

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

In the matter of ALL PENDING CASES)
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Before the National Transportation Safety)
Board Office of Administrative Law Judges)
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NOTICE OF UNAVAILABILITY

Due to a lapse in government funding beginning on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the National Transportation Safety Board (“NTSB”), along with many other Federal agencies, will not be able to continue normal operations. The agency has issued furlough notices to many of its employees, including all of its administrative law judges. Pursuant to the Anti-Deficiency Act, during the furlough period, the Office of Administrative Law Judges (“OALJ”) will be prohibited from taking any action related to cases currently pending, including conducting either emergency or non-emergency hearings, issuing decisions, and responding to or issuing correspondence.

Accordingly, hearings in all pending cases will be postponed until further notice. However, please do not schedule other matters during currently scheduled hearing dates. Upon enactment of a funding resolution, every effort will be made to maintain the current hearing schedule to the extent possible. Priority will be given to rescheduling pending emergency proceedings that may be affected by the funding lapse.

During the lapse in appropriations, parties may still file documents with OALJ, and they will be processed upon reopening of the office. If a party is unable to meet an existing case deadline because of the unavailability of OALJ or counsel for the Administrator, the party should file a motion for extension of time that will be adjudicated upon reopening of the NTSB.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of October, 2025.



V. STUART COUCH

Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge