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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Delegation of Authority No. 519]**

**Delegation of Authority Sudan Claims Resolution Letters**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including the State Department Basic Authorities Act (codified in 22 U.S.C. 2651a(a)(4)), I hereby delegate to the Legal Adviser and the Deputy Legal Advisers, to the extent authorized by law, the functions and authorities of the Secretary of State described in § 1707(b) of the Sudan Claims Resolution Act (Title XVII of Division FF of Pub. L. 116–260).

The authority delegated herein may also be exercised by the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources. This delegation of authority does not supersede or affect any other delegation of authority currently in effect.

This document shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 16, 2021.

**Antony J. Blinken,**

*Secretary of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36513]**

**RJ Corman Railroad Company/  
Tennessee Terminal, LLC—Lease and  
Operation Exemption With Interchange  
Commitment—BNSF Railway Company**

RJ Corman Railroad Company/Tennessee Terminal, LLC (RJ/TN), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and operate approximately 46.7 miles of rail line (the Lines) as follows: (1) The Tennessee Yard tracks in Shelby County, Tenn., consisting of (a) Track No. 0323 from a point west of Track No. 0324 to the point it connects with Track No. 2058 on the west end of the yard; (b) Track Nos. 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 0311, and 0312; (c) Track No. 1400, and all connected BNSF-owned industrial

tracks north of the yard; (d) Track No. 1300, and all connected BNSF-owned industrial tracks north of the yard; (e) Track Nos. 1365, 1370, and 1375; (f) Track No. 1372; (g) Track No. 1500 from a point east of the Shelby overpass and all Hickory Hill Industrial Park leads owned by BNSF; and (h) Track Nos. 0892, 1202, 1204, 1207, and all connected BNSF-owned industrial tracks north of main track No. 2; (2) the Airport Industrial Park tracks, located in Shelby County, Tenn.; and (3) the Olive Branch, Mississippi Metro Industrial Park tracks in DeSoto County, Miss. RJ/TN states that the Lines generally do not have mileposts.

The verified notice states that RJ/TN is the current operator of the Lines.<sup>1</sup> According to RJ/TN, it and BNSF have entered into a lease agreement for the Lines, and RJ/TN will continue to operate the Lines after the transaction.

RJ/TN certifies that its projected annual revenue from this transaction will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in RJ/TN's becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier.

As required under 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1), RJ/TN has disclosed in its verified notice that its lease agreement with BNSF contains an interchange commitment pertaining to interchange with carriers other than BNSF. RJ/TN has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).<sup>2</sup>

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is October 14, 2021 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the 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 no later than October 7, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36513, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on RJ/TN's representative: Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to RJ/TN, 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](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: September 24, 2021.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36537]**

**Ohio Rail Development Commission—  
Acquisition and Operation  
Exemption—City of Jackson, Ohio**

Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from the City of Jackson, Ohio (the City), and operate approximately 60.36 miles of rail line between milepost 0.00/127.0 at Hamden, Ohio, and milepost 32.76 at Firebrick, Ohio; between milepost 112.3 at West Junction, Ohio, and milepost 127.0 at Hamden; between milepost 127.71 at Hamden and milepost 136.71 at Red Diamond, Ohio; between milepost 91.6 at RA Junction, Ohio, and milepost 95.5 at West Junction, which is also known as milepost 112.3 (the Lines). ORDC also will acquire the following spur lines off the Hamden-Firebrick portion of the main line: The Buckeye Branch (an approximately 0.8-mile spur at milepost 2.6), the Meadow Run Branch (an approximately 1.3-mile spur at milepost 4.4), the Huron Branch (East) (an approximately 1.0-mile spur at milepost 13.1), the Huron Branch (West) (an approximately 4.8-mile spur at milepost 13.4), and the Pyro Spur (a 1.1-mile spur at milepost 23.6), as well as incidental trackage rights over 5.9 miles of former B&O/C&O rail lines (currently owned by CSX Transportation, Inc.) for interchange purposes, from milepost 91.6 at RA Junction to milepost 85.7 at VA Junction, near Vaucus, Ohio.

The verified notice states that ORDC has reached an agreement with the City to acquire and operate the Lines and that Indiana Eastern Railroad, LLC d/b/a Ohio South Central Railroad will continue to provide operations over the Lines.

