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William Blair Funds, et al. [File No. 812-15980]

Applicants: William Blair Funds and William Blair Investment Management, LLC.

Filing Date: The application was filed on January 29, 2026.

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For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105336; File No. 10-251]

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Registration as a National Securities Exchange Pursuant to Section 6(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.

April 29, 2026.

Section 6(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) ¹ provides that an exchange that lists or trades security futures products may register as a national securities exchange solely for the purposes of trading security futures products by filing a written notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) if: (1) the exchange is a board of trade, as that term is defined by the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”),² that has been designated a contract market by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) and such designation is not suspended by order of the CFTC; and (2) such

exchange does not serve as a market place for transactions in securities other than security futures products or futures on exempted securities or groups or indexes of securities or options thereon that have been authorized under Section 2(a)(1)(C) of the CEA.³ Rule 6a-4 under the Exchange Act⁴ requires that such an exchange submit written notice of registration to the Commission on Form 1-N.⁵ Under Exchange Act Section 6(g)(2)(B), an exchange’s registration as a national securities exchange becomes effective contemporaneously with the submission of the written notice on Form 1-N.⁶

On April 10, 2026, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME”) filed a Form 1-N with the Commission. Pursuant to Section 6(g)(3) of the Exchange Act,⁷ the Commission hereby acknowledges receipt of the Form 1-N submitted by CME. Copies of the Form 1-N, including all exhibits, are available on the Commission’s internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/commission-orders-notices/other-commission-orders-notices-information>).

For further information about this Release, you may contact David Dimitriou, Senior Special Counsel; Michou Nguyen, Special Counsel; and Alba Baze, Attorney-Adviser, Office of Market Supervision, Division of Trading and Markets, at (202) 551-5550, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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³ 7 U.S.C. 2(a)(1)(C).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.6a-4.

⁵ Under Rule 202.3(b)(3) of the Commission’s Informal and Other Procedures, upon receipt of a Form 1-N, the Division of Trading and Markets examines the notice to determine whether all necessary information has been supplied and whether all other required documents have been furnished in proper form. 17 CFR 202.3(b)(3).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(g)(2)(B).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(g)(3).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(75).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21568; ARKANSAS Disaster Number AR-20039 Declaration of Economic Injury]

Administrative Declaration of an Economic Injury Disaster for the State of Arkansas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the state of Arkansas dated April 29, 2026.

Incident: Severe Winter Weather.

DATES: Issued on April 29, 2026.

Incident Period: January 23, 2026 through January 26, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 29, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the Administrator’s EIDL declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Clark, Garland, Independence, Pike, Polk.

Contiguous Counties:

Arkansas: Cleburne, Dallas, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Perry, Saline, Scott, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, White, Yell .
Oklahoma: Le Flore, McCurtain.

The Interest Rates are:

Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(g).

² 7 U.S.C. 1a(6).

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 215680.

The states which received an EIDL declaration are Arkansas, Oklahoma.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 424X); Docket No. AB 414 (Sub-No. 9X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Polk County, Iowa; Iowa Interstate Railroad—Discontinuance of Lease and Operation Authority—in Polk County, Iowa

On April 14, 2026, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and Iowa Interstate Railroad, LLC (IAIS) (collectively, Petitioners), jointly filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for NSR to abandon and for IAIS to discontinue service over an approximately 12.2-mile rail line, extending from milepost DU 340.8 +/- to milepost DU 353.0 +/-, together with the 0.8-mile un-mileposted Clive Spur (collectively, the Line), all in Polk County, Iowa. There are two stations on the Line: Des Moines, Iowa and Grimes, Iowa. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 50111, 50322, 50324, 50325, 50265, and 50312.

The Petitioners state that NSR seeks authority to abandon the Line and IAIS seeks to discontinue its lease and operation authority because “the traffic and revenues from the remaining shippers on the Line are insufficient to cover the direct costs of providing rail service let alone the costs of normalized maintenance and opportunity costs.” (Pet. 5.) They assert that, given the Line’s declining traffic base, the substantial operating and annual maintenance costs, and the absence of prospective new business, the Line is not economically viable for IAIS, NSR, or any potential new operator. (*Id.*) Petitioners further state that, in recent years, the Line has served very few shippers and that there are transloading opportunities available for the vast majority of the traffic moving over the Line. (*Id.* at 8.)

According to Petitioners, based on the information in their possession, the Line

does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. (*Id.* at 3.) Petitioners state that any documentation in either of their possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. (*Id.*)

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 31, 2026.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by May 14, 2026, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

Following abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.¹ Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than May 22, 2026.²

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 424X) or AB 414 (Sub-No. 9X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on NSR’s representative, William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L St. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036, and IAIS’s representative, Onna B. Houck, Iowa Interstate Railroad, LLC, 203 2nd Street SE, Suite 500, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Replies to the petition are due on or before May 26, 2026.

¹ The Polk County Conservation Board; the Cities of Des Moines, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights, Urbandale, Clive, and Grimes; and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation jointly filed a request for imposition of a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 and for issuance of a notice of interim trail use or abandonment under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), for the Line between milepost DU 340.8 and milepost DU 353.0. The Board will address this public use and trail use request, and any others that may be filed, in a subsequent decision.

² Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

OEA will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), which will be served upon all parties of record and upon any other agencies or persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: April 29, 2026.

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

Regena Smith-Bernard,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2026-0203; Notice 1]

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) has determined that certain model year (MY) 2024–2025 Volkswagen Jetta and MY 2024 Volkswagen Taos motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 138, *Tire Pressure Monitoring System*. Volkswagen filed a noncompliance report dated September 17, 2025, and subsequently petitioned NHTSA (the “Agency”) on September 30, 2025, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it