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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

NOTICE

Docket No. EP 729

OFFERS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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On June 29, 2017, the Board issued a final rule revising the process for filing offers of financial assistance (OFAs) for continued rail service, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 10904. Under the OFA process, as implemented in the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27, financially responsible parties may offer to temporarily subsidize continued rail service over a line on which a rail carrier seeks to abandon or discontinue service or may offer to purchase and provide continued rail service on a line that a carrier seeks to abandon. The rule became effective on July 29, 2017.

This decision provides notice to the parties that, pursuant to the Small Business and Work Opportunity Act of 2007, 15 U.S.C. § 631, a Small Entity Compliance Guide has been published on the Board's website at www.stb.gov.

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