

Act of 1995) to measure the need for the proposed paperwork collection, ways to minimize the burden on operators who must respond, ways to enhance the quality of information collected, and to verify the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (measured in work hours) on pipeline operators. The RSPA published a notice on October 12, 2001, requesting public comment. No comments were received. This notice also seeks approval from the Office of Management and Budget to renew the existing approval of this paperwork collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 4, 2002 to assure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957. Comments can be mailed directly to the Office of Regulatory Affairs, OMB, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, RSPA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 49 U.S.C. 60103 titled "Standards for Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities" delegates the responsibility for ensuring safe operation of LNG facilities to the Secretary of Transportation. Regulations for enforcing this legislation are found in 49 CFR part 193 "Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Federal Safety Standards." These regulations include recordkeeping requirements that allow Federal and State inspectors to ensure that these facilities are operated and maintained in a safe manner.

Type of Information Request: Renewal of an existing information collection.

Title of Information Collection: Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

OMB Approval Number: 2137-0048.

Frequency: On occasion.

Use: This collection is used by RSPA to ensure that LNG facilities are being operated in a safe manner.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Respondents: LNG facility operators.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 18,000 hours.

As used in this notice, the terms "information collection" and "paperwork collection" are synonymous, and include all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket Number RSPA-98-4957]

Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice seeks comments from the public regarding the need for RSPA to collect paperwork information from gas pipeline operators. The purpose of the paperwork requested from gas operators is to ensure that these operators are properly operating and maintaining their pipelines. This notice is published (pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995) to measure the need for the paperwork collection from gas operators, ways to minimize the burden on operators who must respond, ways to enhance the quality of information collected, and to verify the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (measured in work hours) on pipeline operators. The RSPA published a notice on October 12, 2001, requesting public comment. No comments were received. This notice also seeks approval from the Office of Management and Budget to renew the existing approval of this paperwork collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 4, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957. Comments can be mailed directly to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, OPS, RSPA, DOT, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205, or by e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title of Information Collection:* Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Number: 2137-0049.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60117 explains that, in order to enable the Secretary of Transportation to decide whether a person transporting gas is complying with Federal safety standards, this statute requires the maintenance of records and reports and that these and other requested information be provided to DOT upon request. These records help ascertain compliance and provide information for incident investigation.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per operator is 41.5.

Respondents: Gas Pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,700.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 940,991.

As used in this notice, 'information collection' and 'paperwork collection' are synonymous, and include all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34122]

Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition of Trackage Rights Exemption—Dallas Area Rapid Transit

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is granting a petition for

exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25 for Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc., to acquire trackage rights over certain lines of railroad in the vicinity of Dallas, TX, that are owned by Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

DATES: This exemption is effective on April 4, 2002. Petitions to stay must be filed by March 20, 2002. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34122 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative, Gary Laakso, Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc., 5300 Broken Sound Blvd. NW., Boca Raton, FL 33487.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565–1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da 2 Da Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293–7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at 1–800–877–8339.]

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Decided: February 26, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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