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Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. § 55103, 46 U.S.C. § 12121.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 6, 2018.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0018]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used to determine if selected vessels are qualified to participate in the Maritime Security Program. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2018-0018 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality,

utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William McDonald, 202-366-0688, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-308, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0525.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Maritime Security Act of 2003 extended under Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239 provides for the enrollment of qualified vessels in the Maritime Security Program Fleet. Applications and amendments are used to select vessels for the fleet. Periodic reporting is used to monitor adherence of contractors to program parameters.

Respondents: Vessel operators.

Affected Public: Business or other for Profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

15.

Estimated Number of Responses: 195.

Annual Estimated Total Annual

Burden Hours: 210.

Frequency of Response: Monthly/Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0016]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel ANYWHERE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2018-0016. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ANYWHERE is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

“The intended commercial use of the vessel is sightseeing charters, sightseeing tours, and bareboat charters in the NY, NJ, and CT tri-state area”

—*Geographic Region:* “New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2018-0016 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of

this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0136]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public teleconference meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, also known as the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC). The GPAC will meet to continue discussing topics and provisions for the proposed rule titled "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines."

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 2, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00

p.m. ET. Members of the public who wish to participate are asked to register no later than February 22, 2018.

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, may notify PHMSA by February 22, 2018. For additional information, see the **ADDRESSES** section.

ADDRESSES: This public meeting will be held via teleconference. Members of the public may join the teleconference individually, or join the teleconference in a designated space at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Please note that limited space is available for in-person attendance at DOT, and procedures governing security and the entrance to Federal buildings may change without notice. Therefore, members of the public seeking to participate in the teleconference at DOT must register on the pipeline advisory committee meeting and registration page at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=131>. Members of the public who will join the teleconference from other locations are also encouraged to register. PHMSA will post the final agenda and any additional information on the pipeline advisory committee meeting and registration page.

Presentations will be available on the meeting page and posted on the E-Gov website, <http://www.regulations.gov>, under docket number PHMSA-2016-0136 within 30 days following the meeting.

Public Participation

Anyone wishing to make a statement on the topics discussed during the meeting should send an email to cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov by the date specified in the **DATES** section. Each statement should not exceed two minutes.

Services for Individuals with Disabilities: The public meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Cheryl Whetsel at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

Written comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meeting may submit them to the docket in the following ways:

E-Gov website: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,

West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number PHMSA-2016-0136 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Anyone can 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.). Therefore, consider reviewing DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2016-0136." The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this meeting contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by email at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Details and Agenda

The GPAC will be considering the proposed rule titled, "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines,"