

shippers on the Line on November 22, 2019.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is December 31, 2019 (60 days after the certification under 49 CFR 1150.42(e) was filed). DEIR states that it expects to consummate the transaction on that date.

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 December 24, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36364, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on DEIR's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to DEIR, 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)(1).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: December 2, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Eden Besera,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36367]

### Davenport Industrial Railroad, LLC— Lease & Operation Exemption—City of Davenport, Iowa

Davenport Industrial Railroad, LLC (DIR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the City of Davenport (the City) and operate an approximately 2.8-mile rail line (the Line).<sup>1</sup> The Line extends west and south from a point about 75 feet from a

connection with the main line of the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation (DM&E) near DM&E milepost 191.2 near Davenport, Iowa, to the City-owned Davenport Transload Facility. According to DIR, the Line does not have mileposts.

DIR states that it is finalizing the terms of a lease with the City, under which, among other things, DIR would assume a leasehold interest in, and provide common carrier service over, the Line.

DIR certifies that, as a result of this transaction, its projected revenue will not exceed \$5 million annually and will not result in its becoming a Class I or Class II carrier. DIR states that the agreement between the City and DIR does not include any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

According to DIR, it anticipates consummating the transaction on January 1, 2020, to coincide with SDR's discontinuance of service. The transaction may be consummated on or after December 22, 2019, 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 to stay must be filed no later than December 13, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36367, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on DIR's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

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

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: December 2, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2019-0009]

### Notice of Determination and Request for Comments Concerning Action Pursuant to Section 301: France's Digital Services Tax

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

**ACTION:** Notice of determination, request for comments, and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Trade Representative has determined that France's Digital Services Tax is unreasonable or discriminatory and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce. The U.S. Trade Representative proposes action in the form of additional duties of up to 100 percent on products of France to be drawn from the preliminary list in the Annex to this notice. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) seeks comments on this proposed action, as well as on other options including the imposition of fees or restrictions on services of France. The interagency Section 301 Committee will hold a public hearing in connection with the action to be taken under Section 301.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, the following schedule applies:

*December 30, 2019:* Due date for submission of a request to appear at the public hearing and a summary of testimony.

*January 6, 2020:* Due date for written comments.

*January 7, 2020:* The Section 301 Committee will convene a public hearing in the main hearing room of the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

*January 14, 2020:* Due date for submission of post-hearing rebuttal comments.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submissions in sections V and VI below. The docket number is USTR-2019-0009. For issues with on-line submissions, please contact the USTR Section 301 line at (202) 395-5725.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning the submission of written comments or participating in the public hearing, please contact the USTR Section 301 line at (202) 395-5725. For questions concerning the investigation, please

<sup>1</sup> The Board has authorized the current operator of the Line, Savage Davenport Railroad Company (SDR), to discontinue its operations effective January 1, 2020. See *Savage Davenport R.R.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Scott Cty., Iowa*, AB 1277X (STB served Sept. 30, 2019 and Oct. 29, 2019).