

prescribed depreciation rates to their investment base to determine monthly and annual depreciation expense. This expense is included in the railroads' operating expenses, which are reported in their R-1 reports (OMB Control Number 2140-0009). Operating expenses are used to develop operating costs for application in various proceedings before the Board, such as in rate reasonableness cases and in the determination of railroad "revenue adequacy."

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Information from certain schedules contained in these reports is available at the Board's website at www.stb.gov by navigating to "Reports & Data" and clicking on "Economic Data." Information in these reports is not available from any other source.

Dated: June 10, 2026.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36938]

Delaware and South Branch Railroad, LLC—Lease and Change of Operator Exemption—Black River & Western Corp. d/b/a Black River & Western Railroad, and Belvidere & Delaware River Railway Company, Inc.

Delaware and South Branch Railroad, LLC (DSBR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from Black River & Western Corp. d/b/a Black River & Western Railroad (BRW), and Belvidere & Delaware River Railway Company, Inc. (BDR), and operate approximately 31.91 miles of rail line: (1) a 16.2-mile BRW rail line from milepost 0.0 at Lambertville, N.J., to milepost 16.2 at the connection with Norfolk Southern

Railway Company at Three Bridges, N.J.; and (2) an approximately 15.71-mile BDR rail line from milepost 50.6 at Philippsburg, N.J., to milepost 34.89 at Alexandria Creek, N.J. (the Line).¹

BDR currently leases and operates an approximately 10-mile portion of the Line from milepost 6.2 at Ringoes, N.J., to milepost 16.2 at Three Bridges (the Three Bridges Segment). According to the verified notice, DSBR, BRW and BDR have reached an agreement pursuant to which DSBR will lease and operate the Line, including replacing BDR as the lessee and operator on the Three Bridges Segment. The verified notice states that BDR will cease all common carrier operations on the Line upon DSBR's assumption of the leasehold operations. This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in Kean Burenga & Chesapeake & Delaware, LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—Delaware & South Branch Railroad, LLC, Docket No. FD 36939, in which Kean Burenga and Chesapeake and Delaware, LLC, seek to continue in control of DSBR upon DSBR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

DSBR certifies that its projected annual revenues from this transaction will not result in its becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier and are not expected to exceed \$5 million. DSBR also certifies that the transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. DSBR certifies that it has notified all customers on the Three Bridges Segment of the proposed change in operator.

The transaction may be consummated on or after June 28, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (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 for stay must be filed by June 18, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36938, 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

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be served on DSBR's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

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

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

Decided: June 9, 2026.

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

Stefan Rice,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Arbitration "Opt-In" Notices

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection of Arbitration "Opt-in" Notices, described below.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by August 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, PRA Officer, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to PRA@stb.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Arbitration 'Opt-In' Notices." For further information regarding this collection, contact Mike Higgins at (866) 254-1792 (toll-free) or 202-245-0238, or by emailing rcpa@stb.gov. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are requested concerning each collection as to (1) whether the particular collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to

minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate. Submitted comments will be included and summarized in the Board's request for OMB approval.

Description of Collection

Title: Arbitration "Opt-in" Notices.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0020.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: All regulated rail carriers.

Number of Respondents: One.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 0.5 hours.

Total "Non-Hour Burden" Cost: None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

Needs and Uses: Under 49 CFR 1108.3, rail carriers subject to the Board's jurisdiction may agree to participate in the Board's arbitration program by filing a notice with the Board to "opt in." Once a rail carrier is participating in the Board's arbitration program, it may discontinue its participation only by filing a notice to "opt out" with the Board, which would become effective 90 days after its filing.

The Board makes this submission because, under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: June 10, 2026.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Dispute Resolution Procedures Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection of "FAST Act" Dispute Resolution Procedures, as described below.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by August 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to PRA@stb.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, FAST Act Dispute Resolution Procedures." For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance (OPAGAC), at (866) 254-1792 (toll-free) or 202-245-0238, or by emailing to rcpa@stb.gov. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are requested concerning: (1) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

Description of Collection

Title: FAST Act Dispute Resolution Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0036.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Parties seeking the Board's informal assistance under Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94 (signed Dec. 4, 2015) (FAST Act).

Number of Respondents: One.

Estimated Time per Response: Two hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): Two hours (estimated hours per response (1) × total number of responses (1)).

Total Annual "Non-Hour Burden" Cost (such as start-up and mailing costs): There are no non-hourly burden costs for this collection.

Needs and Uses: Title XI of the FAST Act, entitled "Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015," gives the Board jurisdiction to resolve cost allocation and access disputes between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), the states, and potential non-Amtrak operators of intercity passenger rail service. The FAST Act directs the Board to establish procedures for the resolution of these disputes, "which may include the provision of professional mediation services." 49 U.S.C. 24712(c)(2), 24905(c)(4). Under 49 CFR 1109.5, the Board provides that parties to a dispute involving the State-Sponsored Route Committee or the Northeast Corridor Committee may, by a letter submitted to OPAGAC, may request the Board's informal assistance in securing outside professional mediation services. The letter shall include a concise description of the issues for which outside professional mediation services are sought. The collection by the Board of these request letters enables the Board to meet its statutory duty under the FAST Act.

The Board makes this submission because, under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.