

sufficient financial resources and robust operational capacity to meet obligations arising from participation in the clearing agency.¹⁵⁸

OCC manages its credit exposures, in part, through the resources held in its Clearing Fund. Such resources are sized to address stress losses in excess of margin; however, the current allocation methodology does not consider the extent to which a member poses risk to OCC that exceeds its potential margin contributions. As a requirement of participation, each Clearing Member is required to contribute financial resources to fund the Clearing Fund. The methodology for allocating such contributions is not currently aligned with the methodology for setting the size of the Clearing Fund itself. As described above, OCC proposed to revise its allocation methodology to align the weighting of variables and lookback period more closely with OCC's methodology for sizing the Clearing Fund. As a result, the proposed changes would more closely align a member's financial obligations to OCC with the credit risk the member poses without entirely removing consideration of other factors. To address the possibility that the proposed weighting methodology could cause an inappropriate allocation of requirements due to persistent, high volatility, the Proposed Rule Change would authorize OCC to hold allocation requirements constant month-over-month where doing so would be in furtherance of the integrity of OCC and the stability of the financial system, and take into consideration the legitimate interests of Clearing Members and market participants. These changes would further align Clearing Members' obligations with the exposures such members pose to OCC while also providing flexibility to respond to extreme market volatility. Such alignment is consistent with Rule 17ad-22(e)(18)(ii) because it would help ensure that Clearing Fund contribution requirements, which are a requirement for participation in OCC, are risk-based and objective.

Accordingly, the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with Rule 17ad-22(e)(18)(ii) under the Exchange Act.¹⁵⁹

IV. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the Act

and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities association.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Rule 431 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, that the earlier action taken by delegated authority, Exchange Act Release No. 104359 (Dec. 11, 2025), 90 FR 58352 (Dec. 16, 2025), is set aside and, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, the Proposed Rule Change (SR-OCC-2025-018), as modified by Amendment No. 1, hereby is approved.

By the Commission.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**[Disaster Declaration #21930 and #21931;
 CONNECTICUT Disaster Number CT-20004]**

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Connecticut

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the state of Connecticut dated October 2, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flash Flooding.

DATES: Issued on October 2, 2026.

Incident Period: September 13, 2026.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: December 1, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: July 2, 2027.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaquille Lewis, Office of Disaster Recovery, 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 disaster 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 County: Fairfield.

Contiguous Counties:

Connecticut: Litchfield, New Haven.
 New York: Dutchess, Nassau, Putnam,
 Suffolk, Westchester.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 219306 and for economic injury is 219310.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**[Disaster Declaration #21929; OREGON
 Disaster Number OR-20031 Declaration of
 Economic Injury]**

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

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the state of Oregon dated October 1, 2026.

Incident: Mid-July Severe Storms and Wildfires.

DATES: Issued on October 1, 2026.

Incident Period: July 15, 2026 through August 24, 2026.

¹⁵⁸ 17 CFR 240.17ad-22(e)(18)(ii). The Commission did not receive any comments on the Proposed Rule Change directly related to objective, risk-based, and publicly disclosed criteria for participation.

¹⁵⁹ 17 CFR 240.17ad-22(e)(18)(ii).

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: July 1, 2027.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaquille Lewis, Office of Disaster Recovery, 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: Baker, Clackamas, Deschutes, Grant, Umatilla, Wallowa, Wasco, Wheeler.

Contiguous Counties:

Oregon: Crook, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Sherman, Union, Washington, Yamhill.

Idaho: Adams, Idaho, Nez Perce, Washington.

Washington: Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Garfield, Klickitat, Walla Walla.

The Interest Rates are:

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

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 219290.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: Petitions for Declaratory Order and Petitions for Relief Not Otherwise Specified

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 extensions of the collections regarding petitions for declaratory order and petitions for relief not otherwise specified, as described below.

DATES: Comments on these information collections should be submitted by December 7, 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, Petitions for Declaratory Orders and Petitions for Relief Not Otherwise Specified." 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: For each collection, 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 Collections

Collection Number 1

Title: Petitions for declaratory order.
OMB Control Number: 2140-0031.
STB Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Affected shippers, railroads, communities, and other

stakeholders that choose to seek a declaratory order from the Board to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty.

Number of Respondents: Approximately seven (based on the average number of petitioners filing during 2023-2025).

Estimated Time per Response: 180 hours.

Frequency: On occasion. In calendar years 2023-2025, approximately seven petitions for declaratory order were filed with the Board per year.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 1,260 hours (estimated hours per petition (180) × total number of petitions (7)).

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

Needs and Uses: Under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 1321, the Board may issue a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. Because petitions for declaratory order can encompass a broad range of issues and types of requests, the Board does not prescribe specific instructions for their filing. The collection by the Board regarding petitions for declaratory order that parties choose to file enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

Collection Number 2

Title: Petitions for relief not otherwise provided.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0030.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Affected shippers, railroads, communities, and other stakeholders that seek to address issues under the Board's jurisdiction that are not otherwise specifically provided for under the Board's other regulatory provisions.

Number of Respondents: Approximately five (based on the average number of petitioners filing during 2023-2025).

Estimated Time per Response: 25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion. In calendar years 2023-2025, approximately six petitions of this type were filed with the Board per year.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 150 hours (estimated hours per petition (25) × total number of petitions (6)).

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

Needs and Uses: Under 49 U.S.C. 1321 and 49 CFR part 1117 (the Board's