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Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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Lori K. Summers,
Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[NHTSA Docket No. NHTSA-2011-0151]

Meeting Notice—Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: NHTSA announces a meeting of the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) to be held in the Washington, DC area.

This notice announces the date, time and location of the meeting, which will be open to the public. Pre-registration is required to attend.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 19, 2011, from 1:30 p.m. EST to 4:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Health Affairs at 1120 Vermont Avenue NW., 4th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Drew Dawson, Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., NTI-140, Washington, DC 20590, Telephone number (202) 366-9966; Email Drew.Dawson@dot.gov.

Required Registration Information: This meeting will be open to the public, however pre-registration is required to comply with security procedures. Picture I.D. must be provided to enter the DHS Building and it is suggested that visitors arrive 20–30 minutes early in order to facilitate entry. Members of the public wishing to attend must provide their name, affiliation, phone number, and email address to Noah Smith by email at Noah.Smith@dot.gov or by telephone at (202) 366-5030 no later than December 15, 2011, or they will not be allowed into the building. Please be aware that visitors to DHS are subject to search and must pass through a magnetometer. Weapons of any kind are strictly forbidden in the building unless authorized through the performance of the official duties of your employment (i.e. law enforcement officer).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 10202 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-59, provides that the FICEMS consist of several officials from Federal agencies as well as a State emergency medical services director appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. SAFETEA-LU directs the Administrator of NHTSA, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Preparedness Division, Directorate of Emergency Preparedness and Response of the Department of Homeland Security, to provide administrative support to the Interagency Committee, including scheduling meetings, setting agendas, keeping minutes and records, and producing reports.

This meeting of the FICEMS will focus on addressing the requirements of SAFETEA-LU and the opportunities for collaboration among the key Federal agencies involved in emergency medical services. The tentative agenda currently includes:

- Discussion of Response to Recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board.
 - Update on Helicopter Emergency Medical Services recommendations.
 - Final response to the Mexican Hat, Utah Motorcoach Crash recommendations.
- Reports and updates from Technical Working Group committees.
- A discussion of FICEMS strategic planning initiatives.
- Reports, updates, and recommendations from FICEMS members.
- A public comment period.

There will not be a call-in number provided for this FICEMS meeting, however minutes of the meeting will be available to the public online at <http://www.ems.gov>.

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Jeffrey P. Michael,

Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2011-0156]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on an extension of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

³ See 49 CFR 512.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 24, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room W12-140, ground level, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590 by any of the following methods.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. Telephone: 1-(800) 647-5527.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

Instructions: For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Public Participation heading of the Supplementary Information section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

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 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the street address listed above. The Internet access to the docket will be at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Carlita Ballard, NHTSA 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Room W43-439, NVS-131, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's telephone number is (202) 366-5222. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

- (i.) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- (ii.) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (iii.) How to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

- (iv.) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses).

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Insurer Reporting Requirement for 49 CFR part 544.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0547.

Form Number: None.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Requested Expiration Date of

Approval: Three years from approval date.

Abstract: This information collection supports the Department's strategic goal of Economic Growth and Trade. The Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984, added Title VI to the Motor Vehicle and Information Cost Savings Act (recodified as Chapter 331 of Title 49, United States Code) which mandated this information collection. The 1984 Theft Act was amended by the Anti Car Theft Act (ACTA) of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-519). NHTSA is authorized under 49 U.S.C. 33112, to collect this information. This information collection supports the agency's economic growth and trade goal through rulemaking implementation developed to help reduce the cost of vehicle ownership by reducing the cost of comprehensive insurance coverage. 49 U.S.C. 33112 requires certain passenger motor vehicle

insurance companies and rental/leasing companies to provide information to NHTSA on comprehensive insurance premiums, theft, recoveries and actions taken to address motor vehicle theft.

Estimated Annual Burden: Based on prior years' insurer compilation information, the agency estimates that the time to review and compile information for the reports has decreased and is expected to take approximately a total of 13,375 burden hours (12,950 man-hours for 25 insurance companies and 425 man-hours for 5 rental and leasing companies). Claim adjusters duties are those of normal business practice and do not assist in preparing or compiling information for the reports. There has also been a decrease in the number of companies required to report since the last reporting period. The number of annual reports range between 30 to 35 as a group (includes insurance companies and rental and leasing companies). More insurers are now submitting their reports electronically (approximately 70%). The agency has re-estimated the burden hours to be 13,375 total annual hours in lieu of 63,238 as the current OMB inventory. This is a decrease of 49,863 hours. Most recent year insurer compilation information estimates also reveal that it takes an average cost of \$47.00 per hour for clerical and technical staff to prepare the annual reports. Therefore, the agency estimates the total cost associated with the burden hours are \$628,625.

The burden hour for rental and leasing companies is significantly less than that for insurance companies because rental and leasing companies comply with fewer reporting requirements than the insurance companies. The reporting burden is based on insurers' salaries, clerical and technical expenses, and labor costs.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department'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.

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Lori Summers,

Director, Office of Crashworthiness Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35095]

Alaska Railroad Corporation— Construction and Operation Exemption—A Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, AK

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of construction and operation exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board is granting an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) to construct and operate an approximately 35-mile rail line connecting the Port MacKenzie District in south-central Alaska to a point on ARRC's existing main line near Houston, Alaska. The rail line would provide freight services between Port MacKenzie and the interior of Alaska and would support Port MacKenzie's continuing development as an intermodal and bulk material resources export and import facility. This exemption is subject to environmental mitigation conditions and the condition that ARRC build the route designated as environmentally preferable.

DATES: The exemption will be effective on December 21, 2011; petitions for reconsideration must be filed by December 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35095, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, 1 copy of each filing in this proceeding must be served on petitioner's representative: Kathryn Kusske Floyd, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 1801 K Street NW., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Farr, (202) 245-0359.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: 1-(800) 877-8339.

Copies of written comments will be available for viewing and self-copying at the Board's Public Docket Room, Room 131, and will be posted to the Board's Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman, and Commissioner Mulvey. Commissioner Mulvey dissented with a separate expression.

Decided: November 17, 2011.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)]

Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancy

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of vacancy on Federal advisory committee and solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board), hereby gives notice of a vacancy on the Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee for a representative of a state- or municipally-owned electric utility. The Board is soliciting suggestions for candidates to fill that vacancy.

DATES: Suggestions of candidates for membership on RETAC are due December 21, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Suggestions may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: STB Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2), 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott M. Zimmerman at (202) 245-0386. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board, created by Congress in 1996 to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad

rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701-10747, 11101-11124), as well as the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-10907) and railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-11327).

In 2007, the Board established RETAC as a Federal advisory committee consisting of a balanced cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders to provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources. RETAC operates subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RETAC's membership is balanced and representative of interested and affected parties, consisting of not less than: 5 representatives from the Class I railroads, 3 representatives from Class II and III railroads, 3 representatives from coal producers, 5 representatives from electric utilities (including at least 1 rural electric cooperative and 1 state- or municipally-owned utility), 4 representatives from biofuel refiners, processors, or distributors, or biofuel feedstock growers or providers, and 2 representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers. RETAC may also include up to 3 members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors. Members are selected by the Chairman of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the Board. The Chairman of the Board may invite representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on RETAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members, and the 3 members of the Board serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee as well.

RETAC meets at least twice per year. Meetings are generally held at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, but may be held in other locations. Members of RETAC serve without compensation and without reimbursement of travel expenses unless reimbursement of such expenses is authorized in advance by the Board's Managing Director. RETAC members appointed or reappointed after June 18, 2010, are prohibited from serving as federally registered lobbyists during their RETAC term.