

Expansion of Apron and Construct  
Taxiway to Runway 10  
North Central State Airport  
Rehabilitation of Apron  
Quonset State Airport  
Rehabilitation of Apron  
Westerly State Airport  
Rehabilitation of Apron and Taxiways  
B and C

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested to be required to collect PFCs: On demand Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO).

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Rhode Island Airport Corporation.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on August 14, 2000.

**Vincent A. Scarano,**

*Manager, Airports Division, New England Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 30109]

#### Aviation Noise Abatement Policy 2000

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice, extend comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is announcing an extension to the comment period on a recent notice regarding the proposed policy document, Aviation Noise Abatement Policy 2000. The recent notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2000 with a comment period ending August 28, 2000. This notice extends that comment period.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-200), Docket No. 30109, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments may be examined in the Rules Docket in Room 915G on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas L. Connor, Noise Division, AEE-100, Office of Environment and

Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-8933; facsimile, (202) 267-5594.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

On July 14, the FAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 43802) requesting comments on the proposed policy document, Aviation Noise Abatement Policy 2000. This proposed FAA policy document reaffirms and incorporates the major tenets of the 1976 Aviation Noise Abatement Policy and includes subsequent developments. Several commenters requested additional time to respond to this policy, so the FAA is extending the opportunity for public comment from August 28 to October 23. This extension allows for a total comment period of 101 days so that interested persons can have sufficient time to express their concerns and contribute their suggestions to the policy.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 18, 2000.

**Paul R. Dykeman,**

*Deputy Director of Environment and Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 22]

#### Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action.

**DATES:** The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Association of American Railroads' Conference Center, 50 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 639-2565. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served

basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trish Paolella, RSAC Coordinator, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2000. The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Association of American Railroads' Conference Center, 50 F Street, NW Washington, DC, (202) 639-2565. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual representatives, drawn from among 29 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, and 2 associate non-voting representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico. Staff of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

The RSAC will be briefed on the current status of activities of RSAC working groups and task forces responsible for carrying out tasks the RSAC has accepted involving blue signal protection, event recorders, the definition of reportable "train accident", roadway maintenance equipment safety standards, and incorporation of a provision for gage restraint measurement within the Track Safety Standards.

There will be discussion about the possible tasking of the Training and Qualification of Safety Critical personnel and a vote to approve the Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Standards for Processor Based Signal and Train Control Systems. Also, if the draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Cab Working Conditions is approved by the Working Group, the full committee may be requested to consider recommendations for FRA action on that issue.

Informational status briefings concerning the Switching Operations Fatality Analysis task force efforts and the Grade Crossing Technical Working Group will be presented.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 18, 2000.

**George Gavalla,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

**Docket Number:** [MARAD-2000-7832]

#### 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 INTEGRITY.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7832. 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 am and 5 pm, ET, 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:

Gordon Angell, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5129.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Public Law 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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.

#### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested: Name of vessel: *Integrity*. Owner: Peter S. Whiting.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant: The vessel is 46 feet long. The gross tonnage is 27 tons; the net tonnage is 25 tons.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade: According to the applicant: Vessel will primarily offer daily luncheon sails. Some weekend or weekly crewed charters may be offered. The vessel will be used for skippered charters in the Pacific Northwest including the waters of Puget Sound and San Juan Islands in the state of Washington.

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding: Vessel was built in 1984 in Taiwan.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators: According to the applicant: Vessel should have no impact on other commercial vessels in

the area. Existing operators are primarily offering whale watch charters while we will be doing sailing excursions of varying lengths, from a few hours to several days. There are a few sailboats offering skippered charters, however they are mostly for week-long charters in the San Juan and Gulf Islands while we will primarily focus on afternoon luncheon charters with an occasional longer term charter.

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards: According to the applicant: There should be no effect on U.S. shipyards by the granting of this waiver.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

**Docket Number:** [MARAD-2000-7831]

#### 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 MENEHUNE.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7831. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401,