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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 367

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0008]

RIN 2126-AC62

Fees for the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: FMCSA is proposing to amend regulations for the annual registration fees States collect from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies for the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement for the 2024 registration year and subsequent registration years. The fees for the 2024 registration year would be reduced below the fees for 2023 by approximately 9 percent overall, with varying reductions between \$4 and \$3,453 per entity, depending on the applicable fee bracket.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2023-0008 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0008/document>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Riddle, Director, Office of Registration and Safety Information, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, FMCSAMCRS@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

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I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this NPRM (FMCSA-2023-0008), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use

only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0008/document>, click on this NPRM, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as “PROPIN” to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Mr. Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

B. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view any documents mentioned as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0008/document> and choose the document to review. To view comments, click this NPRM, then click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

C. Privacy

DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c). DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL 14—Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-01-17/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

II. Executive Summary

A. Purpose and Summary of the Regulatory Action

Under 49 U.S.C. 14504a, the UCR Plan and the 41 States participating in the UCR Agreement collect fees from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies. The UCR Plan and Agreement are administered by a 15-member board of directors (UCR Plan Board): 14 appointed from the participating States and the industry, plus the Deputy Administrator of FMCSA. Revenues collected are allocated to the participating States and the UCR Plan.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(7) and (f)(1)(E)(ii), the UCR Plan Board provides fee adjustment recommendations to the Secretary when revenue collections result in a shortfall or surplus from the amount authorized by statute. If there are excess funds after payments to the States and for administrative costs, they are retained in the UCR Plan's depository, and fees in subsequent fee years must be reduced as required by 49 U.S.C. 14504a(h)(4). These two distinct provisions each contribute to the fee adjustment in this NPRM, which proposes to reduce by approximately 9 percent the annual registration fees established pursuant to the UCR Agreement for the 2024 registration year and subsequent years.

B. Costs and Benefits

The changes proposed in this NPRM would reduce the fees paid by motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies to the UCR Plan and the participating States. While each motor carrier or other covered entity might realize a reduced burden, fees are considered by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–4, Regulatory Analysis, as transfer

payments, not costs. Transfer payments are payments from one group to another that do not affect total resources available to society. Therefore, transfers are not considered in the monetization of societal costs and benefits of rulemakings.

III. Abbreviations

APA	Administrative Procedure Act
CBI	Confidential Business Information
CE	Categorical Exclusion
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMV	Commercial Motor Vehicle
DOT	Department of Transportation
E.O.	Executive Order
FMCSA	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
FR	Federal Register
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OOIDA	Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association
PIA	Privacy Impact Assessment
PTA	Privacy Threshold Assessment
RFA	Regulatory Flexibility Act
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBREFA	Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996
Secretary	Secretary of Transportation
UCR	Unified Carrier Registration
UMRA	Unfunded Mandates Reform Act
U.S.C.	United States Code

IV. Legal Basis

This rulemaking would adjust the annual registration fees required by the UCR Agreement established by 49 U.S.C. 14504a. The fee adjustments are authorized by 49 U.S.C. 14504a because the total revenues collected for previous registration years exceed the maximum annual revenue entitlements of \$107.78 million distributed to the 41 participating States plus the amount established for administrative costs associated with the UCR Plan and Agreement. The UCR Plan Board submitted the requested adjustments in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 14504a(f)(1)(E)(ii), which provides for the UCR Plan Board to request an adjustment by the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) when the annual revenues exceed the maximum allowed. In addition, 49 U.S.C. 14504a(h)(4) states that any excess funds from previous registration years held by the UCR Plan in its depository, after distribution to the States and for payment of administrative costs, shall be retained and the fees charged shall be reduced by the Secretary accordingly, (49 U.S.C. 14504a(h)(4)).

The UCR Plan Board must also obtain DOT approval to revise the total revenue to be collected, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(7). This rulemaking would grant the UCR Plan Board's

requested increase in total revenues to be collected to address anticipated increased costs of administering the UCR Agreement. No changes in the revenue allocations to the participating States were recommended by the UCR Plan Board or would be authorized by this rulemaking.

