje: Artworks from El Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York, New York, from on or about January 28, 2017, until on or about April 30, 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/DP, 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. FD 36064]

**Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Providence and Worcester Railroad**

On September 1, 2016, Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a non-carrier holding company, filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 and 49 CFR part 1121 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 11323–24 to allow GWI to acquire control of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (P&W), a Class III railroad. In a decision served September 20, 2016, and published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2016 (81 FR 65,692), the Board provided notice of GWI’s petition, instituted a proceeding, and set a reply deadline for comments on the petition. The Board received a number of comments in response to the petition.

The Board will grant GWI’s petition for exemption, subject to standard labor protective conditions and the condition that GWI will not interfere with the ability of Springfield Terminal Railway (Springfield Terminal) to interchange with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), in Worcester, Mass.

**Background**

GWI is a publicly-traded non-carrier holding company that currently controls, through direct or indirect equity ownership, two Class II carriers and 106 Class III carriers operating in the United States. (Pet. 1.) P&W is a Class III carrier based in Worcester, Mass., that owns rail lines and permanent freight easements in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. (*Id.* at 2.) It also operates on trackage rights in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. (*Id.*)

In its petition, GWI states that it seeks to acquire control of P&W through a merger between P&W and Pullman Acquisition Sub Inc., a newly-formed, wholly-owned non-carrier subsidiary of GWI.<sup>1</sup> (*Id.*) Upon consummation, P&W will be the surviving entity and will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of GWI. (*Id.*) P&W connects with several railroads, including two GWI subsidiaries: New England Central Railroad, Inc. (NECR), and Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. (CSO). (*Id.* at 3.) GWI states that, although there are some commonly-served cities and towns, there are no customers that are served solely by NECR or CSO, on the one hand, and P&W, on the other, and that as such there will be no “2-to-1 customers” as a result of the proposed transaction. (*Id.* at 3.) GWI states that it does not contemplate any material changes to P&W’s operations, maintenance, or service. (*Id.* at 4.)

GWI also states that P&W and NECR are part of the “Great Eastern Route” strategic alliances. According to GWI, the Great Eastern alliances furnish P&W with pricing authority for service with Canadian National Railway Company (CN) through an arrangement by which NECR provides haulage for P&W between East Alburg, Vt. and Willimantic, Conn. on certain contractually-agreed commodities. GWI states that P&W expanded the Great

Eastern Route by entering into an additional strategic alliance with Vermont Rail Systems (VRS), which furnishes P&W with pricing authority for service with Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP), through an arrangement by which VRS and NECR provide haulage for P&W between Whitehall, N.Y. and Willimantic, Conn. on certain contractually-agreed commodities. (*Id.* at 3.) GWI states that its present intention is to keep these strategic alliances, and the connections with CN and CP, in place. (*Id.*)

**Discussion and Conclusions**

*Statutory Analysis*

The acquisition of control of a rail carrier by a person that is not a rail carrier but that controls any number of rail carriers requires approval by the Board pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11323(a)(5). Under section 10502(a), however, we must exempt a transaction or service from regulation if we find that: (1) regulation is not necessary to carry out the rail transportation policy (RTP) of 49 U.S.C. 10101; and (2) either the transaction or service is limited in scope, or regulation is not needed to protect shippers from the abuse of market power.

In this case, an exemption from the prior approval requirements of sections 11323–24 is consistent with the standards of section 10502. Detailed scrutiny of the proposed transaction through an application for review and approval under sections 11323–24 is not necessary here to carry out the RTP. Approval of the transaction will result in a change in ownership of P&W with no lessening of competition. An exemption will promote the RTP by minimizing the need for federal regulatory control over the transaction, section 10101(2); ensuring the development and continuation of a sound rail transportation system that will continue to meet the needs of the public, section 10101(4); fostering sound economic conditions in transportation, section 10101(5); encouraging efficient management, section 10101(9); and providing for the expeditious resolution of this proceeding, section 10101(15). Other aspects of the RTP will not be adversely affected.

Nor is detailed scrutiny of the proposed transactions necessary to protect shippers from an abuse of market power. According to GWI, no shipper will lose any rail options, and operations will not materially change. (Pet. 9.) Although P&W connects with NECR and CSO, GWI states that P&W also connects directly with a Class I

<sup>1</sup> In its petition, GWI states that it anticipates closing the transaction in the fourth quarter of 2016. (Pet. 5.) GWI states that, in the event it does not have approval from the Board by the time its closing conditions have been met, it intends to close the transaction into a voting trust. On October 31, 2016, GWI submitted an executed Voting Trust Agreement pursuant to 49 CFR 1013.3 for receipt of the voting stock of P&W.