#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

# Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to *rule-comments@ sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR– NYSEArca–2016–34 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2016-34. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2016-34, and should be submitted on or before March 17, 2016.

#### Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-77192; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2015-161]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto, Relating to the Listing and Trading of the Shares of the First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Europe ETF, First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Asia Pacific ETF, First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Emerging Markets ETF, and First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Developed International ETF of First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund III

February 19, 2016.

On December 22, 2015, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") 1 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to list and trade the shares of the First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Europe ETF; First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Asia Pacific ETF; First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Emerging Markets ETF; and First Trust RiverFront Dynamic Developed International ETF (individually, "Fund," and collectively, "Funds"). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on January 8, 2016.3 On January 8, 2016, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.4 On February 18, 2016, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change.<sup>5</sup> The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 6 provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is February 22, 2016. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider this proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, 7 designates April 7, 2016, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR–NASDAQ–2015–161), as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2

hereto.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

### Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9454]

#### **Notice of a Public Meeting**

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the headquarters of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Service (RTCM) in Suite 605, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209. The primary purpose of the meeting is to

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{12}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76817 (January 4, 2016), 81 FR 978.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange clarified the proposed rule change by providing additional information regarding the currencies, and instruments that provide exposure to such currencies, in which each Fund will invest. Amendment No. 1 is not subject to notice and comment because it is a technical amendment that does not materially alter the substance of the proposed rule change or raise any novel regulatory issues (Amendment No. 1 is available at: http://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2015-161/nasdaq2015161-1.pdf).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In Amendment No. 2, the Exchange expanded the application of certain criteria for the equity

securities in which the Funds will invest, so that they will apply on a continual basis. Amendment No. 2 is not subject to notice and comment because it does not materially alter the substance of the proposed rule change or raise any novel regulatory issues (Amendment No. 2 is available at: <a href="http://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2015-161/nasdaq2015161-2.pdf">http://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2015-161/nasdaq2015161-2.pdf</a>).

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

<sup>12 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

prepare for the fortieth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Facilitation Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, April 4–8, 2016.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
- —Decisions of other IMO bodies  $\,$
- Consideration and adoption of proposed amendments to the Convention
- —Comprehensive review of the FAL Convention
- —Application of single-window concept
- Requirements for access to, or electronic versions of, certificates and documents, including record books required to be carried on ships
- —Measures to protect the safety of persons rescued at sea
- Consideration and analysis of reports and information on persons rescued at sea and stowaways
- Guidelines on the facilitation aspects of protecting the maritime transport network from cyberthreats
- —Guidelines on minimum training and education for mooring personnel
- —Review of the ICAO/IMO publication on International signs to provide guidance to persons at airports and marine terminals
- Technical cooperation activities related to facilitation of maritime traffic
- —Relations with other organizations
- —Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- —Work programme
- —Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2017
- -Any other business
- —Consideration of the report of the Committee on its fortieth session

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. David Du Pont, by email at David.A.DuPont@ uscg.mil, or by phone at (202) 372-1497, not later than March 15, 2016. Requests made after March 15, 2016 might not be able to be accommodated. In the case of inclement weather where the U.S. Federal Government is closed or delayed, a public meeting may be conducted virtually by calling (202) 475-4000 or 1-855-475-2447 Participant code: 887 809 72. The meeting coordinator will confirm whether the virtual public meeting will be utilized. Additional information regarding this and other public meetings

related to the IMO may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: February 12, 2016.

#### Jonathan Burby,

 ${\it Coast~Guard~Liaison~Officer,~Office~of~Ocean} \\ {\it and~Polar~Affairs,~Department~of~State}~.$ 

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# **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 35993]

# Grenada Railroad, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Illinois Central Railroad Company

Grenada Railroad, LLC (Grenada Railroad), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Illinois Central Railroad Company (Illinois Central),¹ and to operate approximately 2.5 miles of rail line between milepost 703.8 and milepost 706.3, including but not limited to any sidings, yard tracks, yard leads or ancillary tracks, switches, signals, crossings, structures, bridges, together with land upon which said tracks are situated, in Canton, Miss.

Grenada Railroad currently holds authority to operate within the State of Mississippi pursuant to a 15-year lease/purchase and operating agreement executed on June 23, 2015.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of this transaction is to facilitate an agreement between Grenada Railroad and Illinois Central for Grenada Railroad to provide improved service to Barnett Phillips Lumber Co., a shipper located in Canton.

Grenada Railroad states that there are no agreements applicable to the line imposing any interchange commitments.

The transaction may be consummated on or after March 10, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

Grenada Railroad 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.

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 March 3, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35993, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW., Suite 717, Washington, DC 20036.

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

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at *WWW.STB.DOT.GOV*.

Decided: February 22, 2016.

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

#### Tia Delano,

Clearance Clerk.

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#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 754X)]

# CSX Transportation, Inc.— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Hamilton County, Ohio

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to discontinue service over approximately a 2.07-mile rail line on CSXT's Southern Region, Louisville Division, Cincinnati Terminal Subdivision, also known as the Mill Creek Branch, between milepost BEK 2.24 and milepost BEK 4.31 in Hamilton County, Ohio. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 45214, 45225, and 45223. There are no stations on the Line.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic needs to be rerouted over other lines; (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 (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$ Illinois Central is a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ill. Co. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—N. Cent. Miss. Reg'l R.R. Auth. & Grenada Ry., FD 35940 (STB served July 9, 2015). Grenada Railroad was formerly known as Illinois Company Rail Road, LLC. In a letter filed on July 14, 2015, the Board was notified of the name change. Grenada Railroad is indirectly owned by Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, through its wholly owned, noncarrier subsidiary, Permian Basin Railways.