The Secretary also has broad rulemaking authority in 49 U.S.C. 13301(a) to carry out 49 U.S.C. 14504a, which is part of 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B. Authority to administer these statutory provisions has been delegated to the FMCSA Administrator by 49 CFR 1.87(a)(2) and (7).

V. Background

This NPRM follows a 2022 final rule (Fees for the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement, final rule) published on September 1, 2022 (87 FR 53680), as corrected on September 8, 2022 (87 FR 54902). That final rule reduced the fees by approximately 31 percent from the fees for 2022.

On November 18, 2022, the UCR Plan Board recommended that FMCSA reduce the fees for 2024 no later than September 1, 2023, to allow collections to begin on October 1, 2023. This recommendation and supporting documents are available in the docket for this rulemaking. In addition to the fee recommendation information from the UCR Plan Board, this submission also included an explanation of the basis for the recommendation and the procedures the UCR Plan followed in developing it. This fee recommendation also included an accounting of the methodology used when calculating the fee, which will facilitate public comment and allow replication of the analysis in the UCR Plan's recommendation.

VI. Discussion of Proposed Rulemaking

This NPRM proposes to reduce fees by approximately 9 percent for the 2024 registration year, compared to the fees for 2023. The UCR Plan Board slightly modified its methodology for developing the recommendation from previous years, when it was based on minimum collections, as the previous methodology consistently resulted in an underestimation of collections. The UCR Plan Board's recommendation now uses an average of the historical monthly collections over the prior 3-year period to determine projected collections, which will yield a more accurate result. For more information about this change in the methodology, please see the UCR Plan Board's recommendation, which is available in the docket for this rulemaking.

The UCR Plan Board did not make a fee recommendation for the 2025 registration year, but the recommendation for the 2024 registration year anticipates an increase in fees for 2025, following the large fee decreases in the previous years.

VII. Section-by-Section Analysis

FMCSA proposes to revise 49 CFR 367.30 (which was adopted in the 2022 final rule) so that the fees apply to registration year 2023 only. A new § 367.40 proposes to establish new reduced fees applicable beginning in registration year 2024, based on the recommendation submitted by the UCR Plan Board in its November 18, 2022, Fee Recommendation. The fees in proposed new § 367.40 would remain in effect for subsequent registration years after 2024 unless revised by a future rulemaking.

VIII. Regulatory Analyses

A. Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review), E.O. 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review), and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

FMCSA has considered the impact of this NPRM under E.O. 12866 (58 FR 51735, Oct. 4, 1993), Regulatory Planning and Review, E.O. 13563 (76 FR 3821, Jan. 21, 2011), Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, and DOT's regulatory policies and procedures. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) determined that this NPRM is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of E.O. 12866, as supplemented by E.O. 13563, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. Accordingly, OMB has not reviewed it under that E.O.

The changes proposed by this rule would reduce the registration fees paid by motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies to the UCR Plan and the participating States. While each motor carrier would realize a reduced burden, fees are considered by OMB Circular A-4, Regulatory Analysis, as transfer payments, not costs. Transfer payments are payments from one group to another that do not affect total resources available to society. By definition, transfers are not considered in the monetization of societal costs and benefits of rulemakings.

This rulemaking would establish reductions in the annual registration fees for the UCR Plan and Agreement. The entities affected by this rule are the

participating States, motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies. Because the State UCR revenue entitlements would remain unchanged, the participating States would not be impacted by this rule. The primary impact of this rule would be a reduction in fees paid by individual motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies. The reduction in fees for the 2024 registration year from the current 2023 registration year fees (approved on September 1, 2022) would be approximately 9 percent, ranging from \$4 to \$3,453 per entity, depending on the number of vehicles owned or operated by the affected entities.

