

1. Facilitate sharing of PTC communications infrastructure and spectrum.

2. Support the resolution of PTC system interoperability issues.

3. Optimize PTC deployment on the core 2015 PTC territory.

4. All other projects.

Selection Criteria: Applications will be evaluated and ranked based on both technical and cost or price factors.

A. Technical Factors (75% overall weighting):

1. *Responsiveness to Solicitation Intent and Requirements (20%):* Degree to which proposal meets the conceptual intent and submission requirements of the solicitation.

2. *Significance for Implementing Interoperable PTC Deployment and Fit with FRA's Mission (30%):* Degree to which successful implementation of proposed idea would make interoperable PTC deployment more technically or economically practical—includes contribution to cost effectiveness, reliability, safety, availability, or maintainability, and fit within FRA primary mission ensuring the safety of the Nation's approximately 700 railroads.

3. *Technical Merit (20%):* Degree to which proposed ideas exhibit a sound scientific and engineering basis; how well the proposed ideas could be practically applied in, and would be compatible with, the railroad environment; and perceived likelihood of technical and practical success.

4. *Key Personnel and Supporting Organization (15%):* The technical qualifications and demonstrated experience of key personnel proposed to lead and perform the technical efforts, and qualifications of primary and supporting organizations to fully and successfully execute proposal plan within proposed timeframe and budget.

5. *Collaborative Effort (15%):* The degree to which proposed effort is supported by multiple entities and the applicability and availability of results to the larger railroad industry.

B. Cost/Price Factor (25% overall weighting):

1. Affordability and degree to which proposed effort appears to be a good value for the amount of funding requested. The reasonableness and realism of the proposed costs (60%).

2. The extent of proposed cost sharing or cost participation under the proposed effort (exclusive of the applicant's prior investment) (40%).

All evaluation factors, other than cost or price, when combined, are significantly more important than cost or price alone. Technical evaluation is appreciably more important than cost or

price and, as such, greater consideration will be given to technical excellence rather than cost or price alone. An offer must be found acceptable under all applicable evaluation factors to be considered eligible for award. Awards will be made to responsible applicants whose offers provide the best value to the Government in terms of technical excellence, cost or price, and performance risk to include consistency and accord with the objectives of the solicitation and FRA's expressed areas of interest.

Requirements and Conditions for Grant Applications: Detailed application requirements and conditions may be found in the grant application guidance, FR-RSTG-13-001, or this solicitation on Grants.gov. Applications that do not meet the page-count requirements specified in the grant application guidance will not be considered.

Information Collection: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection associated with the Railroad Safety Technology Grant Program. The approval number for this collection of information is OMB No. 2130-0587.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 4, 2013.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 497 (Sub-No. 6X)]

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Polk County, Minn.

On October 18, 2013, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 2.8-mile portion of its Ada Subdivision between milepost 66.8 north of Beltrami and milepost 64.0 at the end of the track at or near Beltrami, in Polk County, Minn. (the Line).¹ The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 56517.

MNN states that it appears that the Line contains federally granted right-of-

way. Any documentation in MNN'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 issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by February 5, 2014.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the Line, 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 November 27, 2013. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 497 (Sub-No. 6X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604. Replies to the petition are due on or before November 27, 2013.

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 or discontinuance 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 Information Relay Service (FIRS) 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 commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within

¹ Upon abandonment, MNN intends to sell this portion of the Line at and near Beltrami to West Central Ag Services, the sole shipper on the Line, for use as private industry track.

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 on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: October 31, 2013.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Designation of Six Individuals and Four Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13581, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations"

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of six individuals and four entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations."

DATES: The designations by the Director of OFAC, pursuant to Executive Order 13581, of the six individuals and four entities identified in this notice were effective on October 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance and Evaluation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac). Certain general information pertaining to OFAC's sanctions programs is available via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On July 24, 2011, the President issued Executive Order 13581, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations" (the "Order"), pursuant to, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50

U.S.C. 1701-06). The Order was effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on July 25, 2011. In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to deal with the threat that significant transnational criminal organizations pose to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any United States person, of persons listed in the Annex to the Order and of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to satisfy certain criteria set forth in the Order.

