

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Derek Rivers at SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-1710, who may be reached on 202-485-6332 or at RiversDA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0011.
• *Type of Request:* Extension.
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).

• *Form Number:* DS-2029.
• *Respondents:* United States Citizens and Nationals.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 73,647.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 73,647.

• *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 24,549 hours.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.
• *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The DS-2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America, is used by citizens of the United States to report the birth of a child while overseas. The information collected on this form will be used to certify the acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth of a person born abroad. 22 CFR 50.5-50.7

are important legal authorities that permit the Department to use this form.

Methodology

An application for a Consular Report of Birth is normally made in the consular district in which the birth occurred. The parent respondents will complete the form and present it to a United States Consulate or Embassy, who will examine the documentation and enter the information provided into the Department of State American Citizen Services (ACS) electronic database.

Michelle Bernier-Toth,

Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36253]

Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC—Lease Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC (M&NJ), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) and to operate approximately 1.9 miles of rail line located between Four Story Junction at milepost UJ 0 and Middletown, NY, at milepost UJ 1.9, known as the Crawford Industrial Track (the Line).

According to M&NJ, in conjunction with the lease of the Line, it will also obtain incidental local and overhead trackage rights over rail line located between the western end of Campbell Hall yard at milepost JS 67.50, continuing for 9.1 miles to milepost JS 76.60 at CP Howells, and from milepost SR 68.90 at CP Howells, continuing for 21 miles to milepost SR 89.90 at or near Port Jervis, NY (the Incidental Trackage Rights). M&NJ states that the Incidental Trackage Rights are being granted over a line owned by NS and currently leased to Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company pursuant to a sublease agreement under which NS retained the exclusive, irrevocable, and perpetual right to provide or permit rail freight service on the line. *See Metro-North Commuter R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Line of Norfolk S. Ry.*, FD 34293, slip op. at 2 (STB served May 13, 2003).

M&NJ certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in M&NJ's becoming a

Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. As required under 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1), M&NJ has disclosed in its verified notice that the lease agreement contains an interchange commitment that will require M&NJ to pay additional charges if it interchanges certain traffic with a rail carrier other than NS.¹ M&NJ has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).

M&NJ states that it expects to consummate the transaction on or shortly after the effective date of this notice of exemption. The earliest this transaction may be consummated is December 29, 2018 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

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 to stay must be filed no later than December 21, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36253, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on M&NJ's representative, Karl Morell, Karl Morell and Associates, Suite 440, 440 1st Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

According to M&NJ, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

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Decided: December 11, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Tammy Lowery,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36257]

Alcoa Energy Services, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad Company

Alcoa Energy Services, Inc. (AESI), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of

¹ A draft copy of the lease agreement was submitted under seal with the verified notice.

exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad Company (RSSR) a railroad line extending from milepost 0.0 at a point of connection with Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) at Marjorie, Tex., to milepost 6.0 at Sandow, Tex., a total of approximately 6 miles, along with appurtenant land and ancillary trackage (the Line).

AESI states that, as a result of this transaction, it will assume the associated common carrier obligations under federal law, including the obligation to provide rail service. However, AESI states that the Line is currently inactive and it is uncertain at what future point demand for rail service over the Line could again materialize to warrant restored rail operations.

AESI certifies that, as a consequence of the proposed transaction, its projected annual revenues will not result in its becoming a Class II or a Class I rail carrier and its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million. AESI also certifies that the proposed transaction does not involve any interchange commitments as defined in 49 CFR 1150.33(h).

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is December 28, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed). AESI states that it intends to consummate the transaction on, or very shortly after, the effective date.

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 to stay must be filed by December 21, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36257, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on AESI's counsel, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to AESI, no environmental or historic documentation or report is required pursuant to 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 1105.8(b).

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Decided: December 10, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Recording of Aircraft Conveyances and Security Documents

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 9, 2018. The collection involves return to the Civil Aviation Aircraft Registry of information relating to the release of a lien that has been recorded with the Registry. Regulations provide for establishing and maintaining a system for the recording of security conveyances affecting title to, or interest in U.S. civil aircraft, as well as certain specifically identified engines, propellers, or spare parts locations, and for recording of releases relating to those conveyances. Federal Aviation Regulations establish procedures for implementation. Regulations describe what information must be contained in a security conveyance in order for it to be recorded with FAA. The convention on the International Recognition signatory, prevents, by treaty, the export of an aircraft and cancellation of its nationality marks if there is an outstanding lien recorded. The Civil Aviation Registry must have consent or release of lien from the lienholder prior to confirmation/cancellation for export.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 14, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer,

Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hall at (940) 594-5913, or by email at: Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120-0043.

Title: Recording of Aircraft Conveyances and Security Documents.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 9, 2018 (83 FR 50740). Since the single form (AC Form 8050-41, Notice of Recordation) of the collection is sent to the lienholder when the Registry records the lien on aircraft, propeller(s), engine(s) and/or spare parts location(s) as a part of another collection this form is now removed. When the lien is satisfied, the lienholder completes part II of the form AC Form 8050-41 and returns it to the Registry as official notification of the release of the lien. The lienholder may send the same information in any format without the form if desired. The collection involves return to the Civil Aviation Aircraft Registry of information relating to the release of a lien that has been recorded with the Registry. Title 49, U.S.C. Section 44108 provides for establishing and maintaining a system for the recording of security conveyances affecting title to, or interest in U.S. civil aircraft, as well as certain specifically identified engines, propellers, or spare parts locations, and for recording of releases relating to those conveyances. Federal Aviation Regulations part 49 (14 CFR 49) establishes procedures for implementation of 49 U.S.C. 44108. Part