

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 850A, "Request for NRC Contractor Building Access," NRC Form 850B, "Request for NRC Contractor Information Technology Access Authorization," and NRC Form 850C, "Request for NRC Contractor Security Clearance."

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0218.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 850A, NRC Form 850B, and NRC Form 850C.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On Occasion.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* NRC contractors, subcontractors and other individuals who are not NRC employees.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 500.

8. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 85.

9. *Abstract:* Part 10 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to Restricted Data or National Security Information or an Employment Clearance," establishes requirements that individuals requiring an access authorization and/or employment clearance must have an investigation of their background. NRC Forms 850A, 850B, and 850C will be used by the NRC to obtain information on the NRC's contractors, subcontractors, and other individuals who are not NRC employees and require access to the NRC buildings, IT systems, sensitive information, sensitive unclassified information, or classified information.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated: September 2, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Cullison,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9709]

Certification Pursuant to Section 7045(a)(3)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016 (DIV. K, Pub. L. 114-113)

By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Deputy Secretary of State by Department of State Delegation of Authority 245-1, and pursuant to Section 7045(a)(3)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016 (Div. K, Pub. L. 114-113), I hereby certify the central government of El Salvador is taking effective steps to:

- Establish an autonomous, publicly accountable entity to provide oversight of the Plan of the Alliance for Prosperity in the Northern Triangle of Central America (Plan);

- combat corruption, including investigating and prosecuting government officials credibly alleged to be corrupt;

- implement reforms, policies, and programs to improve transparency and strengthen public institutions, including increasing the capacity and independence of the judiciary and the Office of the Attorney General;

- establish and implement a policy that local communities, civil society organizations (including indigenous and other marginalized groups), and local governments are consulted in the design, and participate in the implementation and evaluation of, activities of the Plan that affect such communities, organizations, and governments;

- counter the activities of criminal gangs, drug traffickers, and organized crime;

- investigate and prosecute in the civilian justice system members of military and police forces who are credibly alleged to have violated human rights, and ensure that the military and police are cooperating in such cases;

- cooperate with commissions against impunity, as appropriate, and with regional human rights entities;

- support programs to reduce poverty, create jobs, and promote equitable economic growth in areas contributing to large numbers of migrants;

- establish and implement a plan to create a professional, accountable civilian police force and curtail the role of the military in internal policing;

- protect the right of political opposition parties, journalists, trade unionists, human rights defenders, and other civil society activists to operate without interference;

- increase government revenues, including by implementing tax reforms and strengthening customs agencies; and

- resolve commercial disputes, including the confiscation of real property, between United States entities and such government.

This certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be reported to Congress.

Dated: August 29, 2016.

Heather A. Higginbottom,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9710]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Self Certification and Ability To Perform In Emergencies (ESCAPE) Program

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to *November 8, 2016*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2016-0058" in

the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* GrewJF@state.gov.
- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Department of State, Bureau of Medical Services—Medical Clearances, SA-15 Room 400, 1800 North Kent St., Rosslyn, VA. 22209.
- *Fax:* 703-875-5412.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Joan F. Grew, who may be reached on 703-875-5412 or at GrewJF@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Self Certification and Ability To Perform in Emergencies (ESCAPE) Program.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0224.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Medical Services (MED).
- *Form Number:* DS-6570.
- *Respondents:* Non-federal individuals being considered for contracted assignments at ESCAPE-designated posts.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 200.
- *Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 100 annual hours.
- *Frequency:* One time per deployment to ESCAPE post.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain a benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public

record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The goal of the "Self Certification And Ability To Perform In Emergencies" (ESCAPE) program is to ensure that non-federal individuals who are being considered for a contracted position at a designated post are capable of the unique, potentially challenging and life threatening conditions at ESCAPE posts. These individuals are required to review with a medical provider the pre-deployment acknowledgement form (DS-6570) and then affirm that they understand the physical rigors and security conditions at these posts and can perform any specified emergency functions. Medical information is collected from medical providers and respondents during this review. The Department of State is requesting approval of this Information Collection so non-federal individuals who will be selected for assignments can provide completed pre-deployment medical information. This Collection is allowed under the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3901) and the Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651).

Methodology

The information collected will be collected using a form (DS-6570) during a medical review between a non-federal individual and his/her medical provider. The individual will submit the completed form, signed by both the individual and provider, to the Bureau of Medical Services at the U.S. Department of States.

Dated: September 1, 2016.

Behzad Shahbazian,

Director of Clinical Services, Bureau of Medical Services, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 35187 (Sub-No. 1)]

Grand Elk Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition of Incidental Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Grand Elk Railroad, Inc. (GDLK), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by assignment from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) trackage rights over

approximately 3.3 miles of rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) in Grand Rapids, Mich. (the Line). The Line extends from milepost CH 151.3± at Pleasant Street through milepost CH 151.6/CGE 0.0 to milepost CGE 3.0± north of Ann Street in Grand Rapids, Mich.

GDLK states that the subject trackage rights conveyance was incidental to GDLK's 2009 lease and operation of NSR-owned railroad lines extending generally from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Elkhart, Ind., but was inadvertently omitted from GDLK's notice of exemption for that transaction. *See Grand Elk R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Norfolk S. Ry.*, FD 35187 (STB served Nov. 17, 2008). GDLK states that it has filed this notice to obtain proper agency authority for the prior assignment of trackage rights over the CSXT Line. (Notice 2.) GDLK contends that it operated pursuant to the CSXT Line trackage rights from its start-up in 2009 until August 10, 2016, when CSXT denied GDLK access to the line. (Notice 3). According to GDLK, CSXT is disputing the 2009 assignment and GDLK is addressing CSXT's contractual arguments in state court.¹ (*Id.*) GDLK states that it is seeking retroactive Board authorization to assure that the court is fully able to address the matters before it. (*Id.*) GDLK states that the transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

GDLK states that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its projected annual revenues would exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, GDLK is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

In addition to its verified notice of exemption, GDLK has filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day labor notice requirements of 49 CFR 1150.42(e), asserting that: (1) No employees would be affected by the Board's authorization

¹ GDLK acknowledges that the authority invoked by its notice is permissive and that issuance of this notice is not determinative of the disputed trackage rights contract issues. (Notice 6 n.3 (citing *Wis. Cent. Ltd.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Lines of Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 35992 (STB served Mar. 4, 2016), and *Rock & Rail, Inc.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Burlington N. & Santa Fe. Ry.*, FD 33738 (STB served Apr. 30, 1999).)