

visual displays and information handouts available during the registration period. The meeting will begin with brief presentations by representatives of TVA, Phillips Coal Company and CRSS, Inc. explaining the proposed project and the EIS process. Following this presentation there will be small group discussions facilitated by TVA staff to record the issues and concerns that the public believes should be considered in the EIS.

Upon consideration of the scoping comments, TVA will develop alternatives and identify important environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. Following analysis of the environmental consequences of each alternative, TVA will prepare a draft EIS for public review and comment. Notice of availability of the draft EIS will be published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register. TVA will solicit written comments on the draft EIS, and information about possible public meetings to comment on the draft EIS will be announced. TVA expects to release a final EIS by September 1998.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 8, 1996 [FR 61, page 41440].

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DOT information collection requests should be forwarded, as quickly as possible, to Edward Clarke, Office of Management and Budget, New

Executive Office Building, Room 10202, Washington, D.C. 20503. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the DOT information collection requests submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Scott Keller or Mr. Charles McGuire, Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Analysis, X-57, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-1031/4534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, as adopted by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the Federal Register, listing those information collection requests submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

Title: Public Charters.

OMB Control Number: 2106-0005.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: Public charter operators.

Abstract: In 14 CFR 380 (adopted 1979) of its Special Regulations the Department established the terms and conditions governing the furnishing of public charters in air transportation by direct air carriers and public charter operators. Public charter operators arrange transportation for groups of persons on aircraft chartered from direct air carriers. This arrangement is less expensive for the travelers than individually buying a ticket. Further, the charter operator books hotel rooms, tours, etc., at destination for the convenience of the traveler.

Part 380 exempts charter operators from certain provisions of the U.S. Code in order that they may provide this service. A primary goal of Part 380 is to seek protection for the consumer. Accordingly, the rule stipulates that the charter operator must file evidence (a prospectus) with the Department for each charter program certifying that it has entered into a binding contract with

a direct carrier to provide air transportation and that it has also entered into agreements with Department-approved financial institutions for the protection of the charter participants' funds. The prospectus must be approved by the Department prior to the operator's advertising, selling or operating the charter. The forms (OST Forms 4532, 4533, 4534 and 4535) that comprise the operator's filing is the information collection at issue here.

In September 1992, the Department issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) [57 FR 42864, 9-16-92] to propose, among other revisions, that charter operators need no longer file prospectuses. The NPRM was in response to comments that prospectus filings were burdensome and unnecessary. However, the majority of respondents to the NPRM have urged the Department to retain the existing prospectus filing requirements. They desire the more complete consumer protection provided by the current rule. Without a complete prospectus it would be extremely difficult to assure that financial security and other consumer protection requirements are in place for each public charter operation.

The collection involved here requests general information about the charter operator and direct air carrier that will provide a public charter and requires each to certify that it has contracted with the other to provide the transportation. The routing, charter price and tour itinerary of the proposed charter are also identified. The collection also requires the charter operator, direct air carrier and financial institution(s) involved to certify that proper financial instruments are in place or other arrangements have been made to protect the charter participants' funds and that all parties will abide by the Department's public charter regulations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 31,343 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 9, 1996.

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Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.
