

applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 OCSRegs@state.gov or CA/OCS/MSU at SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-1710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Information Collection: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

OMB Control Number: OMB Control No. 1405-0152.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).

Form Number: DS-4024e, DS-4024.

Respondents: United States Citizens and U.S. non-citizen Nationals, Third Country Nationals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,750,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,750,000.

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden Time: 145,833 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 Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) makes it possible for U.S. nationals to enroll travel plans or simply subscribe to travel messaging. In the event of an emergency, natural

disaster, or international crisis, U.S. embassies and consulates rely on this information to provide enrollees with critical information and assistance. The main legal authorities for use of this form are 22 U.S.C. 2715 and 22 U.S.C. 4802(b).

Methodology

All responses are received via electronic submission on the internet. The service is available on the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs website <https://mytravel.state.gov/s/step>. The paper version of the form is not in use though we are seeking its reactivation to coincide with third-party enrollment capability in STEP's software.

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Managing Director, Overseas Citizens Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36893]

**Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.—
Modified Rail Certificate**

Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. (CSO), a Class III railroad, has filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR part 1150 subpart C—*Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity*, for CSO to obtain and hold common carrier authority to operate the Armory Branch Rail Line owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT). The Armory Branch Rail Line is comprised of the following three connecting segments: (1) beginning in South Windsor, Conn. at approximately Milepost 6.77 and Station Point 1160+73 on Valuation Map 54.75-22 and continuing northerly through the Towns of South Windsor and East Windsor to the point of ending at approximately Milepost 11.99 and Station Point 885+11 on Valuation Map 54.76-17 (First Segment); (2) beginning in East Windsor, Conn. at approximately Milepost 11.99 and Station Point 885+11 on Valuation Map 54.75-17 and continuing northerly through the Towns of East Windsor and Enfield to the point of ending at approximately Milepost 16.59 and Station Point 642+42 on Valuation Map 54.76-13 (Second Segment); and (3) beginning in Enfield, Conn. at approximately Milepost 16.59 and Station Point 642+42 on Valuation Map 54.76-13 and continuing northerly through the Town of Enfield to the point

of ending at the Connecticut/Massachusetts State Line at approximately Milepost 20.24 and Station Point 449+63.31 on Valuation Map 54.76-09 (Third Segment; collectively with the First Second and Second Segment, the Line).

CSO states CTDOT acquired the Line in three separate transactions, and notes that these transactions are also set forth in a 1996 Board decision finding that the Line qualified for operation under a modified rail certificate. (Notice 2.) *See Cent. New England R.R.—Modified Certificate*, Docket No. FD 32769, slip op. at 1 n.2 (STB served Mar. 12, 1996). According to CSO, Conrail abandoned the First Segment, and CTDOT acquired it on May 11, 1995. (Notice 2-3.) *See Conrail Aban. in Hartford Cnty., Conn.*, AB 167 (Sub-No. 984N), slip op. at 1 (ICC served Feb. 23, 1987). CSO further states that CTDOT acquired the Second Segment from the Penn Central Corporation, and explains that the Penn Central Trustee abandoned the segment in 1976 pursuant to Section 308 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, 45 U.S.C. 744(b). (Notice 3.) CSO states that CTDOT acquired the Third Segment from Boston and Maine Corporation, which abandoned the segment in 1993. (Notice 3.) *See Boston & Me. Corp.—Aban. Exemption—in Hartford Cnty, Conn. & Hampden Cnty., Mass.*, AB 32 (Sub-No. 62X) et al., slip op. at 1 (ICC served Nov. 24, 1993). CSO states that the Central New England Railroad, Inc. (CZNR) currently holds a modified rail certificate with respect to the Line, and has done so since 1996.¹ (*Id.* at 1-2.) *See Cent. New England R.R.*, FD 32769, slip op. at 1-2.

According to the notice, CSO and CTDOT have entered into a Rail Freight Service Operation, License and Maintenance Agreement that extends from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046. (Notice 2, 4, Ex. A.)

