

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is March 19, 2003.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: August 15, 2002.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator For Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4081]

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces the meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy on Wednesday, September 18 in Room 1408 of the U.S. Department of State at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Commission will release its plan to reform the structure and build the resources of America's public diplomacy—how the nation informs and influences foreign audiences. The recommendations include funding levels, leadership models and suggestions on private initiatives that promote dialogue and have a cumulative long-term effect on attitudes toward the United States.

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is a bipartisan Presidentially appointed panel created by Congress in 1948 to provide oversight of U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform and influence foreign publics. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to the President, the Congress and the Secretary of State and the American people. Current commission members include Harold Pachios of Maine, who is the chairman; Charles Dolan of Virginia, who is the vice chairman; Penne Percy Korth of Washington, D.C.; Lewis Manilow of Illinois; and Maria Elena Torano of Florida.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting, though attendance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the building is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees.

To attend the meeting, please contact Matt Lauer at (202) 619-4457 and provide date of birth and social security number. For more information visit www.state.gov/r/adcompd.

Dated: August 15, 2002.

Matthew Lauer,

Executive Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket Nos. OST-95-179 and 95-623]

Disclosure of Code-Sharing Arrangements and Long-Term Wet Leases

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT

ACTION: Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces and requests comments on the Department of Transportation's (Department or DOT) intention request extension of a previously approved collection that reflects DOT's current consumer notification rules and policies to ensure that consumers have pertinent information about airline code-sharing arrangements and long-term wet leases in domestic and international air transportation.

DATES: Comments on this notice should be received September 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Attention Competition and Policy Analysis Division (X-55), Office of Aviation Analysis, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, Docket Nos. OST-95-179 and OST-95-623, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Three copies are requested but not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Schmidt, Office of Aviation and International Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disclosure of Code-sharing Arrangements and Long-term Wet Leases.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0537.

Type of request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: All U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, computer reservations systems (CRSs), travel agents doing business in the United States, and the traveling public.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information (third party notification) is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Michael Robinson,

Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-177]

Disclosure of Change-of-Gauge Services

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the extension of a previously approved collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received September 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Attention Competition and Policy Analysis Division (X-55), Office of Aviation Analysis, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, Docket No. OST-95-177 (formerly 47546), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Three copies are requested, but not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Schmidt, Competition and Policy Analysis Division (X-55), Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disclosure of Change-of-Gauge Services.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0538.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: All U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, computer reservations systems, travel agents doing business in the United States and the traveling public.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 19, 2002.

Michael Robinson,
Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Review Under 49 U.S.C. 41720 of United/US Airways Agreements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of waiting period.

SUMMARY: United Air Lines and US Airways have submitted code-sharing and frequent flyer program reciprocity agreements to the Department for review under 49 U.S.C. 41720. That statute requires such agreements between major U.S. passenger airlines to be submitted to the Department at least thirty days before the agreements' proposed effective date and authorizes the Department to extend the waiting period for any such agreement. The Department has determined to extend the waiting period for the United/US Airways agreements for an additional thirty days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Ray, Office of the General Counsel, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4731.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As provided by 49 U.S.C. 41720, on July 25 United and US Airways submitted code-sharing and frequent flyer program reciprocity agreements to the Department more than thirty days before the airlines planned to implement them.

The statute authorizes us to extend the waiting period by 150 days with respect to a code-sharing agreement and by 60 days for the other types of agreements covered by the advance-filing requirement.

We have been reviewing the agreements, the comments submitted by outside parties, and other information in our possession, and we have been consulting with the Justice Department. We have also given interested parties an opportunity to submit comments on the agreements. 67 FR 50745 (August 5, 2002). As has been the case with respect to all agreements submitted under 49 U.S.C. 41720 since its enactment, our review of the United/US Airways agreements has been informal. See 67 FR 50745.

The purpose of our review is to see whether we should begin a formal investigation under section 41712 of the arrangements between United and US Airways, or take other action as a result of the agreements. United and US Airways will not need to obtain our approval before implementing their agreements after the end of the statutory waiting period (either the original waiting period or any extended period established by us). To block two airlines from implementing an agreement, we would normally need to issue an order under 49 U.S.C. 41712 (formerly section 411 of the Federal Aviation Act) in a formal enforcement proceeding that determines that the agreement's implementation would be an unfair or deceptive practice or unfair method of competition that would violate that section. Our informal review of the agreements accordingly focuses on whether they would significantly reduce competition.

We have concluded that we need additional time to determine whether the agreements or specific provisions in the agreements raise questions under 49 U.S.C. 41712 that may require us to request modifications of the agreements or to institute an enforcement proceeding. The agreements present important issues that require additional investigation by us. We have therefore determined to extend the waiting period by another thirty days, from August 24 to September 23. We understand that the two airlines wish to be able to implement the agreements promptly, and we therefore intend to conclude our review as soon as reasonably possible.

We recognize that the Air Carrier Association of America ("ACAA") filed a motion to suspend proceedings and open a docket. ACAA argues that all information relating to the application should be made public, including all discussions between US Airways and

the Air Transportation Stabilization Board ("ATSB"), the board that is considering a loan guarantee application filed by United and that has conditionally approved a loan guarantee application filed by US Airways. Docket OST-2002-12986. We have given ACAA and all other interested persons the ability to comment on the United/US Airways agreements. If ACAA has evidence and analysis indicating that the United/US Airways agreements in whole or in part may involve unfair methods of competition, it has had the opportunity to submit that material for our consideration.

In addition, the ACAA motion incorrectly assumes that the ATSB based its conditional approval of the US Airways application on the airline's ability to implement its agreements with United. The letter released by the ATSB did not make the implementation of those agreements a necessary condition to approval of the loan guarantee application. The ATSB has been expressly informed and is fully aware that this Department and the Justice Department have independent responsibilities for preventing unlawful anti-competitive conduct in the airline industry and that this Department has other independent regulatory responsibilities over the airline industry and the airports used by commercial airlines. This Department intends to carry out all of its regulatory responsibilities regarding the agreements before it completely independent of any matters that may or may not be pending before the ATSB.

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Read C. Van de Water,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2002-12432]

Application for Exemptions From Driver Physical Qualification Standards From Jerry Parker

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT

ACTION: Notice of application for exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA requests public comment on a request for an exemption application from the Federal standards for vision and for the loss or impairment