

states that it will continue to be the operator of the Line.

WTJR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the proposed transaction will not result in WTJR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and that its annual revenues do not exceed \$5 million.

WTJR states that it intends to consummate the transaction on or shortly after March 18, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption 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 for stay must be filed no later than March 11, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35998, 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, Karl Morell, Karl Morell & Associates, Suite 225, 655 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

According to WTJR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV).

Decided: March 1, 2016.

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

**Brendetta S. Jones,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Policy Recommendations on the Global Steel Industry Situation and Impact on U.S. Steel Industry and Market**

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments; notice of  
hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United  
States Trade Representative (USTR),  
jointly with the U.S. Department of  
Commerce (Commerce) and with the  
participation of other U.S. Government

agencies, will seek public comment and  
convene a public hearing on the global  
steel industry situation and its impact  
on the U.S. steel industry and market.

**DATES:** Written comments are due by  
11:59 p.m., March 29, 2016. Persons  
wishing to testify orally at the hearing  
must provide written notification of  
their intention, as well as a summary of  
their testimony, by 11:59 p.m., March  
29, 2016. The hearing will be held on  
April 12, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in  
the Main Hearing Room, 500 E Street  
SW., Washington, DC 20436, in the  
facilities of the U.S. International Trade  
Commission.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and  
notifications of intent to testify should  
be submitted electronically via the  
Internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). If you  
are unable to provide submissions at  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), please contact Iris  
Mayfield at (202) 395-5656, to arrange  
for an alternative method of  
transmission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
procedural questions concerning written  
comments, please contact Iris Mayfield  
at (202) 395-5656. All other questions  
regarding this notice should be directed  
to Fred Fischer, Director for Industry  
Affairs, at (202) 395-6114.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **1. Background**

The Organization for Economic  
Cooperation and Development (OECD)  
Steel Committee has recently noted  
mounting challenges in the global steel  
sector. According to the OECD  
Secretariat, global crude steelmaking  
capacity more than doubled from 2000  
to 2014, with global capacity growth led  
by an unprecedented expansion in  
capacity by China. Global steelmaking  
capacity is projected by the OECD to  
grow even further in the 2015 to 2017  
period, to 2,323 million metric tons  
(MMT), approximately 700 MMT in  
excess of global steel demand in 2015.

At the same time, global demand for  
steel is weakening. In October 2015, the  
World Steel Association (worldsteel),  
the global steel producers' industry  
association, lowered its forecasts for  
world steel demand, estimating that  
demand decreased by 1.7 percent in  
2015. Global production also decreased  
by 2.8 percent in 2015 over 2014 levels.  
Despite significant production and  
demand decreases, world steel exports  
have increased by more than 4 percent  
between January-July 2015 relative to  
the same period in 2014, according to  
the OECD.

Changes in the economy in China, the  
world's largest consumer, producer and  
exporter of steel, are having impacts  
globally. Demand for steel in China is

estimated by worldsteel to have  
contracted by 5 percent in 2015 over  
2014 levels, more than previously  
anticipated, while steel production  
decreased by only 2.2 percent and  
exports increased by 26 percent in 2015  
over 2014 levels. Steel production by  
the European Union, India, South Korea  
and Brazil is also affecting the global  
market and entering the United States.  
Many countries have responded to  
sharp increases of steel imports from  
China and other countries by taking a  
variety of trade remedy measures.

At the 79th meeting of the OECD Steel  
Committee in December 2015, the  
United States and the governments of  
other major steel producing countries  
noted that "demand weakness coupled  
with further increases in steelmaking  
capacity over the next few years—in an  
environment of already low steel prices,  
unsustainably weak profitability, and  
mounting debt—suggests that  
adjustment pressures are likely to grow  
significantly in the short to medium  
term." The OECD Steel Committee  
called for immediate action to address  
the excess capacity challenge and its  
impact in the steel sector.

The U.S. Government is interested in  
obtaining stakeholder views on the  
global steel industry situation and its  
impact on the U.S. steel industry and  
market, as well as other U.S. industry  
sectors that may have concerns about  
the impact of excess capacity on their  
particular market. USTR and Commerce  
note that there are a number of on-going  
antidumping and countervailing duty  
investigations and administrative  
reviews on steel imports in progress.  
These proceedings are not the subject of  
this Public Comment and Hearing  
request. Commenters should note that  
Commerce will not place the  
information responsive to this request  
for public information in the record of  
its antidumping or countervailing duty  
proceedings and will not consider such  
information in its proceedings.