The Line qualifies for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity. *See Common Carrier Status of States, State Agencies & Instrumentalities & Pol. Subdivs.*, FD 28990F (ICC served July 16, 1981); 49 CFR 1150.22. CSO states that no subsidy

¹ On December 31, 2025, CZNR filed, in Docket No. FD 32769, a notice of intent to terminate its service on the Line under the CZNR modified certificate, effective on March 1, 2026, or such earlier or later date as the Board confirms the authority of CSO to operate the line under its own modified rail certificate. Notice of Intent to Terminate Service, *Central New England Railroad, Inc. Modified Certificate*, FD 32769 (Dec. 31, 2025); see 49 CFR 1150.24. CSO has authority to commence operations at any time. See 49 CFR 1150.23(a) (“Operations may commence immediately upon the filing” of the modified certificate).

is involved and that there will be no preconditions that shippers must meet to receive service. (Notice 5.) CSO's notice also includes a certificate of liability insurance coverage.² (Notice, Ex. B.)

This notice will be served on the Association of American Railroads (Car Service Division), as agent for all railroads subscribing to the car-service and car-hire agreement, at 425 Third Street SW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20024; and on the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association at 50 F Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided:

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

Regena Smith-Bernard,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2025-1861]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: Formal Complaints Collection

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 July 21, 2025. The collection involves the filing of a complaint with the FAA alleging a violation of any requirement, rule, regulation, or order issued under certain statutes within the jurisdiction of the FAA. The FAA will use the information collected to determine if the alleged violation warrants investigation or action.

² Public and confidential versions of both the Rail Freight Service Operation, License and Maintenance Agreement, and the certificate of liability insurance coverage were filed. The confidential versions were submitted under seal concurrently with a motion for protective order, which is addressed in a separate decision.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by February 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas (Cole) R. Milliard by email at: cole.milliard@faa.gov; phone: (202) 704-0389.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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.

OMB Control Number: N/A.

Title: Formal Complaints Collection.

Form Numbers: N/A.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 21, 2025, (90 FR 34334). Under 14 CFR 13.5(b), a formal complaint must: (1) Be submitted to the FAA in writing; (2) be identified as a complaint seeking an appropriate order or other enforcement action; (3) identify the subjects of the complaint; (4) state the specific statute, rule, regulation, or order that each subject allegedly violated; (5) contain a concise but complete statement of the facts relied upon to substantiate each allegation; (6) include the name, address, telephone number, and email of the person filing the complaint; and (7) be signed by the person filing the complaint or an authorized representative. After the FAA confirms that the complaint meets these requirements and the limitations in 14 CFR 13.3(d) and 13.5(a), it sends a copy of the complaint to the subjects of the complaint and gives them an opportunity to submit a written answer. If a complaint does not meet these requirements, it is considered a report of violation under 14 CFR 13.2.

The FAA uses the information in the complaint and answer to determine if there are reasonable grounds for investigating the complaint. If the FAA

determines there are reasonable grounds, the FAA proceeds with an investigation. If not, the FAA may dismiss the complaint and give the reason for dismissal in writing to both the person who filed the complaint and the subjects of the complaint.

This collection had been approved in February 2022 (OMB Control No. 2120-0795) but was discontinued in February 2025 for internal agency review of the collection before restarting it.

Respondents: Formal complaints are typically submitted by an individual or organization. Almost all formal complaints are evenly split between three basic categories (complainant listed first): Individual vs. individual, individual vs. organization, and organization vs. organization.

Frequency: The FAA estimates this collection of information would result in about seven formal complaints per year based on FAA data.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated average burden on the public for each complaint and response under § 13.5 is eight hours. It would take an individual about four hours to write a formal complaint acceptable under § 13.5. The FAA estimates it would take the subject of the complaint about four hours to write an answer to the complaint.

The estimated average burden on the FAA for each complaint is eight hours. A complaint would take the FAA no more than four hours to review to confirm it meets the requirements as laid out in 14 CFR 13.5(b). The FAA would take an additional hour to send the complaint to the subjects of that complaint. The FAA would then take another estimated three hours to determine if an investigation would be necessary.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The FAA estimates the total annual combined (public + FAA) annual burden and cost of the information requirements to be about 112 hours.

For the public, the estimated total annual hourly burden would be 56 hours. For the FAA, the estimated total annual hourly burden would be 56 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 20, 2026.

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