B. Congressional Review Act

This rule is not a *major rule* as defined under the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808).¹

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, RFA), as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA),² requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of the regulatory action on small business and other small entities and to minimize any significant economic impact. The term *small entities* comprises small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000 (5 U.S.C. 601(6)). Accordingly, DOT policy requires an analysis of the impact of all regulations on small entities, and mandates that agencies strive to lessen any adverse effects on these businesses.

This rulemaking would directly affect the participating States, motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies. Under the standards of the RFA, as amended by SBREFA, the participating States are not small entities. States are not considered small entities because they do not meet the

definition of a small entity in section 601 of the RFA. Specifically, States are not considered small governmental jurisdictions under section 601(5) of the RFA, both because State government is not included among the various levels of government listed in section 601(5), and because, even if this were the case, no State or the District of Columbia has a population of less than 50,000, which is the criterion by which a governmental jurisdiction is considered small under section 601(5) of the RFA.

The Small Business Administration's (SBA's) size standard for a small entity (13 CFR 121.201) differs by industry code. The entities affected by this rule fall into many different industry codes. In order to determine if this rule would have an impact on a significant number of small entities, FMCSA examined the 2012 and 2017 Economic Census data for two different North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industries: Truck Transportation (subsector 484) and Transit and Ground Transportation (subsector 485).

As shown in the table below, the SBA size standards for the national industries under the Truck Transportation and Transit and Ground Transportation subsectors range from \$16.5 million to \$38 million in revenue per year.

To determine the percentage of firms that have revenue at or below SBA's thresholds within each of the NAICS national industries, FMCSA examined data from the 2017 Economic Census.³ In instances where 2017 data were suppressed, the Agency imputed 2012 data.⁴ Boundaries for the revenue categories used in the Economic Census do not exactly coincide with the SBA thresholds. Instead, the SBA threshold generally falls between two different revenue categories. However, FMCSA was able to make reasonable estimates as to the percentage of small entities within each NAICS code.

The percentages of small entities with annual revenue less than the SBA's threshold ranged from 92.4 percent to 100 percent. Specifically, approximately 92.4 percent of Charter Bus Industry (485510) firms had annual revenue less

¹ A *major rule* means any rule that OMB finds has resulted in or is likely to result in (a) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (b) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, geographic regions, Federal, State, or local government agencies; or (c) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets (5 U.S.C. 802(4)).

² Public Law 104–121, 110 Stat. 857, (Mar. 29, 1996).

³ U. S. Census Bureau. *2017 Economic Census*. Table EC1700SIZEEMPFFIRM—Selected Sectors: Employment Size of Firms for the U.S.: 2017. Available at: <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2017/econ/economic-census/naics-sector-48-49.html> (accessed Feb. 3, 2023).

⁴ U. S. Census Bureau. *2012 Economic Census*. Table EC1248SSSZ4—Transportation and Warehousing: Subject Series—Estab & Firm Size: Summary Statistics by Revenue Size of Firms for the U.S.: 2012 Available at: <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2012/econ/census/transportation-warehousing.html> (accessed Feb. 3, 2023).

than the SBA’s revenue threshold of \$16.5 million and would be considered small entities. FMCSA estimates 100 percent of firms in the Mixed Mode

Transit Systems (485111) national industry had annual revenue less than \$25.5 million and would be considered small entities. The table below shows

the complete estimates of the number of small entities within the national industries that may be affected by this rule.

ESTIMATES OF NUMBER OF SMALL ENTITIES

NAICS code	Description	SBA size standard in millions	Total number of firms	Number of small entities	Percent of all firms
484110	General Freight Trucking, Local	\$30.0	22,066	21,950	99.5
484121	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, Truckload	30.0	23,557	23,045	97.8
484122	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, Less Than Truckload.	38.0	3,138	3,050	97.2
484210	Used Household and Office Goods Moving	30.0	6,097	6,041	99.1
484220	Specialized Freight (except Used Goods) Trucking, Local.	30.0	22,797	22,631	99.3
484230	Specialized Freight (except Used Goods) Trucking, Long Distance.	30.0	7,310	7,042	96.3
485111	Mixed Mode Transit Systems	25.5	25	25	100
485113	Bus and Other Motor Vehicle Transit Systems	28.5	318	308	96.9
485210	Interurban and Rural Bus Transportation	28.0	309	302	97.7
485320	Limousine Service	16.5	3,706	3,649	98.5
485410	School and Employee Bus Transportation	26.5	2,279	2,226	97.7
485510	Charter Bus Industry	16.5	1,031	953	92.4
485991	Special Needs Transportation	16.5	2,592	2,512	96.9
485999	All Other Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation.	16.5	1,071	1,044	97.5

