

submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSX-2005-08 and should be submitted on or before November 30, 2005.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to the delegated authority.¹⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-2005-22902]

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension without change for a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means, identified by DOT DMS Docket Number OST-2005-22902: (1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of

Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. [It is important to note that because of current security procedures affecting the U.S. Mail, other means (e.g., FedEx, UPS) may be faster];

- (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.
- (3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2551; or
- (4) By electronic means through the web site for the Docket Management System at: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments to the docket will be available for inspection or copying at 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 public may also review docketed comments electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cynthia A. Roscoe, Committee Management Officer, Executive Secretariat, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, at the address listed above. Telephone: (202) 366-9764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Advisory Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request, DOT F1120.1.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0009.

Type of Request: Extension without change for a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The collection of information obtained by the Advisory Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request form enables Department officials to review the qualifications of individuals who wish to serve on Department-sponsored advisory committees and the qualifications of persons who have been recommended to serve. The collection provides uniform data for each individual and enables DOT to comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) (5 U.S.C. App.) which requires that advisory committee membership be balanced.

A number of DOT's advisory committees were created by statute and have statutory requirements for education, experience, or expertise. The data collection enables DOT to comply with such membership requirements, by providing information form which

officials may determine which individuals meet specific qualification standards for particular advisory committees and for particular positions within a committee. In fact, some statutory committees require very narrow and specific expertise for each position on the committee, which can be ascertained by reviewing the Advisory Committee Candidate Biographical Request form.

Finally, the data collection allows officials to retain a file of interested applicants. As vacancies occur on specific advisory committees, the applications and qualifications can be reviewed for possible placement.

In the absence of the data collection, officials would have to contact by telephone or by letter each person who expressed an interest or who was recommended for an advisory committee position to determine his/her interest, education, experience, or expertise. This would be a more time-consuming and costly data collection effort which would have to be repeated if the individual were to be considered at a later time for vacancies on other advisory committees.

Respondents: Individuals who have contacted DOT to indicate interest in appointment to an advisory committee and individuals who have been recommended for membership on an advisory committee. Only one collection is expected per individual.

Estimated Number of Respondents per year: 100.

Total Burden: 35 hours.

This information collection is available for inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 10205, Office of the Secretary, DOT, at the above address.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the continued collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the current information collection, (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection, (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Michael C. Dannenhauer,
Director, Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending October 28, 2005

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1382 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2005-22825.

Date Filed: October 24, 2005.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC23/TC123 Europe-South West Pacific. Geneva & Teleconference, 15-16 September 2005. (Memo 0099).

Intended effective date: 1 December 2005.

Docket Number: OST-2005-22848.

Date Filed: October 27, 2005.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC23 Mail Vote 462. Between Europe and South Asian Subcontinent. Geneva & Teleconference, 15-16 September 2005. (Memo 0141).

Intended effective date: 1 December 2005.

Renee V. Wright,

*Program Manager, Docket Operations,
Federal Register Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; National Ferry Database

AGENCY: Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice

announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval for a new information collection related to the Nation's ferry operations. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 30, 2005 (70 FR 51409) and the comment period ended on October 30, 2005. The 60-day notice produced no comments.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by December 9, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. June Taylor Jones, Passenger Travel Program Manager, Room 3430, RITA, BTS, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Telephone (202) 366-4743, Fax (202) 493-0568 or e-mail june.jones@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Ferry Study.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

OMB Control Number: New.

Affected Public: Ferry operators nationwide.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Number of Responses: 300.

Total Annual Burden: 100 hours (Average estimate of 20 minutes to complete the survey for each of 300 resulting in a total of 6000 minutes or 100 hours).

Abstract: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178), section 1207(c), directed the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of ferry transportation in the United States and its possessions. In 2000, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Intermodal and Statewide Planning conducted a survey of approximately 250 known ferry operators. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU; H.R. 3, Section 1801(e)) requires that the Secretary, acting through the BTS, shall establish and maintain a national ferry database containing information on routes, vessels, passengers and vehicles carried, funding sources and such other information as the Secretary considers useful. Data collection will rely on a written survey. An electronic version of the questionnaire will also be available to respondents on request. Data will be collected from the entire population of ferry operators (estimate 300 or less). The survey will ask respondents to

provide information on: (1) Points served; (2) amount and source of Federal, State, and/or local funds used in the past 24 months; (3) type of ownership; (4) number of passengers and vehicles carried in the past 12 months; (5) any new routes expected to be added within the next five years; and (6) highways that are connected by the ferries. It is estimated that the survey will take, on average, 20 minutes to complete for a total burden of 100 hours (300 respondents*20 minutes/60 = 100 hours).

The National Ferry Database may collect business sensitive information. The confidentiality of these data will be protected under 49 CFR 7.17. In accordance with this regulation, only statistical and non-sensitive business information will be made available through publications and public use data files. The statistical public use data are intended to provide an aggregated source of information on ferry boat operations nationwide.

ADDRESSES: The agency seeks public comments on its proposed information collection. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

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William Bannister,

Assistant Director, Office of Advanced Studies, Research and Advanced Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34658]

The Alaska Railroad Corporation— Petition for Exemption To Construct and Operate a Rail Line Between Eielson Air Force Base (North Pole) and Fort Greely (Delta Junction), AK

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.