

review additional credible information and allegations concerning corruption or undemocratic activity and to utilize all applicable authorities, as appropriate, to ensure corrupt or undemocratic officials are denied safe haven in the United States.

El Salvador

Ricardo Gomez, President Commissioner of the Institute for Access to Public Information, undermined democratic processes or institutions by purposefully and wrongfully blocking access to public information through his position as President Commissioner at the Institute for Access to Public Information.

Gerardo Guerrero, commissioner of the Institute for Access to Public Information, undermined democratic processes or institutions by purposefully and wrongfully blocking access to public information through his position as a Commissioner at the Institute for Access to Public Information.

Andrés Grégori Rodríguez, commissioner of the Institute for Access to Public Information, undermined democratic processes or institutions by purposefully and wrongfully blocking access to public information through his position as a Commissioner at the Institute for Access to Public Information.

Honduras

Ricardo Arturo Salgado Bonilla, Current Minister of Strategic Planning, undermined democratic processes or institutions by directing the LIBRE party's coordinated efforts through party loyalist groups ("colectivos") to suppress dissent by violently intimidating opposition legislators calling for a legislative session on October 31, 2023.

Mohammad Yusuf Amdani Bai, a private businessman, engaged in significant corruption by bribing Honduran Supreme Court officials to rule in favor of his business in a private lawsuit.

Cristian Adolfo Sánchez, engaged in significant corruption by participating in a scheme that defrauded the Honduran government of more than \$300,000, and colluded with Ministry of Health officials to improperly award government contracts.

Guatemala

Leonor Eugenia Morales Lazo, current prosecutor, undermined democratic processes or institutions by leading a politically-motivated investigation to cast doubt on certified election results to disrupt the presidential transition.

Noe Nehemías Rivera Vasquez, current prosecutor, undermined democratic processes or institutions by bringing politically motivated charges against justice actors fighting corruption and impunity.

Pedro Otto Hernandez Gonzalez, current prosecutor, undermined democratic processes or institutions by participating in a politically-motivated investigation to cast doubt on certified election results to disrupt the presidential transition.

Silvia Patricia Valdes Quezada, a former Supreme Court of Justice magistrate, undermined democratic processes or institutions by participating in the "Parallel Commissions" scheme to stack the Supreme Court and Appellate Courts with corrupt judges.

Nicaragua

Gloria Maria Saavedra Corrales, Judge in the Tenth Criminal District Court of Hearings of Managua, undermined democratic processes or institutions by using her position and authority within the Nicaraguan judicial system to knowingly facilitate a coordinated campaign to suppress dissent by confiscating property from the Jesuit Central American University without a legal basis, in order to install a regime-friendly administration.

Maribel del Socorro Duriez González, President of Nicaragua's National Council for Evaluation and Accreditation (CNEA), undermined democratic processes or institutions by taking part in a coordinated campaign to suppress dissent by confiscating property from the government's political opponents, including the Central American University (UCA) and at least 25 other private Nicaraguan universities, without a legal basis, in order to install a regime-friendly administrations.

Ramona Rodriguez Perez, President of Nicaragua's National Council of Universities (CNU), undermined democratic processes or institutions by taking part in a coordinated campaign to suppress dissent by confiscating property from the government's political opponents, including Central American University (UCA) and at least 25 other private Nicaraguan universities, without a legal basis, in order to install a regime-friendly administrations.

Alejandro Enrique Genet Cruz, Rector of Casimiro Sotelo University (formerly Central American University), undermined democratic processes or institutions by taking part in a coordinated campaign to retaliate against critics of the Ortega-Murillo regime and to suppress dissent by using

his position to create policies that punish Casimiro Sotelo University faculty and students who do not take part in political activities for Ortega's Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) political party.

Dated: December 20, 2023.

Richard Verma,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1311 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Dutchess and Putnam Counties, N.Y.

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company (MNR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 41.1-mile rail line that runs between milepost 0.0 and milepost 71.2, in Dutchess and Putnam Counties, N.Y. (the Line).¹ The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 12508, 12524, 12533, 12582, 12570, 12531, 12563, 10509, and 12564.