Therefore, while FMCSA has determined that this rulemaking would impact a substantial number of small entities, it has also determined that the rulemaking would not have a significant impact on them. The effect of this rulemaking would be to reduce the annual registration fee that motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies are currently required to pay. The reduction will be approximately 9 percent on average, ranging from \$4 to \$3,453 per entity, depending on the number of vehicles owned and/or operated by the affected entities. While the RFA does not define a threshold for determining whether a specific regulation results in a significant impact, the SBA, in guidance to government agencies, provides some objective measures of significance that the agencies can consider using. One measure that could be used to illustrate a significant impact is labor costs; specifically, whether the cost of the regulation exceeds 1 percent of the average annual revenues of small entities in the sector. Given that entities owning between 0 and 2 CMVs would experience an average reduction of \$4, a small entity would need to have average annual revenue of less than \$400 to experience an impact greater than 1 percent of average annual revenue. This is an average annual revenue that is smaller than would be required for a firm to support one employee. The reduced fee amount and

impact on revenue increase linearly depending on the applicable fee bracket.

Consequently, I certify that the proposed action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

D. Assistance for Small Entities

In accordance with section 213(a) of SBREFA, FMCSA wants to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so they can better evaluate its effects on themselves and participate in the rulemaking initiative. If the proposed rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce or otherwise determine compliance with Federal regulations to SBA’s Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman (Office of the National Ombudsman, see <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/oversight-advocacy/office-national-ombudsman>) and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of FMCSA, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). DOT has a policy regarding the rights of small entities to regulatory enforcement

fairness and an explicit policy against retaliation for exercising these rights.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538, UMRA) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. The Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or Tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$178 million (which is the value equivalent of \$100 million in 1995, adjusted for inflation to 2021 levels) or more in any 1 year. Though this NPRM would not result in such an expenditure, and the analytical requirements of UMRA do not apply as a result, the Agency discusses the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule contains no new information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

G. E.O. 13132 (Federalism)

A rule has implications for federalism under section 1(a) of E.O. 13132 if it has “substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.”

FMCSA has determined that this rule would not have substantial direct costs

on or for States, nor would it limit the policymaking discretion of States. Nothing in this document preempts any State law or regulation. Therefore, this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Impact Statement.

H. Privacy

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005,⁵ requires the Agency to assess the privacy impact of a regulation that will affect the privacy of individuals. This NPRM would not require the collection of personally identifiable information.

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) applies only to Federal agencies and any non-Federal agency that receives records contained in a system of records from a Federal agency for use in a matching program.

The E-Government Act of 2002,⁶ requires Federal agencies to conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for new or substantially changed technology that collects, maintains, or disseminates information in an identifiable form.

No new or substantially changed technology would collect, maintain, or disseminate information as a result of this rule. Accordingly, FMCSA has not conducted a PIA.

In addition, the Agency submitted a Privacy Threshold Assessment (PTA) to evaluate the risks and effects the proposed rulemaking might have on collecting, storing, and sharing personally identifiable information. The DOT Privacy Office has determined that this rulemaking does not create privacy risk.

I. E.O. 13175 (Indian Tribal Governments)

This rule does not have Tribal implications under E.O. 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian Tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes.

J. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

FMCSA analyzed this proposed rule pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and determined this action is categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an

environmental assessment or environmental impact statement under FMCSA Order 5610.1 (69 FR 9680), Appendix 2, 6.h. The categorical exclusion (CE) in paragraph 6.h. covers regulations and actions taken pursuant to regulation implementing procedures to collect fees that will be charged for motor carrier registrations. The proposed requirements in this rule are covered by this CE.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 367

Intergovernmental relations, Motor carriers, Brokers, Freight Forwarders.

Accordingly, FMCSA proposes to amend Title 49 CFR, subtitle B, chapter III, part 367 as follows:

PART 367—STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION WITH STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 367 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 13301, 14504a; and 49 CFR 1.87.

■ 2. Revise § 367.30 to read as follows:

§ 367.30 Fees under the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement for Registration Year 2023

TABLE 1 TO § 367.30—FEES UNDER THE UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN AND AGREEMENT FOR REGISTRATION YEAR 2023

Bracket	Number of commercial motor vehicles owned or operated by exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder	Fee per entity for exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder	Fee per entity for broker or leasing company
B1	0–2	\$41	\$41
B2	3–5	121	.....
B3	6–20	242	.....
B4	21–100	844	.....
B5	101–1,000	4,024	.....
B6	1,001 and above	39,289	.....

⁵ Public Law 108–447, 118 Stat. 2809, 3268, note following 5 U.S.C. 552a (Dec. 4, 2014).

⁶ Public Law 107–347, sec. 208, 116 Stat. 2899, 2921 (Dec. 17, 2002).

■ 3. Add a new § 367.40 to read as follows:

§ 367.40 Fees Under the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement for Registration Years Beginning in 2024 and Each Subsequent Registration Year Thereafter.

TABLE 1 TO § 367.40—FEES UNDER THE UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN AND AGREEMENT FOR REGISTRATION YEARS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION YEAR THEREAFTER

Bracket	Number of commercial motor vehicles owned or operated by exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder	Fee per entity for exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder	Fee per entity for broker or leasing company
B1	0–2	\$37	\$37
B2	3–5	111	.....
B3	6–20	221	.....
B4	21–100	769	.....
B5	101–1,000	3,670	.....
B6	1,001 and above	35,836	.....

Issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87.
Robin Hutcheson,
Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 223

[Docket No. 230309–0070; RTID 0648–XR120]

Proposed Rule To List the Sunflower Sea Star as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, have completed a comprehensive status review for the sunflower sea star, *Pycnopodia helianthoides*, in response to a petition to list this species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Based on the best scientific and commercial information available, including the draft status review report, and after taking into account efforts being made to protect the species, we have determined that the sunflower sea star is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout its range. Therefore, we propose to list the sunflower sea star as a threatened

species under the ESA. Should the proposed listing be finalized, any protective regulations under section 4(d) of the ESA would be proposed in a separate **Federal Register** notice. We do not propose to designate critical habitat at this time because it is not currently determinable. We are soliciting information to inform our final listing determination, as well as the development of potential protective regulations and critical habitat designation.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule to list the sunflower sea star must be received by May 15, 2023. Public hearing requests must be made by May 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2021–0130, by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter NOAA–NMFS–2021–0130 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Dayv Lowry, NMFS West Coast Region Lacey Field Office, 1009 College St. SE, Lacey, WA 98503, USA.
- **Fax:** 360–753–9517; Attn: Dayv Lowry.

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identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

The petition, draft status review report (Lowry *et al.* 2022), **Federal Register** notices, and the list of references can be accessed electronically online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/sunflower-sea-star>. The peer review plan and charge to peer reviewers are available at <https://www.noaa.gov/organization/information-technology/peer-review-plans>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 18, 2021, we received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list the sunflower sea star (*Pycnopodia helianthoides*) as a threatened or endangered species under the ESA. On December 27, 2021, we published a positive 90-day finding (86 FR 73230, December 27, 2021) announcing that the petition presented substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. We also announced the initiation of a status review of the species, as required by section 4(b)(3)(A) of the ESA, and requested information to inform the agency’s decision on whether this species warrants listing as threatened or endangered.