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John Karl Alexy,

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0033]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 25, 2023, the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation, Inc.

(MSTRP), doing business as The Steam Railroading Institute, petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2018-0033.

Specifically, MSTRP requests to extend its relief from § 240.201(d), which requires that only certified persons operate locomotives and trains. The current relief allows noncertified persons to operate a locomotive as part of a “Hands on the Throttle” program on Great Lakes Central Railroad owned and operated tracks. In support of its petition, MSTRP notes that the relief would only apply to persons participating in the program, and that participants would have a valid driver’s license and be under the direct supervision of a certified and qualified locomotive engineer. Further, all movements would take place during daylight hours and at restricted speed. MSTRP states that the program generates interest in steam locomotive technology to preserve knowledge and heritage of railroading into the future.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request Concerning Information Reporting for Form W-12

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form W-12, *IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Application and Renewal*.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 15, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andrés Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Please include, “OMB Number: 1545-2190—Public Comment Request Notice” in the Subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at (202) 317-5746, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Application and Renewal.

OMB Number: 1545-2190.

Form Project Number: Form W-12.

Abstract: A paid tax preparer uses Form W-12 to apply and renew for a preparer tax identification number (PTIN).

Current Actions: Updates to the indicators used to calculate burden for Form W-12 will increase the overall burden estimate by 1,740,000 hours.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, business, or other for-profit organization.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,200,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 Hrs., 40 Min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,204,000.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate 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.
- Evaluate 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.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval

of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: October 10, 2023.

Ronald J. Durbala,

IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Communications Project Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Taxpayer Communications Project Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. This meeting will be held via teleconference.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, November 9, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Conchata Holloway at 1-888-912-1227 or 214-413-6550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Communications Project Committee will be held Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited time and structure of meeting, notification of intent to participate must be made with Conchata Holloway. For more information, please contact Conchata Holloway at 1-888-912-1227 or 214-413-6550, or write TAP Office, 1114 Commerce St., MC 1005, Dallas, TX 75242 or contact us at the website: <http://www.improveirs.org>. The agenda includes a committee discussion involving Increase E-filing of Forms/Tax Returns, Entities with multiple EINs, and Effectively measuring outreach.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

Kevin Brown,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Special Projects Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Special Projects Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. This meeting will be held via teleconference.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antoinette Ross at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-4110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Special Projects Committee will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited time and structure of meeting, notification of intent to participate must be made with Antoinette Ross. For more information please contact Antoinette Ross at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-4110, or write TAP Office, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224 or contact us at the website: <http://www.improveirs.org>. The agenda includes a committee discussion involving Expand VITA Programs that Service International Taxpayers; Video Conference Calls for US Taxpayers; IP Pin Letter for Overseas Taxpayers; Estate Gift Tax; Provide Clarity on Free File Pricing Under *IRS.gov*; Form 706 Estate Gift Tax Forms and Instructions; and Tax Practitioners Revealing Their PII.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

Kevin Brown,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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