

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #16111 and #16112;  
Louisiana Disaster Number LA-00093]

**Administrative Declaration of a  
Disaster for the State of Louisiana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an  
Administrative declaration of a disaster  
for the State of Louisiana dated 09/11/  
2019.

*Incident:* Hurricane Barry.

*Incident Period:* 07/10/2019 through  
07/15/2019.

**DATES:** Issued on 09/11/2019.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline  
Date:* 11/12/2019.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan  
Application Deadline Date:* 06/11/2020.

**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, (202) 205-6734.

**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 Parishes:* Allen, Avoyelles,  
Saint Mary.

*Contiguous Parishes:*

Louisiana: Assumption, Beauregard,  
Catahoula, Concordia, Evangeline,  
Iberia, Jefferson Davis, La Salle,  
Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Saint  
Landry, Saint Martin, Terrebonne,  
Vernon, West Feliciana.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere .....	3.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.938
Businesses with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.750
Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where .....	2.750

	Percent
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where .....	2.750

The number assigned to this disaster  
for physical damage is 16111 8 and for  
economic injury is 16112 0.

The State which received an EIDL  
Declaration # is Louisiana.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Number 59008)

**Christopher Pilkerton,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 761; Docket No. EP 722]

**Hearing on Revenue Adequacy;  
Railroad Revenue Adequacy**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation  
Board (Board) will hold a public hearing  
on December 12, 2019, on revenue  
adequacy issues raised in the report  
issued by the Board's Rate Reform Task  
Force (RRTF). The hearing will be held  
in the James E. Webb Memorial  
Auditorium of the National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration (NASA),  
located at 300 E Street SW, Washington,  
DC. All interested persons are invited to  
appear.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** The hearing will be held on  
December 12, 2019, beginning at 9:30  
a.m., in NASA's James E. Webb  
Memorial Auditorium and will be open  
for public observation. Any person  
wishing to speak at the hearing should  
file with the Board a notice of intent to  
participate (identifying the party,  
proposed speaker, and amount of time  
requested) no later than October 31,  
2019. All hearing participants are  
required to submit written testimony by  
November 26, 2019. Written  
submissions by interested persons who  
will not appear at the hearing should  
also be filed by November 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** All filings, referring to  
Docket No. EP 761 et al., must be filed  
with the Surface Transportation Board  
either via e-filing or in writing

<sup>1</sup> These proceedings are not consolidated. A  
single decision is being issued for administrative  
purposes.

addressed to 395 E Street SW,  
Washington, DC 20423-0001.

Filings will be posted to the Board's  
website and need not be served on the  
other hearing participants or written  
commenters. Copies of the filings will  
also be available (for a fee) by contacting  
the Board's Chief Records Officer at  
(202) 245-0238 or 395 E Street SW,  
Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Ziehm at (202) 245-0391.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is  
available through the Federal Relay  
Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In April  
2014, the Board instituted a proceeding  
in Docket No. EP 722 and invited  
interested persons to comment on the  
Board's methodology for determining  
revenue adequacy, the revenue  
adequacy component for judging the  
reasonableness of rail freight rates, and  
what, if any, changes the Board should  
consider. *See R.R. Revenue Adequacy*,  
EP 722 et al., slip op. at 4 (STB served  
Apr. 2, 2014). The Board held a public  
hearing on those issues in 2015.<sup>2</sup>

In January 2018, the Board established  
its RRTF with the objectives of  
developing recommendations to reform  
and streamline the Board's rate review  
process for large cases, and determining  
how to best provide a rate review  
process for smaller cases. After holding  
informal meetings throughout 2018, the  
RRTF issued a report on April 25, 2019  
(RRTF Report).<sup>3</sup> The RRTF Report  
recommended, among other things, that  
the Board consider policy changes  
regarding revenue adequacy. RRTF  
Report 12-13, 32-42.

The Board will hold a public hearing  
on December 12, 2019, and invites  
interested persons to provide input on  
the RRTF's recommendations regarding  
revenue adequacy.<sup>4</sup> All hearing  
participants are required to submit  
written testimony by November 26,

<sup>2</sup> The Board subsequently clarified that informal  
discussions between the agency and stakeholders  
are permitted in the proceeding. *See R.R. Revenue  
Adequacy*, EP 722, slip op. at 1-2 (STB served Mar.  
28, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> The RRTF Report was posted on the Board's  
website on April 29, 2019, and can be accessed at  
[https://www.stb.gov/stb/rail/Rate\\_Reform\\_Task\\_Force\\_Report.pdf](https://www.stb.gov/stb/rail/Rate_Reform_Task_Force_Report.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> Under 49 U.S.C. 10701(d)(2), when determining  
whether a rate is reasonable, the Board is directed  
to give due consideration to three factors,  
recognizing the policy that "rail carriers shall earn  
adequate revenues." The Board is required to  
"annually determine which rail carriers are earning  
adequate revenues." 49 U.S.C. 10704(a)(3); *see, e.g.,  
R.R. Revenue Adequacy—2017 Determination*, EP  
552 (Sub-No. 22) (STB served Dec. 21, 2018). This  
annual determination is distinct from long-term  
revenue adequacy, which "calls for a company, over  
time, to average return on investment equal to its  
cost of capital." *Coal Rate Guidelines, Nationwide*,  
1 L.C.C.2d 520, 536 (1985).

