

SUMMARY: The Board is instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's cost of capital for 2017. The decision solicits comments on the following issues: The railroads' 2017 current cost of debt capital; the railroads' 2017 current cost of preferred equity capital (if any); the railroads' 2017 cost of common equity capital; and the 2017 capital structure mix of the railroad industry on a market value basis. Comments should focus on the various cost of capital components listed above using the same methodology followed in *Railroad Cost of Capital—2016*, EP 558 (Sub-No. 20) (STB served Aug. 7, 2017).

DATES: Notices of intent to participate are due by March 30, 2018. Statements of the railroads are due by April 20, 2018. Statements of other interested persons are due by May 11, 2018. Rebuttal statements by the railroads are due by June 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing system or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's website, at <http://www.stb.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 558 (Sub-No. 21), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245-0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board's decision is posted on the Board's website, <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10704(a).

Decided: February 7, 2018.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman and Miller.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4)]

Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures—Productivity Adjustment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Proposed railroad cost recovery procedures productivity adjustment.

SUMMARY: In a decision served on February 8, 2018, the Board proposed to adopt 0.996 (–0.4% per year) as the measure of average (geometric mean) change in railroad productivity for the 2012–2016 (five-year) period. This represents an increase of 0.3% from the average for the 2011–2015 period. The Board's February 8, 2018 decision in this proceeding stated that comments may be filed addressing any perceived data and computational errors in the Board's calculation. It also stated that, if there were no further action taken by the Board, the proposed productivity adjustment would become effective on March 1, 2018.

DATES: The productivity adjustment is effective March 1, 2018. Comments are due by February 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Smith, (202) 245-0322. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired, (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on the Board's website at <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0236.

Decided: February 7, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fifty Sixth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Fifty Sixth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of Fifty Sixth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karan Hofmann at khofmann@rtca.org or 202-330-0680, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or website at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Fifty Sixth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary. The agenda will include the following:

1. Welcome/Introductions/ Administrative Remarks
2. Review/Approve Previous Meeting Summary
3. TSA Report
4. Report on Document Distribution Mechanisms
5. Report on the New Guidelines and Other Safe Skies Reports
6. Discussion on DO–230I
7. Decision To Approve Release of DO–230I for Final Review and Comment (FRAC)
8. Discussion on Terms of Reference (TOR) and DO–230J Revision
9. Action Items for Next Meeting
10. Time and Place of Next Meeting
11. Any Other Business
12. Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.