

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD****[Docket No. EP 730 (Sub-No. 1)]****Roster of Arbitrators—Annual Update**

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11708, the Board's regulations establish a voluntary and binding arbitration process to resolve rail rate and practice complaints that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Section 11708(f) provides that, unless parties otherwise agree, an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators shall be selected from a roster maintained by the Board. Accordingly, the Board's rules establish a process for creating and maintaining a roster of arbitrators. 49 CFR 1108.6(b).

The Board most recently updated its roster of arbitrators by decision served March 5, 2025. The roster is published on the Board's website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov) (click the "Resources" tab, select "Litigation Alternatives" from the dropdown menu, click on the "Arbitration" link, and click on the "Roster of Arbitrators" link).

As provided under 49 CFR 1108.6(b), the Board updates the roster of arbitrators annually. Accordingly, the Board is now requesting the names and qualifications of new arbitrators who wish to be placed on the roster. Current arbitrators who wish to remain on the roster must notify the Board of their continued availability and confirm that the biographical information on file with the Board remains accurate and, if not, provide any necessary updates. Arbitrators who do not confirm their continued availability will be removed from the roster. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators.

Any person who wishes to be added to the roster should file an application that describes the applicant's experience with rail transportation and economic regulation, as well as professional or business experience, including agriculture, in the private sector. The submission should also describe the applicant's training in dispute resolution and/or experience in arbitration or other forms of dispute resolution, including the number of years of experience. Lastly, the submission should provide the applicant's contact information and information on fees.

All comments—including filings from new applicants, updates to existing arbitrator information, and confirmations of continued availability—should be submitted either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 by January 29, 2026. The Board will assess each new applicant's qualifications to

determine which individuals can ably serve as arbitrators based on the criteria established under 49 CFR 1108.6(b). The Board will then establish an updated roster of arbitrators. The roster will include a brief biographical sketch of each arbitrator, including information such as background, area(s) of expertise, arbitration experience, and geographical location, as well as contact information and fees. The roster will be published on the Board's website.

*It is ordered:*

1. Applications from persons interested in being added to the Board's roster of arbitrators, and confirmations of continued availability (with updates, if any, to existing arbitrator information) from persons currently on the arbitration roster, are due by January 29, 2026.

2. This decision will be served on all current arbitrators and published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

Decided: December 30, 2025.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

**Tammy Lowery,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Drone Package Delivery Operations in the United States**

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

**ACTION:** Draft programmatic environmental assessment; extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 9, 2025, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a notice of availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** announcing a public comment period for the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) related to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) (drone) package delivery operations in the United States. FAA is extending the comment period on the draft PEA. The FAA announces an extension of the public comment period until January 23, 2026.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published December 9, 2025, at

90 FR 57126, is extended. Comments must be received no later than January 23, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to [9-FAA-Drone-Environmental@faa.gov](mailto:9-FAA-Drone-Environmental@faa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions concerning this action, contact AFS-700 Emerging Technologies Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service; email [9-FAA-Drone-Environmental@faa.gov](mailto:9-FAA-Drone-Environmental@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please refer to the NOA published in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 57126) on December 9, 2025, for further information. Comments already submitted in response to the December 9, 2025, NOA do not need to be resubmitted.

The original deadline for public comments was January 8, 2026. FAA has received a request to extend the comment period. FAA is therefore extending the deadline until January 23, 2026.

The draft PEA is submitted for public comment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] 4321 *et seq.*); USDOT Order 5610.1D, DOT's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts; FAA Order 1050.1G, FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures; Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303); and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*) on December 1, 2025.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While a commenter can ask the FAA to withhold from public review any personal identifying information, the FAA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

The draft PEA is available to view and download electronically at: [https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced\\_operations/nepa\\_and\\_drones](https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced_operations/nepa_and_drones). The documentation is available from any internet access including from computers freely available at public libraries.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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