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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ISLAND TRADER is:

*Intended Use:* "Private Trawler Pleasure cruises and sea burials."

*Geographic Region:* "Pt. Conception to San Diego, California."

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Dated: December 19, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2008-0115]

**Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel SMOOTH SAILING.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008-0115 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 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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 § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 29, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0115. 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 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SMOOTH SAILING is:

*Intended Use:* "Commercial passenger sailing cruises for hire—6 passengers."

*Geographic Region:* "Leeward coast of Oahu, HI. Near shore waters"

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Dated: December 19, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2008-0162]

**Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

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

**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) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on October 22, 2008 [73 FR 63049]. This is a request for a new collection.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 29, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Santiago Navarro, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Room W43-422, NVS-122, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Navarro's telephone number is (202) 493-0248.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

*Title:* Tires and Rims Labeling.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0503.

*Form Number:* This collection of information uses no standard forms.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from the approval date.

*Type of Request:* Request for public comment on a previously approved collection of information.

*Abstract:* Each tire manufacturer and rim manufacturer must label their tire or rim with the applicable safety information. These labeling requirements ensure that tires are mounted on the appropriate rims; and that the rims and tires are mounted on the vehicles for which they are intended.

*Affected Public:* Tire and Rim Manufacturers.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 274,491 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

*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.
- Whether the Department's estimate for the burden of the proposed information collection is accurate.
- 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.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued on: December 23, 2008.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35177]

**Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Control Exemption—Aliquippa & Ohio River Railroad Co., The Columbus and Ohio River Rail Road Company, The Mahoning Valley Railway Company, Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Ohio Central Railroad, Inc., The Pittsburgh & Ohio Central Railroad Company, Ohio Southern Railroad, Inc., Youngstown & Austintown Railroad, Inc., The Youngstown Belt Railroad Company, and The Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board grants an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25 for Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier, to acquire control of Summit View, Inc. (Summit View), and thereby to acquire control of the 10 Class III railroads controlled by Summit View, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement entered into by and between GWI and Jerry Joe Jacobson, owner of all Summit View shares. The transaction will be subject to the labor protection required by 49 U.S.C. 11326(b).

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on January 29, 2009. Petitions to stay must be filed by January 12, 2009. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 21, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35177, to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Ziembicki, (202) 245–0386 [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: December 22, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 683]

### Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board will hold a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at its headquarters in

Washington, DC. The purpose of the public hearing will be allow interested persons to comment on the Board's new responsibilities in the recently passed Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–432), and thereby assist the Board in effectively implementing these important new provisions of law.

**DATES:** The public hearing will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. Any person wishing to speak at the hearing should file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate, and should identify the party, the proposed speaker, and the time requested, as soon as possible but no later than January 28, 2009. Each speaker should also file with the Board his/her written testimony in that same document. Written submissions by interested persons who do not wish to appear at the hearing will also be due by January 28, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** All notices of intent to participate and testimony 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 Board's <http://www.stb.dot.gov> Web site, at the "E-FILING" link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies of the filing to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 683, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Timothy Strafford, (202) 245–0356. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877–8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 16, 2008, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 became law. The Act enhances the Board's role with regard to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and commuter rail operators. The Board is holding this public hearing to allow interested persons to comment on the Board's new responsibilities and to advise the Board on how to effectively implement them. While interested persons may comment on any aspect of the Act as it pertains to the Board, the Board is particularly interested in the following areas.

Section 207 instructs the Federal Railroad Administration and Amtrak, in consultation with the Board and others, to establish standards and metrics to measure the performance and service quality of intercity passenger trains. Section 213 amends 49 U.S.C. 24308 to