MNR has certified that: (1) no local freight or overhead traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years; (2) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (3) the requirements at 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the

¹ When the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Board's predecessor, authorized MNR to acquire the Line in 1995, it exempted MNR from most of the provisions of Subtitle IV of Title 49 of the U.S. Code and authorized MNR to abandon the Line subject to the future discontinuance of trackage rights then held by Danbury Terminal Railroad Company. *Metro-N. Commuter R.R.—Exemption—from 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV.*, FD 32639 (Sub-No. 1), slip op. at 1 (STB served Nov. 22, 2023). See also *Metro-N. Commuter R.R.—Acquis. Exemption—the Maybrook Line*, FD 32639 et al., slip op. at 3-4 (ICC served Jan. 13, 1995). MNR filed a petition seeking partial revocation of the Subtitle IV exemption to permit MNR to file for abandonment authority and ultimately pursue interim trail use/railbanking of a rail line under the National Trails System Act (Trails Act), 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), and 49 CFR 1152.29. *Metro-N. Commuter R.R.*, FD 36239 (Sub-No. 1), slip op. at 1 (STB served Nov. 22, 2023). The Board granted that petition on November 22, 2023. *Id.*

abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,² this exemption will be effective on February 9, 2024, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues³ must be filed by January 19, 2024. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 22, 2024.⁴ Petitions to reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 30, 2024.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1311 (Sub-No. 1X), 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 MNR's representative, Charles A. Spitulnik, Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, 1634 I (Eye) Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Public use or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

² Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, 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)(2)(i).

³ Typically, an abandonment requires environmental review. However, on September 9, 2022, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) covering the Line in a related proceeding: *Metro-North Commuter Railroad—Adverse Discontinuance of Trackage Rights—Housatonic Railroad*, Docket No. AB 1311. No environmental or historic preservation issues were raised by any party or identified by OEA in that Final EA. MNR states that no significant changes affecting the Line have taken place since the Final EA was issued. Accordingly, because OEA has recently conducted an appropriate environmental review concerning the Line at issue, a finding of no significant impact under 49 CFR 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 CFR 1011.7(a)(2)(ix). See *Housatonic R.R.—Discontinuance of Serv.—in Dutchess & Putnam Cntys., N.Y.*, AB 733 (Sub-no. 1X) et al., slip op. at 4 n.10 (STB served July 13, 2023).

⁴ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), MNR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by MNR's filing of a notice of consummation by January 10, 2025, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: January 5, 2024.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Stefan Rice,
Clearance Clerk.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Projects Approved for Consumptive Uses of Water

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists Approvals by Rule for projects by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: December 1–31, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238-0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238-2436; email: joyler@srbc.gov. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists the projects, described below, receiving approval for the consumptive use of water pursuant to the Commission's approval by rule process set forth in 18 CFR 806.22 (e) and (f) for the time period specified above.

Water Source Approval—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(e):

1. Plainville Brands, LLC—Plainville Farms, ABR-202312005; New Oxford Borough, Adams County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.380 mgd; Approval Date: December 6, 2023.

2. Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center—Hampden Medical Center; ABR-202312006; Hampden Township, Cumberland County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.1620 mgd; Approval Date: December 7, 2023.

Water Source Approval—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(f):

1. Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: Dobrosielski P1; ABR-202312003; Auburn & Dimock Townships, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 7, 2023.

2. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Amcor; ABR-201211018.R2; Meshoppen Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2023.

3. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Joeguswa; ABR-201211019.R2; Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2023.

4. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Lucarino Drilling Pad #1; ABR-201112010.R2; Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2023.

5. RENEWAL—Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC; Pad ID: State Game Lands 075A—East Pad; ABR-201311005.R2; Pine Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2023.

6. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Sherman 492W; ABR-201310001.R2; Sullivan Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2023.

7. RENEWAL—SWN Production Company, LLC; Pad ID: TNT 1 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; ABR-201112006.R2; New Milford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9990 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2023.

8. Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: Conboy T P1; ABR-202312002; Middletown Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 10, 2023.

9. Greylock Production, LLC; Pad ID: Ron Well Pad; ABR-202312001; Hector Township, Potter County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 10, 2023.

10. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Edger; ABR-201112020.R2; Smithfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: December 18, 2023.

11. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: RGB; ABR-201112021.R2; Smithfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: December 18, 2023.