

2020, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with Board should be sent to W&W's representative, Edward D. Greenberg, GKG Law, P.C., The Foundry Building, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20007.

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

W&W has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources.<sup>4</sup> OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 31, 2019. The EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), W&W 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 W&W's filing a notice of consummation by December 26, 2020, 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](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: December 18, 2019.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 406X)]

### Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in the City of Fort Wayne, Ind.

On December 6, 2019, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a

petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 2.29-mile rail line, previously known as the Fourth Street Industrial Track, extending from milepost GI 0.0 to milepost GI 2.29 in the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County, Ind. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 46805 and 46808. NSR states that the Line previously included the station of Fourth Street.

NSR states that it is seeking to abandon the Line because it has been dormant for nearly two decades. (NSR Pet. 11.) On October 23, 2019, the Board rejected a verified notice of exemption filed by NSR to abandon the Line, finding that the class exemption procedure was inappropriate given the factual and legal questions raised by the verified notice of exemption, including questions regarding the Line's classification. *Norfolk S. Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in the City of Fort Wayne, Ind.*, AB 290 (Sub-No. 403X) (STB served Oct. 23, 2019). In its petition, NSR states that, on balance, the facts suggest that the Line is a line of railroad governed by 49 U.S.C. 10901 rather than excepted track governed by 49 U.S.C. 10906. (NSR Pet. 11.)

According to NSR, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in NSR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by March 25, 2020.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) for continued rail service will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by January 6, 2019, 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)(1)(i).

Following authorization for abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim

trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 15, 2020.<sup>1</sup>

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 406X), 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 NSR's representatives, William A. Mullins and Crystal M. Zorbaugh, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 15, 2020.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: December 17, 2019.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2020-1)]

### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

<sup>4</sup> On December 11, 2019, W&W supplemented its historic report with a letter from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office.

<sup>1</sup> The filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the first quarter 2020 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The first quarter 2020 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.043. The first quarter 2020 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.440. The first quarter 2020 RCAF-5 is 0.414.

**DATES:** *Applicability Date:* January 1, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our website, <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.

Decided: December 18, 2019.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, announce the next meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG). This notification provides the date, location, and agenda for the meeting.

**DATES:** *Date and Location:* The NPOAG will meet on January 29-30, 2020. The meeting will take place in the Orangewood 2 Conference Room at the Clarion Hotel, 616 W Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802. The meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on January 29 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on January 30, 2020. This NPOAG meeting will be open to the public. Because seating is limited, members of the public wishing to attend will need to contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by

January 10, 2020 to ensure sufficient meeting space is available to accommodate all attendees.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Keith Lusk, AWP-1SP, Special Programs Staff, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region Headquarters, 777 South Aviation Boulevard, Suite 150, El Segundo, CA 92045, telephone: (424) 405-7017, email: [Keith.Lusk@faa.gov](mailto:Keith.Lusk@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (NPATMA), enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106-181, required the establishment of the NPOAG within one year after its enactment. The Act requires that the NPOAG be a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairperson of the advisory group.

The duties of the NPOAG include providing advice, information, and recommendations to the FAA Administrator and the NPS Director on; implementation of Public Law 106-181; quiet aircraft technology; other measures that might accommodate interests to visitors of national parks; and at the request of the Administrator and the Director, on safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over national parks or tribal lands.

#### Agenda for the January 29-30, 2020 NPOAG Meeting

The agenda for the meeting will include, but is not limited to, an update on ongoing park specific air tour planning projects and commercial air tour reporting.

#### Attendance at the Meeting and Submission of Written Comments

Although this is not a public meeting, interested persons may attend. Because seating is limited, if you plan to attend please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** so that meeting space may be made to accommodate all attendees. Written comments regarding the meeting will be accepted directly from attendees or may be sent to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### Record of the Meeting

If you cannot attend the NPOAG meeting, a summary record of the meeting will be made available under the NPOAG section of the FAA ATMP website at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/arc/programs/air\\_tour\\_management\\_plan/parks\\_overflights\\_group/minutes.cfm](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/parks_overflights_group/minutes.cfm) or through the Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region, 777 South Aviation Boulevard, Suite 150, El Segundo, CA 90245, telephone: (424) 405-7017.

Issued in El Segundo, CA, on December 18, 2019.

**Keith Lusk,**

*Program Manager, Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket Number: FAA-2019-0946]

#### Pilot Records Improvement Act; Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996/Pilot Record Database

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection involves the pilot/applicant's name, home address which is provided by the applicant, and his/her FAA certificate number. In most cases, the certificate number is one that has been assigned by Airmen Certification. The information collected is imperative to be able to identify the airman in order to process the required background check for the potential hiring air carrier employer.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by February 24, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:*  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, ATTN: Aviation Data Systems Branch, AFS-620 (PRD/