2019. Written submissions by interested persons who will not appear at the hearing should also be filed by November 26, 2019. All participants and interested persons are asked to address the following RRTF recommendations in their written testimony or submissions and at the hearing:

- **Definition of long-term revenue adequacy:** The RRTF recommended determining long-term revenue adequacy by looking at the annual determinations over “the shortest period of time, not less than five years, that includes both a year in which a recession began and a year that follows a year in which a recession began.” RRTF Report 13, 33.

- **Rate increase constraint:** The RRTF recommended considering a rate increase constraint for long-term revenue-adequate carriers, which would identify a point beyond which further application of differential pricing would be unwarranted. *See* RRTF Report 13, 36–39.

- **Bottleneck changes:** The RRTF recommended considering suspension of the Board’s *Bottleneck*<sup>5</sup> protections as applied to long-term revenue-adequate carriers. *See* RRTF Report 13, 39–41.

- **Simplified Stand-Alone Cost (Simplified-SAC) changes:** For purposes of considering whether a long-term revenue-adequate carrier’s rate is reasonable under Simplified-SAC, the RRTF recommended reinstating the simplification of the Road Property Investment analysis. *See* RRTF Report 13, 41–42, & app. B.

**Board Releases and Transcript Availability:** Decisions and notices of the Board, including this notice, are available on the Board’s website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov). The Board will issue a separate notice containing instructions for attendance at the hearing and the schedule of appearances. *Please note that streaming and recording systems will not be available for this hearing.* As soon as a transcript is available, it will be posted on the Board’s website.

*It is ordered*

1. A public hearing will be held on December 12, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., in the James E. Webb Memorial Auditorium of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), located at 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC.

2. By October 31, 2019, any person wishing to speak at the hearing shall file with the Board a notice of intent to participate identifying the party, the

proposed speaker, and the amount of time requested.

3. Written testimony by hearing participants, and written submissions by interested persons who will not appear at the hearing, shall be filed by November 26, 2019.

4. Filings will be posted to the Board’s website and need not be served on any hearing participants or other commenters.

5. This decision is effective on its service date.

6. This decision will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Decided: September 12, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director,  
Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Projects Approved for Consumptive Uses of Water

**AGENCY:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the projects approved by rule by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

**DATES:** August 1–31, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238–2436; email: [joyler@srb.net](mailto:joyler@srb.net). Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice lists the projects, described below, receiving approval for the consumptive use of water pursuant to the Commission’s approval by rule process set forth in 18 CFR 806.22(e) and § 806.22 (f) for the time period specified above:

#### Approvals By Rule—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(e)

1. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project (Middlesex Township Municipal Authority); ABR–201908015; Various Municipalities Located In Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, and York Counties, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.288 mgd; Approval Date: August 16, 2019.

2. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project (Altoona Water Authority); ABR–201908016; Various Municipalities Located In Blair and Huntingdon Counties, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.200 mgd; Approval Date: August 27, 2019.

3. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project (Mount Union Municipal Authority); ABR–201908017; Various Municipalities Located In Blair, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Perry Counties, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.200 mgd; Approval Date: August 27, 2019.

4. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project (PA American Water Company—Hershey District); ABR–201908018; Various Municipalities Located In Dauphin, Lebanon, and Berks Counties, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.288 mgd; Approval Date: August 27, 2019.

5. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project (PA American Water Company—Mechanicsburg District); ABR–201908019; Various Municipalities Located In Cumberland, York, and Dauphin Counties, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.266 mgd; Approval Date: August 27, 2019.

6. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project (Elverson Water Company, Inc.); ABR–201908020; Various Municipalities Located In Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, and Chester Counties, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.070 mgd; Approval Date: August 29, 2019.

#### Water Source Approvals Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(f)

1. ARD Operating, LLC; Pad ID: COP Tract 289 Pad A; ABR–20090409.R2; McHenry Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: August 2, 2019.

2. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC; Pad ID: Reibson Drilling Pad; ABR–201407014.R1; Elkland Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 2.5000 mgd; Approval Date: August 2, 2019.

3. Inflection Energy (PA), LLC; Pad ID: Reynolds Well Site; ABR–201908002; Gamble Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: August 2, 2019.

4. Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Hunter, ABR–201408001.R1; Windham Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: August 8, 2019.

5. Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: CRV Pad C09–G; ABR–201408002.R1; Shippen Township, Cameron County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: August 12, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> *See Cent. Power & Light Co. v. S. Pac. Transp. Co.*, 1 S.T.B. 1059 (1996), *clarified*, 2 S.T.B. 235 (1997), *aff’d sub nom. MidAmerican Energy Co. v. STB*, 169 F.3d 1099 (8th Cir. 1999).