

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****46 CFR Part 67**

[USCG-2001-8825]

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**Vessel Documentation: Lease-Financing for Vessels Engaged in the Coastwise Trade****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In response to public requests, the Coast Guard is extending the comment period on its notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on Vessel Documentation: Lease-Financing for Vessels Engaged in the Coastwise Trade. Extending the comment period gives the public more time to submit comments and recommendations on the issues raised in our NPRM. These proposed rules address statutory amendments eliminating certain barriers to seeking foreign financing by lease for U.S.-flag vessels. These proposals would clarify the information needed to determine the eligibility of a vessel financed in this manner for a coastwise endorsement.

**DATES:** Comments on the NPRM must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 4, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2001-8825), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for the rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401,

located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on viewing, or submitting material to, the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329. For information on the NPRM provisions contact Patricia Williams, Deputy Director, National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC), Coast Guard, telephone 304-271-2506.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages you to submit written data, views, or arguments. If you submit comments, you should include your name and address, identify the NPRM [USCG-2001-8825; published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2001 (66 FR 21902)] and the specific section or question in the document to which your comments apply, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit one copy of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing to the DOT Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If you want us to acknowledge receiving your comments, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change the proposed rules in view of the comments.

Dated: June 26, 2001.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Parts 36 and 54**

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**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Further notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission declines, at this time, to adopt the Rural Task Force's proposal to freeze per-line support in rural carrier study areas in which a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier is providing service; however, the Commission recognizes that excessive fund growth may occur during this five-year plan. To develop the record on this issue more fully, the Commission invites interested parties to propose possible alternative measures that may be appropriate to address this issue. The Commission also invites commenters to address the likelihood that such measures may be necessary to prevent excessive fund growth during the five-year period.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before July 30, 2001. Reply comments are due on or before August 28, 2001. Written comments by the public on the proposed information collections discussed in this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are due on or before July 30, 2001. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed information collections on or before August 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collection(s) contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov) and to Edward C. Springer, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or via the Internet to [Edward.Springer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Edward.Springer@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Genaro Fullano, Paul Garnett, or Greg Guice, Attorney, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking