

#### IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>39</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-PEARL-2018-02), be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>40</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

##### Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing this notice to comply with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), which requires agencies to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* notifying the public of that submission.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 18, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the information collection by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: *Agency Clearance Officer*, Curtis Rich, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and *SBA Desk Officer*, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curtis Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7030 [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SBA is required to survey affected disaster areas, within a state upon request by the Governor of that state to determine if there is sufficient damage to warrant a Disaster Declaration. Information is obtained from individuals, businesses, and public officials.

##### Solicitation of Public Comments

Comments may be submitted on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the

burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Copies:** A copy of the Form OMB 83-1, supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

##### Summary of Information Collections

**Title:** Disaster Survey Worksheet.  
**Description of Respondents:** Affected Disaster Areas.

**Form Number:** SBA Form 987.

**Estimated Annual Respondents:** 2,760.

**Estimated Annual Responses:** 2,760.

**Estimated Annual Hour Burden:** 229.

**Curtis Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1253]

##### State of South Dakota Acting by and Through its Department of Transportation—Adverse Discontinuance of Operating Authority—Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority

On March 29, 2018, the State of South Dakota acting by and through its Department of Transportation (the State) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) authorize the third-party, or “adverse,” discontinuance of the operating authority of Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority (NPRRA)<sup>1</sup> over approximately 13.4 miles of rail line extending from milepost (MP) 0.0, referred to as Napa Junction, in South Dakota, to MP 13.4+/- near Tabor, S.D. (the Napa-Tabor Line). The Napa-Tabor Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 57078 and 57063.<sup>2</sup>

According to the State, the Napa-Tabor Line is part of a longer line that runs from MP 0.0 to MP 83.3 near Platte, S.D. (the Napa-Platte Line). The State explains that the Napa-Platte Line was authorized for abandonment in 1980 but, prior to being abandoned, was acquired by the State. *See Ogilvie—*

<sup>1</sup> According to the State, NPRRA is a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota and is a non-operating common carrier railroad.

<sup>2</sup> In a letter filed April 11, 2018, the State informed the Board that United States Postal Service Zip Code 57058 had inadvertently been included in its verified notice.

*Aban.—in S.D., Iowa, & Neb.*, AB 7 (Sub-No. 88) (ICC served May 14, 1980); *see also Napa-Platte Reg'l R.R. Auth.—Modified Rail Certificate*, FD 35026, slip op. at 1–2 (STB served June 14, 2007). The State further explains that, in 2007, NPRRA obtained Board authority to lease and operate the Napa-Tabor Line. *See Napa-Platte Reg'l R.R. Auth.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Dakota Short Line Corp.*, FD 35025 (STB served May 31, 2007). According to the State, NPRRA's last lease from the State expired on September 20, 2015. The State claims that neither NPRRA nor any other rail carrier provided common carrier service over the Napa-Tabor Line between 2007 and September 20, 2015. The State further claims that, beginning September 21, 2015, the State has leased the Napa-Tabor Line and a connecting line segment to the Dakota Southern Railway Company (DSRC). *See Dakota S. Ry.—Notice of Modified Certificate of Pub. Convenience & Necessity—Yankton, Bon Homme, & Charles Mix Crys., S.D.*, FD 36086 (STB served Jan. 25, 2017). According to the State, following the termination of NPRRA's lease, the State requested that NPRRA seek a voluntary termination of its lease and operating authority over the Napa-Tabor Line, but NPRRA has not done so. The State now seeks Board authority through an adverse discontinuance proceeding to terminate NPRRA's regulatory authority to lease and operate the Napa-Tabor Line. The State asserts that NPRRA does not oppose the State's application for adverse discontinuance.

In a decision served in this proceeding on May 31, 2017, the State was granted exemptions from several statutory provisions as well as waivers of certain Board regulations that were not relevant to its adverse discontinuance application or that sought information not available to the State.

According to the State, the Napa-Tabor Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the State's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The State's entire case-in-chief for adverse abandonment and discontinuance was filed with the application.

Any interested person may file written comments concerning the proposed adverse discontinuance or protests (including protestant's entire opposition case) by May 14, 2018. Persons who may oppose the proposed adverse discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons opposing

<sup>39</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>40</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).