ORDC certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed the maximum revenue of a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

<sup>1</sup> See *R.J. Corman R.R. Tenn. Terminal, LLC—Lease & Operation Exemption—BNSF Ry.*, FD 34772 (STB served Feb. 3, 2006). RJ/TN notes that certain tracks have been renamed since that 2006 proceeding but the track numbers remain the same.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of the lease with the interchange commitment was submitted under seal. See 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1).

ORDC also certifies that the proposed transaction does not involve a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is October 15, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).<sup>1</sup>

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 no later than October 8, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36537, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on ORDC's representative, Crystal M. Zorbaugh, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

According to ORDC, 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](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: September 24, 2021.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Eden Besera,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2021-0017]

### Request for Comments and Public Hearing About the Extension Review of the Safeguard Action on Imports of Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** On August 6, 2021, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) instituted a review to determine whether the safeguard action currently in place on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic (CSPV) cells (whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products), continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and whether there is evidence that the domestic industry is making a positive adjustment to import competition. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), on behalf of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is announcing a process so that, in the event of an affirmative determination by the ITC, interested parties may submit views and evidence on the appropriateness of extending the safeguard measure and the action to be taken should the safeguard measure be extended. USTR also invites interested parties to participate in a public hearing regarding this matter.

#### DATES:

December 15, 2021 by midnight EST: Deadline for written comments.

December 15, 2021 by midnight EST: Deadline for requests to testify at the public hearing.

December 22, 2021 by midnight EST: Deadline for any written responses to those comments.

January 4, 2022: TPSC public hearing.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). The instructions for submitting written submissions are in sections III and IV below. The docket number is USTR-2021-0017. For alternatives to online submissions, contact Spencer Smith at [Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-2974 before transmitting a submission and in advance of the relevant deadline.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victor Mroczka, Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs, at [vmroczka@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:vmroczka@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-9450, or Michael T. Gagain, Office of the General Counsel, at [Michael.T.Gagain@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Michael.T.Gagain@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-9529.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. The Safeguard Measure on CSPV Products and the Extension Review

On January 23, 2018, the President, pursuant to section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2253), issued Proclamation 9693, imposing a safeguard measure on imports of CSPV products, in the form of a tariff-rate quota on imports of solar cells not partially or fully assembled into other

products, and an increase in duties on imports of modules. 83 FR 3541 (Jan. 25, 2018). The measure took effect on February 7, 2018, for a period of four years, a period that ends on February 6, 2022. On October 10, 2020, the President issued Proclamation 10101, which made certain modifications to the safeguard measure announced in Proclamation 9693. 85 FR 65639 (Oct. 16, 2020).

On August 6, 2021, following the receipt of petitions filed by members of the domestic CSPV industry, the ITC instituted an investigation to determine, pursuant to section 204(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2254(c)), whether the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and whether there is evidence that the domestic industry is making a positive adjustment to import competition. See 86 FR 44403 (Aug. 12, 2021). Section 204(c)(3) of the Trade Act provides that, unless the President specifies a different date, the ITC must transmit to the President a report on its investigation and its determination not later than 60 days before the action taken under section 203 of the Trade Act is to terminate, which would be December 8, 2021.

If the ITC makes an affirmative determination pursuant to section 204(c)(1) and (c)(3) of the Trade Act, the President then, following receipt of the ITC's report, may extend the effective period of the safeguard measure on CSPV products if the President determines under section 203(e)(1)(B) of the Trade Act that the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy the serious injury and there is evidence that the domestic industry is making a positive adjustment to import competition. Pursuant to section 203(e)(1)(B), the effective period of any action taken under section 203, including any extensions thereof, may not, in the aggregate, exceed eight years. Accordingly, any extension of the safeguard action on CSPV products may not exceed four years. If the President does not make this determination by February 6, 2022, the safeguard measure will terminate.

##### II. Proposed Measure and Opportunity To Comment

If the ITC makes an affirmative determination in its extension review under section 204(c) of the Trade Act, the TPSC will make a recommendation to the President regarding the determination to be made under section 203(e)(1)(B) of the Trade Act and the extent to which the effective period of the safeguard measure should be

<sup>1</sup> ORDC initially submitted its verified notice on September 3, 2021, but filed an errata on September 15, 2021, to correct a mistaken location description for milepost 85.7 and to provide a corrected certification supporting the verified notice. As such, September 15, 2021, is deemed the filing date of the verified notice.