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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Privacy Act Statement: FRA will post comments it receives, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, inclusion of names is completely optional. Whether commenters identify themselves or not, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

Background: The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is advancing the environmental review of the San Jose to Merced Section (Project) of the California HSR System pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327, under which it has assumed FRA's environmental review responsibilities. However, under Section 327, FRA remains responsible for making General Conformity Determinations under the Clean Air Act. This draft General Conformity Determination documents FRA's evaluation of the Project, consistent with the relevant section of the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations.

FRA conducted the analysis of the Project's potential emissions consistent with all regulatory criteria and procedures and following the Authority's coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) and the California Air Resources Board. The draft General Conformity Determination concludes that the Project, as designed, conforms to the approved SIP, based on a commitment from the CHSRA that construction-phase NO_x emissions will be offset consistent with the applicable federal regulations in the SFBAAB and SJVAB.

Next Steps

The draft General Conformity Determination for the Project is being issued for public review and comment for 30-days at Docket No. FRA-2021-0100. Comments related to Docket No. FRA-2021-0100 may be submitted by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments. Although CHSRA is assisting FRA by disseminating notice of the availability of the draft General Conformity Determination through its usual outreach methods, CHSRA is not accepting comments on behalf of FRA. FRA cannot ensure consideration of any comment that is not submitted via <http://www.regulations.gov>. FRA will consider all relevant comments it receives before issuing a final General Conformity Determination.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Jamie P. Rennert,

Director, Office of Infrastructure Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 944, Form 944(SP), Form 944-X, and Form 944-X (SP)**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, 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. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 944, Employer's Annual Employment Tax Return, Form 944(SP), Declaracion Federal Anual de Impuestos del Patrono o Empleador, Form 944-X, Adjusted Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return or Claim for Refund, and 944-X (SP), Ajuste a la Declaración Federal ANUAL del Patrono o Reclamación de Reembolso.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 25, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. You must reference the information

collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number in your comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Jon Callahan, (737) 800-7639, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at jon.r.callahan@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Employer's Annual Employment Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1545-2007.

Form Number: Forms 944, 944(SP), 944-X, and 944-X(SP).

Abstract: The information on Form 944 will be collected to ensure the smallest nonagricultural and non-household employers are paying the correct amount of social security tax, Medicare tax, and withheld federal income tax. Information on line 13 will be used to determine if employers made any required deposits of these taxes. Form 944 (SP) is the Spanish version of the Form 944. Form 944-X and Form 944-X(SP) are used to correct errors made on Form 944.

Current Actions: There are changes to the existing collection: Lines were added to Form 944-X and Form 944-X (SP) to match the changes made in the last revision of Form 944 and Form 944 (SP). The new lines are for reporting corrections of the credits allowed by provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, claimed on Form 944 and Form 944 (SP).

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individual or households, Businesses and other for-profit organizations, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local, and tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 135,884.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 23 hours 36 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,207,532.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection

of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 19, 2021.

Jon R. Callahan,

Tax Analyst.

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UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

Sunshine Act; Meeting

TIME AND DATE: December 2, 2021, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern time.

PLACE: This meeting will be accessible via conference call and via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare. Any interested person may call (i) 1-929-205-6099 (US Toll) or 1-669-900-6833 (US Toll) or (ii) 1-877-853-5247 (US Toll Free) or 1-888-788-0099 (US Toll Free), Meeting ID: 924 8034 4706, to listen and participate in this meeting. The website to participate via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare is <https://kellen.zoom.us/j/92480344706>.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Audit Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of this meeting will include:

Proposed Agenda

I. Call to Order—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Subcommittee, confirm whether a quorum is present, and facilitate self-introductions.

II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will verify the publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by the subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

III. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules—Subcommittee Chair

For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action: The Agenda will be reviewed, and the Subcommittee will consider adoption.

Ground Rules

➤ Subcommittee action only to be taken in designated areas on agenda.

IV. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Minutes from the October 21, 2021 Meeting—Subcommittee Chair

For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action: Draft minutes from the October 21, 2021 Subcommittee meeting via teleconference will be reviewed. The Subcommittee will consider action to approve.

V. Review Proposals Received for External Audit of the UCR Depository—UCR Executive Director and UCR Depository Manager

For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action: The UCR Executive Director and the UCR Depository Manager will discuss the proposals received from the respondents to the request-for-proposal (RFP) that was distributed to four selected firms in November. The purpose of the RFP was to begin a process to identify and engage a new independent auditing firm to conduct an assurance engagement of the UCR Depository's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2021. The proposals received will be tabulated, ranked, and then presented to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee may consider making a recommendation to the Board to engage a new auditing firm for the financial statements ending December 31, 2021.

VI. Discussion of the UCR Internal Controls Procedures Report

Prepared by the Independent Audit Firm—UCR Executive Director and UCR Depository Manager

The UCR Executive Director and the UCR Depository Manager will lead a discussion of the report on the Internal Controls Review that was performed by Williams, Benator & Libby (WBL). The response to the report from Kellen will also be reviewed and discussed.

VII. Motor Carriers Selecting Option B for UCR Renewals—Subcommittee Chair, UCR Executive Director, and DSL Transportation, Inc. (DSL)

The Subcommittee Chair, UCR Executive Director, and DSL will discuss issues related to motor carriers who select Option B to renew UCR registration. The discussion will include consideration of the "pros" and "cons" regarding the potential requirement on motor carriers to upload a list of intrastate exempt vehicles to the National Registration System when registering in the portal.

VIII. Review 49 CFR 392.2 Violations—Subcommittee Chair and DSL

The Subcommittee Chair and DSL will review the 49 CFR 392.2 violations in the State of Kansas (Kansas) for the month of October 2021. The discussion will highlight the financial value to Kansas by vetting these companies for UCR compliance, commercial registration, IFTA, intrastate, and interstate operating authority. 49 CFR 392.2 requires commercial motor vehicles to operate in accordance with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they are operating within.

IX. Vetting the Shadow MCMIS Report—Subcommittee Chair, Verna Jackson, and DSL

The Subcommittee Chair, Verna Jackson, and DSL will update the Subcommittee on the value achieved by vetting the Shadow MCMIS report in Kansas. The discussion will highlight the financial value to Kansas by vetting these companies for UCR compliance, commercial registration, IFTA, intrastate, and interstate operating authority.

X. Review States' Audit Compliance Rates Compliance Percentages for Focused Anomaly Reviews (FARs) for Registration Years 2020, 2021, and 2022—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will review audit compliance rates for the states for registration years 2020, 2021, and 2022 and included compliance percentages for FARs, retreat audits, and registration compliance percentages.