

applied to their projections of recapitalization costs and revenues.

**Comments:** Several respondents suggested that adjustments to capital costs should be considered for extraordinary cost increases or inflation; cost effectiveness break points should also be adjusted due to these cost escalations.

**Response:** FTA currently allows cost increases related to unforeseen commodities escalation or inflation. Per FTA's April 2005 Dear Colleague letter, the cost-effectiveness breakpoints are adjusted annually using the increase in the Gross National Product deflator.

#### 6. Contractor Review of Information for the Before and After Study

FTA adopts as final its proposal that contractors involved in a project's capital cost estimation and travel forecasting be given an opportunity to review and comment each time the project sponsor is required to submit information for the "before and after" study. The contractor's comments, if any, must be included in the information submitted to FTA.

The intent of this provision is to facilitate communication between project sponsors and contractors on the responsibilities of contractors for variances between forecasts at the three milestones before a project opens and actual results two years after the project opens for revenue service. If this communication does not result in a common understanding that can be documented in the submittal of information from the "before and after" study to FTA, the contractor's comments would have to be included in the submittal by the project sponsor.

**Comments:** There was significant support for and no opposition to this requirement.

Issued in Washington, DC this 4th day of August, 2008.

**James S. Simpson,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. Marad 2008 0047]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval (with modifications) for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before October 7, 2008.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Harrelson, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5737; or e-mail: [tom.harrelson@dot.gov](mailto:tom.harrelson@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title of Collection:** Monthly Report of Ocean Shipments Moving under Export-Import Bank Financing.

**Type of Request:** Extension of currently approved information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2133-0013.

**Form Numbers:** MA-518.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

**Summary of Collection of Information:** 46 App. U.S.C. 1241-1, Public Resolution 17, required MARAD to monitor and enforce the U.S.-flag shipping requirements relative to the loans/guarantees extended by the Export-Import Bank (EXIMBANK) to foreign borrowers. Public Resolution 17 requires that shipments financed by Eximbank and that move by sea, must be transported exclusively on U.S.-flag registered vessels unless a waiver is obtained from MARAD.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The prescribed monthly report is necessary for MARAD to fulfill its responsibilities under Public Resolution 17, to ensure compliance of ocean shipping requirements operating under Eximbank financing, and to ensure equitable distribution of shipments between U.S.-flag and foreign ships. MARAD will use this information to report annually to Congress the total shipping activities during the calendar year.

**Description of Respondents:** Shippers subject to Eximbank financing.

**Annual Responses:** 336 responses.

**Annual Burden:** 169 hours.

**Comments:** Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

[www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp](http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp). Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
Dated: August 4, 2008.

**Leonard Sutter,**

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[USCG-2006-24644]

#### TORP Terminal LP, Bienville Offshore Energy Terminal Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application; Final Application Public Hearing and Final Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; notice of public hearing; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the TORP Terminal LP, Bienville Offshore Energy Terminal Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port license application. The application describes a project that would be located in the Gulf of Mexico, in Main Pass block MP 258, approximately 63 miles south of Mobile Point, Alabama. The Coast Guard and Maritime Administration request public