On October 30, 2013, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (a)(ii)(A) through (a)(ii)(C) of Section 1 of the Order, six individuals and four entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order.

The listings for these individuals and entities on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons appear as follows:

Individuals

1. BADALYAN, Artur (a.k.a. BADALYAN, Arthur); DOB 09 Sep 1963 (individual) [TCO].
2. LEPSVERIDZE, Grigory Victorovich (a.k.a. LEPS, Grigoriy; a.k.a. LEPS, Grigory; a.k.a. "GRISHA"), Phuket, Thailand; DOB 16 Jul 1962; POB Sochi, Russia (individual) [TCO].
3. LYALIN, Vadim Mikhaylovich, Oceana Residences, Unit Aegean/8/803, The Palm, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; 1102 Al Fattan Marine Tower, P.O. Box 1102, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; DOB 30 Sep 1973; Passport 4510935440 (Russia) (individual) [TCO].
4. SHLYKOV, Igor Leonidovich (a.k.a. "SHLYK"); DOB 02 Nov 1967; Passport 530134972 (Russia) (individual) [TCO].
5. MOSKALENKO, Sergey Yevgeniyevich (a.k.a. MOSKALENKO, Sergei Yevgeniyevich), Haldenstrasse 26, Lucerne, Switzerland; DOB 08 Nov 1951; alt. DOB 08 Nov 1961; POB Surkhandaria Region, Uzbekistan; citizen Uzbekistan; Passport CA1702697 (Uzbekistan); alt. Passport CA1938292 (Uzbekistan) (individual) [TCO].

6. RYBALSKIY, Yakov (a.k.a. RABALSKY, Jacob; a.k.a. RIBALSKI, Yaakov; a.k.a. RIBALSKY, Yaakov; a.k.a. RIBALSKY, Yakov; a.k.a. RYBALSKY, Yaakov), Rashi 9/3, Sharon, Israel; DOB 08 Aug 1954; alt. DOB 08 Aug 1950; citizen Israel; Passport 7959978 (Israel); alt. Passport R5408081 (Israel); alt. Passport 9001681 (Israel) (individual) [TCO].

Entities

1. GURGEN HOUSE FZCO (a.k.a. GOURGEN HOUSE LTD; a.k.a. GURGEN HOUSE CO LTD; a.k.a. GURGEN HOUSE LLC; a.k.a. GURGEN HOUSE OOO; a.k.a. GURGEN HOUSE TOO), 130 A, Ulitsa Klara Tsetkina, Shymkent 160000, Kazakhstan; Ulitsa Angarskaya, 22.1, Moscow 125635, Russia; Ulitsa General Dorokhova, A 6 A, Moscow 121357, Russia; Ulitsa Letnikovskaya, 13 A, Office 1, Moscow 115114, Russia; Al Quds Street, Dubai Airport Free Zone, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Office 210, Building 3E, Dubai Airport Free Zone, P.O. Box 293751, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; P.O. Box 777, Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Ulitsa Jami, 5, Tashkent 100057, Uzbekistan; National ID No. 40788618 (Kazakhstan); alt. National ID No. 582100259386 (Kazakhstan); Tax ID No. 7743693291 (Russia); Company Number 86483143 (Russia); Public Registration Number 1087746669845 (Russia) [TCO].
2. FASTEN TOURISM LLC (a.k.a. FASTEN TOURISM DUBAI; a.k.a. FASTEN TOURS LLC), P.O. Box 19583, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; 171 Omar Ibn Al Khattab Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; National ID No. 223263 (United Arab Emirates) [TCO].
3. M S GROUP INVEST OOO, 9 Prospekt Universitetski, Moscow 119296, Russia; National ID No. 5107746076994 (Russia); alt. National ID No. 69686198 (Russia); alt. National ID No. 7736626537 (Russia) [TCO].
4. MERIDIAN JET MANAGEMENT GMBH (f.k.a. SUN HANDELS UND BETEILIGUNGS GMBH), Tegetthoffstrasse 7, Vienna 1010, Austria; National ID No. FN 204685 h (Austria) [TCO].