

09/29/2016, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Mitchell, Winneshiek  
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14905B and for economic injury is 14906B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**  
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #14893 and #14894]

**North Carolina Disaster #NC-00079**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of North Carolina dated 10/05/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 09/21/2016.

*Effective Date:* 10/05/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline*

*Date:* 12/05/2016.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan*

*Application Deadline Date:* 07/05/2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Bertie  
Contiguous Counties:  
North Carolina: Chowan, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Washington

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.125
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.563
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.250
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14893 B and for economic injury is 14894 O.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: October 5, 2016.

**Maria Contreras-Sweet,**  
Administrator.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9759]

**Certification Pursuant to Section 7045(A)(3)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as 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 that the central government of Honduras 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];

- 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: September 30, 2016.

**Heather A. Higginbottom,**  
Deputy Secretary of State.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9755]

### Department of State Performance Review Board Members

In accordance with section 4314(c)(4) of 5 United States Code, the Department of State has appointed the following individuals to the Department of State Performance Review Board for Senior Executive Service members:

Alan Evans, Chairperson, Deputy Comptroller, Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, Department of State;  
Nerissa Cook, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organizations, Department of State;  
Paul Dean, Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State;  
Wanda Nesbitt, Dean, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State; and  
William Todd, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

Dated: September 22, 2016.

**Arnold Chacon,**

Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, Department of State.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 35347 (Sub-No. 1)]

### Elkhart & Western Railroad Co.— Amended Lease and Operation Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Elkhart & Western Railroad Co. (EWR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease and operate approximately 23.0 miles of rail line from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) between MP I 108.6 +/- (at Argos, Ind.) to MP I 131.6 +/- (at Walkerton, Ind.) (the Line).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> EWR also has local trackage rights over approximately 13 miles of rail line owned by Fulton County, LLC, extending from MP 1-95.6 at Rochester, Fulton County, Ind., to MP I-108.6, where it connects with the Line. *Elkhart & W. R.R.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Fulton Cty., LLC*, FD 35453 (STB served Feb. 9, 2011).

According to EWR, it first entered into a lease agreement (Original Agreement) with NSR in 2010. *See Elkhart & W. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Norfolk S. Ry.*, FD 35347 (STB served Feb. 19, 2010). On July 21, 2016, EWR and NSR agreed to amend the Original Agreement (1st Agreement Amendment) to extend the agreement's termination date an additional five years, through December 31, 2024, and amend certain other specific terms of the agreement.<sup>2</sup> EWR states that the 1st Agreement Amendment will take effect on or after the effective date of the notice of exemption.

According to EWR, it will continue to interchange traffic with NSR at a track in the vicinity of the Argo Yard. EWR states that the Original Agreement, as modified by the 1st Agreement Amendment, does not prohibit or limit EWR from interchanging with third-party connecting carriers that connect to the Line, nor does the modified agreement set forth terms governing EWR's interchange of traffic with such third-party carriers. According to EWR, the Original Agreement, as modified by the 1st Agreement Amendment, contains a provision specifically permitting EWR unrestricted interchange with other carriers. However, EWR certifies that the Original Agreement, as modified by the 1st Agreement Amendment, does contain lease credits, a type of interchange commitment. As required under 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1), EWR has disclosed in its verified notice that the Original Agreement, as modified by the 1st Agreement Amendment, affects the interchange point of MP I 131.6 +/- (at Walkerton, Ind.) and MP 118.3 (at Plymouth, Ind.). EWR has also provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment.

EWR also certifies that the projected annual revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class II or Class I rail carrier and would not exceed \$5 million.

The proposed transaction may be consummated on October 29, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption 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

<sup>2</sup> EWR filed a confidential, complete version of the 1st Agreement Amendment with its notice of exemption to be kept confidential by the Board under 49 CFR 1104.14(a) without the need for the filing of an accompanying motion for protective order under 49 CFR 1104.14(b).

the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than October 21, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective.)

An original and ten copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35347 (Sub-No. 1), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on applicant's representative, William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.GOV."

Decided: October 11, 2016.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Marline Simeon,**

Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 57 (Sub-No. 64X)]

### Soo Line Railroad Company— Abandonment of Trackage Located in Burleigh County, N.D.

Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific (Soo Line) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.9-mile line of railroad between milepost 417.99 +/- and milepost 418.89 +/- in Burleigh County, N.D. (Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Zip Codes 58501 and 58504.

Soo Line has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic can be and has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch*