

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Maya Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 29, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## Bureau of the Census

### Annual Survey of Communication Services

**ACTION:** Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Requested.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instruction(s) should be directed to Thomas E. Zabelsky, Bureau of the Census, Room 2775-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301)457-2766.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Communication Services (ASCS) provides detailed estimates of revenue and expenses for the telephone, radio and television broadcasting, cable and

pay television, and other communication service industries. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the primary Federal user, uses the information in developing the national income and product accounts, and compiling benchmark and annual input-output tables, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by industry. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) uses these data as a means for assessing FCC policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses these data as input to its Producer Price Indices. Private industry uses the data in planning and as a marketing analysis tool. Data are collected from all of the largest firms and from a sample of small- and medium-sized businesses, selected using a stratified random sampling procedure. The ASCS sample is reselected periodically, generally at 5-year intervals. The largest firms continue to be canvassed when the sample is re-drawn, while nearly all of the small- and medium-sized firms from the old sample are replaced. The next such revision, utilizing results from the 1992 economic census, will be effective with the 1996 survey year.

##### II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0706.

*Form Numbers:* B-516, B-517, B-518, B-519, B-520, B-521.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not for profit institutions, Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1780.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 3.9 hours.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 7000.

*Estimated Total Cost:* The total cost in fiscal year 1996 for the Annual Survey of Communication Services is \$300,000, all borne by the Bureau of Census. The cost to the respondent is estimated to be \$350,000, based on an annual response burden of 7,000 hours and a rate of \$50 per hour to complete the form.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 25-96]

### Foreign-Trade Zone 14—Little Rock, Arkansas; Application for Subzone; Mid States Pipe Fabricating, Inc. (Steel Pipe); El Dorado, AR

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Little Rock Port Authority on behalf of the Industrial Development Commission of the State of Arkansas, grantee of FTZ 14, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the steel pipe fabrication facilities of Mid States Pipe Fabricating, Inc. (Mid States), located in El Dorado, Arkansas, some 110 miles south of Little Rock. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 25, 1996.

This application replaces and closes the file on an earlier application filed in 1993 and still pending involving a Mid States plant in Harlingen, Texas (FTZ Doc. 58-93, filed 11/24/93, 58 FR 63911, 12/3/93). Mid States closed its Harlingen plant in 1995 and relocated the operations to the El Dorado, Arkansas, plant that is the subject of this application.

The Mid States El Dorado facilities consist of two sites within the City of El Dorado, Arkansas. The main facility (70,000 sq. ft. on 14 acres) is located at 1130 East Main Street. The second facility is located at 205 Hurley Road (33,000 sq. ft. on 29 acres). The facilities (100 employees) are used to fabricate steel and steel alloy pipe (1/2" to 60" outer diameter). The pipe is used by the oil refining, chemical processing, paper production, power generation, and motor vehicle manufacturing industries.

Foreign-origin materials used in the manufacturing process include: iron and steel (alloy or non-alloy including carbon, stainless and chrome) pipes, flanges, elbows, fittings, swage nipples and related items. (Foreign materials would be admitted in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41)).

Zone procedures would exempt Mid States from Customs duty payments on the foreign materials used in export production (20% of output). On domestic sales, the company would be able to defer Customs duties until finished products are shipped from the plant. The company is also seeking an exemption from the Customs duty on scrap and waste that results from the production process (3%). The foreign materials and finished products held for export would be eligible for an exemption from certain state and local ad valorem taxes. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plants' international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 4, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period June 19, 1996.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce District Office, 425 W. Capitol Avenue, 7th Floor, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 28, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

*Executive Secretary.*

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**[Docket A(32b1)-3-96]**

**Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA, Subzone 124A, TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation (Oil Refinery Complex) Request for Modification of Restrictions**

A request has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations, for modification of the restrictions in FTZ Board Order 379 (53 FR 11539, 4/7/88) authorizing Subzone 124A at the crude oil refinery complex of TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation (TransAmerican), in Destrehan, Louisiana. The request was formally filed on March 25, 1996.

The Board Order in question was issued subject to certain standard restrictions, including one that required the election of privileged foreign status on incoming foreign merchandise. The zone grantee has requested that the latter restriction be modified so that TransAmerican would have the option available under the FTZ Act to choose non-privileged foreign (NPF) status on foreign refinery inputs used to produce certain petrochemical feedstocks and by-products, including the following: benzene, toluene, xylene, naphthalene, carbon black, other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures, ethane, methane, propane, butane, natural gas, ethylene, propylene, butylene, cumene, petroleum jelly, paraffin wax, petroleum coke, sulfur, and sulfuric acid.

The request cites the FTZ Board's recent decision in the Amoco, Texas City, Texas case (Board Order 731, 60 FR 13118, 3/10/95) which authorized subzone status with the NPF option noted above. In the Amoco case, the Board concluded that the restriction that precluded this NPF option was not needed under current oil refinery industry circumstances.

Public comment on the proposal is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 6, 1996.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

*Executive Secretary.*

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**[Order No. 809]**

**Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 145, Shreveport, Louisiana, Area**

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, an application from the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 145, for authority to expand its general-purpose zone in the Shreveport, Louisiana, area was filed by the Board on May 30, 1995 (FTZ Docket 28-95, 60 FR 30267, 6/8/95); and,

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in Federal Register and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 145 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of March 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

*Executive Secretary.*

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**[Order No. 808]**

**Revision of Grant of Authority, Subzone 87A, Conoco, Inc. (Oil Refinery) Lake Charles, Louisiana**

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) authorized