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**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 6, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2006 25952. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

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

*Intended Use:* "Charter."

*Geographic Region:* Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2006 25953]

### 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 THIRD WISH.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383 and Public Law 107-295, 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 2006-25953 at <http://dms.dot.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 Public Law 105-383 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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel THIRD WISH is:

*Intended Use:* "Uninspected passenger vessel."

*Geographic Region:* East coast of Florida and the Florida Keys.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

### Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads

This Notice sets forth the annual inflation adjusting index numbers which are used to adjust gross annual operating revenues of railroads for classification purposes. This indexing methodology will insure that regulated carriers are classified based on real business expansion and not from the effects of inflation. Classification is important because it determines the extent of reporting for each carrier.

The railroad's inflation factors are based on the annual average Railroad's Freight Price Index. This index is developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This index will be used to deflate revenues for comparison with established revenue thresholds.

The base year for railroads is 1991. The inflation index factors are presented as follows:

#### RAILROAD FREIGHT INDEX

Year	Index	Deflator
1991 .....	409.50	<sup>1</sup> 100.00
1992 .....	411.80	99.45
1993 .....	415.50	98.55
1994 .....	418.80	97.70
1995 .....	418.17	97.85
1996 .....	417.46	98.02
1997 .....	419.67	97.50
1998 .....	424.54	96.38
1999 .....	423.01	96.72
2000 .....	428.64	95.45
2001 .....	436.48	93.73
2002 .....	445.03	91.92
2003 .....	454.33	90.03
2004 .....	473.41	86.40
2005 .....	522.41	78.29

Ex Parte No. 492, *Montana Rail Link, Inc., and Wisconsin Central Ltd., Joint Petition For Rulemaking With Respect To 49 CFR 1201, 8 I.C.C. 2d 625 (1992)*, raised the revenue classification level for Class I railroads from \$50 million to \$250 million (1991 dollars), effective for the reporting year beginning January 1, 1992. The Class II threshold was also revised to reflect a rebasing from \$10 million (1978 dollars) to \$20 million (1991 dollars).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott Decker (202) 565-1531. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339]

By the Board, Leland L. Gardner, Director, Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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