##### **2. Public Comment and Hearing**

USTR and Commerce invite written  
comments and/or oral testimony of  
interested persons on issues including,  
but not limited to, the following: (a)  
Status and causes of the excess capacity  
situation in the global steel industry,  
including other factors that impact the  
global steel market (e.g., contracting  
markets and softening worldwide  
demand, weak raw material prices, and  
government support and policies that  
encourage capacity expansion as well as  
exports); (b) countries and policies of  
concern; (c) status of the U.S. steel

market, steel manufacturing supply chain and demand trends; (d) impacts of foreign trade barriers, unfair trade practices, subsidies and other policies on U.S. imports and exports of steel; (e) the current and potential future impact of excess global steelmaking capacity on U.S. steel producing companies, U.S. workers, suppliers to the U.S. steel industry (e.g., iron ore, ferrous scrap, and other raw materials), U.S. steel consuming manufacturers, and States, localities and communities; (f) U.S. steel industry responses and adjustment to the impact of the global market situation on their business and overall competitiveness, including trade remedy and other U.S. enforcement actions, industry cost savings efforts and participation in U.S. export markets; (g) other sectors in which excess capacity impacts their particular industry in the United States and may merit further consideration; and (h) views on whether further enforcement tools or approaches, or legislative action are needed. Written comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., March 29, 2016.

A hearing will be held on April 12, 2016, in the Main Hearing Room, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, in the facilities of the U.S. International Trade Commission. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by 11:59 p.m., March 29, 2016. The intent to testify notification must be made in the "Type Comment" field under docket number USTR-2016-0001 on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony. A summary of the testimony should be attached by using the "Upload File" field. The name of the file should also include who will be presenting the testimony. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the government representatives.

### 3. Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting a notification of intent to testify and/or written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "Global Steel Industry Situation." In order to be assured of consideration, comments should be submitted by 11:59 p.m., March 29, 2016.

In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR and Commerce strongly encourage commenters to make on-line submissions, using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site. To submit comments via

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), enter docket number USTR-2016-0001 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!" (For further information on using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "How to Use Regulations.gov" on the bottom of the home page).

The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site allows users to provide comments by filling in a "Type Comment" field, or by attaching a document using an "Upload File" field. Submitters are requested to limit comments to 10 double-spaced pages and to include an executive summary of no more than two double-spaced pages, providing supporting information in appendices. USTR and Commerce prefer that comments be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type Comment" field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the "Type Comment" field.

For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC". The submission must be marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page, and the submission should indicate, via brackets, the specific information that is confidential. Additionally, "Business Confidential" must be included in the "Type Comment" field. For any submission containing business confidential information, a non-confidential version must be submitted separately (i.e., not as part of the same submission with the confidential version), indicating where confidential information has been redacted. The file name of the public version should begin with the character "P". The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments or reply comments. Filers submitting comments containing no business confidential information should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent

possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files.

As noted, USTR and Commerce strongly urge submitters to file comments through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), if at all possible. Any alternative arrangements must be made with Iris Mayfield in advance of transmitting a comment. Ms. Mayfield should be contacted at (202) 395-5656. General information concerning USTR is available at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov). General information concerning Commerce is available at [www.commerce.gov](http://www.commerce.gov). Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection, except business confidential information. Comments may be viewed on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site by entering the relevant docket number in the search field on the home page.

**Jim Sanford,**

*Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Small Business, Market Access and Industrial Competitiveness.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee

**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) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). This notification provides the date, location, and agenda for the meeting.

**Date and Location:** The NPOAG ARC will meet on April 13, 2016. The meeting will take place in Biscayne National Park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center Auditorium, 9700 SW. 328th Street, Homestead, FL 33033. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 13, 2016. This NPOAG meeting will be open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keith Lusk, AWP-1SP, Special Programs Staff, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region Headquarters, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2007, telephone: (310) 725-3808, email: [Keith.Lusk@faa.gov](mailto:Keith.Lusk@faa.gov).