

necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2008-076 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2008-076. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used.

To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Room on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of Nasdaq. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2008-076 and should be submitted on or before October 22, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 4.625 (4 5/8) percent for the October–December quarter of FY 2009.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Grady B. Hedgespeth,

Director, Office of Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6381]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Beadwork Storytellers, A Visual Language"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Beadwork Storytellers, A Visual Language,"

imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah, OK, from on or about October 11, 2008, until on or about April 19, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (*telephone:* 202/453-8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: September 24, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Actions Taken at September 11, 2008, Meeting

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission Actions.

SUMMARY: At its regular business meeting on September 11, 2008, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, the Commission held a public hearing as part of its regular business meeting. At the public hearing, the Commission: (1) Approved certain water resources projects; (2) approved enforcement actions for six projects; and (3) granted a request for extension of an emergency certificate issued on July 24, 2008. Details concerning these and other matters addressed at the public hearing and business meeting are contained in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

DATES: September 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-2391.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Cairo, General Counsel, *telephone:* (717) 238-0423, ext. 306; *fax:* (717) 238-2436; *e-mail:* rcairo@srbc.net; or Stephanie L. Richardson, Secretary to

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

the Commission, *telephone*: (717) 238-0423, ext. 304; *fax*: (717) 238-2436; *e-mail*: srichardson@srbc.net. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the public hearing and its related action items identified below, the following items were also presented or acted on at the business meeting: (1) A special presentation on Bucknell University's Susquehanna River Initiative by Dr. Benjamin Hayes; (2) a special presentation on Environmental Flows by Mark Breyer of the Nature Conservancy; (3) a report on the present hydrologic conditions of the basin; (4) approval of a health insurance trust fund; (5) approval/ratification of various grants and contracts; (6) a directive for staff to move forward on a proposed rulemaking action regarding consumptive use by gas well development projects; (7) establishment of a "Compliance Reserve Fund" to hold the proceeds of settlements and civil penalty assessments; (8) deferral of action on an errata sheet for the public hearing transcript of March 13, 2008, to the December 4, 2008 meeting; and (9) appointment of Stephanie L. Richardson as the new Secretary to the Commission. The Commission also heard a Legal Counsel's report and an update on recent activities in the regulatory program.

The Commission also convened a public hearing and took the following actions:

Public Hearing—Projects Approved

1. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: East Resources, Inc. (Seeley Creek), Town of Southport, Chemung County, N.Y. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.036 mgd.

2. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (for operations in Chemung and Tioga Counties, N.Y., and Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties, Pa.). Application for consumptive water use of up to 2.075 mgd from various surface water sources and the following public water suppliers: Towanda Municipal Authority, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.—Susquehanna Division, Canton Borough Authority, Borough of Troy, and Village of Horseheads, N.Y.

3. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (Susquehanna River), Town of Owego, Tioga County, N.Y. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.999 mgd.

4. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (for operations in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties,

Pa.). Application for consumptive water use of up to 3.039 mgd from various surface water sources and the following public water suppliers: Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority, Pennsylvania American Water Company—Montrose System, and Meshoppen Borough Council.

5. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Susquehanna River), Great Bend Borough, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

6. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (Susquehanna River), Athens Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.999 mgd.

7. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (Susquehanna River), Oakland Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.999 mgd.

8. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Susquehanna River), Susquehanna Depot Borough, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

9. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Fortuna Energy Inc. (Susquehanna River), Sheshequin Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.250 mgd.

10. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: East Resources, Inc. (Crooked Creek), Middlebury Township, Tioga County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.036 mgd.

11. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (for operations in Bradford County, Pa.). Application for consumptive use of water of up to 5.000 mgd.

12. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (Susquehanna River), Wysox Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.999 mgd.

13. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Unnamed Tributary to Meshoppen Creek), Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

14. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Tunkhannock Creek), Lennox Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

15. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Meshoppen Creek-2), Lemon Township, Wyoming County, Pa.

Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

16. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Meshoppen Creek-1), Lemon Township, Wyoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

17. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC (operations in Potter and McKean Counties, Pa.). Application for consumptive water use of up to 4.900 mgd from various surface water sources and the following public water suppliers: Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority, Williamsport Municipal Water Authority, and Borough of Montoursville.

18. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC (East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek—Horton), East Fork Township, Potter County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.008 mgd.

19. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (Susquehanna River), Mehoopany Township, Wyoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.999 mgd.

20. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC (First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek), Sylvania Township, Potter County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.107 mgd.

21. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC (East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek—East Fork), East Fork Township, Potter County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.025 mgd.

22. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC (East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek), Wharton Township, Potter County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.027 mgd.

23. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Susquehanna River), Tunkhannock Township, Wyoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

24. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC (First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek), Wharton Township, Potter County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.231 mgd.

25. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Bowmans Creek), Eaton Township, Wyoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

26. *Project Sponsor and Facility*: Neptune Industries, Inc. (Lackawanna River), Borough of Archbald,

Lackawanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.499 mgd.

27. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* PEI Power Corporation, Borough of Archbald, Lackawanna County, Pa. Modification to consumptive water use and surface water withdrawal approval (Docket No. 20010406) for addition of up to 0.530 mgd from a public water supplier as a secondary supply source, and settlement of an outstanding compliance matter.

28. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC (for operations in Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties, Pa.). Application for consumptive water use of up to 5.000 mgd from various surface water sources and the following public water suppliers: Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority—Pine Creek and Anthony Facilities, Williamsport Municipal Water Authority, City of Lock Haven Water Department, Borough of Bellefonte, Borough of Montoursville, Milesburg Water System, and Towanda Municipal Authority.

29. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC (Lycoming Creek), Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.200 mgd.

30. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC (Lycoming Creek), Lycoming Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.200 mgd.

31. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (for operations in Lycoming County, Pa.) Application for consumptive water use of up to 5.000 mgd from various surface water sources and the following public water suppliers: Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority—Pine Creek and Anthony Facilities, Williamsport Municipal Water Authority, Borough of Montoursville, and Towanda Municipal Authority.

32. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (Muncy Creek), Penn Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.099 mgd.

33. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (Larrys Creek), Mifflin Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.099 mgd.

34. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (Muncy Creek), Picture Rocks Borough, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.099 mgd.

35. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (Loyalsock Creek), Montoursville Borough, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.099 mgd.

36. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC (West Branch Susquehanna River), Colebrook Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.200 mgd.

37. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (for operations in Centre and Clearfield Counties, Pa.). Application for consumptive water use of up to 5.000 mgd from various surface water sources and the following public water supplier: Clearfield Municipal Authority.

38. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (West Branch Susquehanna River), Goshen Township, Clearfield County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 5.000 mgd.

39. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC (Beech Creek), Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.200 mgd.

40. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (Moshannon Creek—Route 53), Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 2.000 mgd.

41. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (Moshannon Creek Outfall), Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 2.000 mgd.

42. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (Moshannon Creek—Peale), Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 2.000 mgd.

43. *Project Sponsor:* Suez Energy North America, Inc. Project Facility: Viking Energy of Northumberland, Point Township, Northumberland County, Pa. Modification to consumptive water use approval (Docket No. 19870301).

44. *Project Sponsor:* New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. Project Facility: Tyrone Quarry, Warriors Mark Township, Huntingdon County, and Snyder Township, Blair County, Pa. Modification to consumptive water use and groundwater withdrawal approval (Docket No. 20031205) for groundwater withdrawals of 0.095 mgd from Well 1, 0.006 mgd from Well 2, and 0.050 mgd from Well 3, and 0.003 mgd from Well 5.

45. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Papetti's Hygrade Egg Products, Inc., d.b.a. Michael Foods Egg Products Co.,

Upper Mahantango Township, Schuylkill County, Pa. Modification of consumptive water use approval (Docket No. 19990903) and a new groundwater withdrawal of 0.450 mgd from Well 3.

46. *Project Sponsor:* Old Castle Materials, Inc. Project Facility: Pennsy Supply, Inc.—Hummelstown Quarry, South Hanover Township, Dauphin County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 29.952 mgd.

47. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Dart Container Corporation of Pennsylvania, Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Modification of groundwater approval (Docket No. 20040910).

48. *Project Sponsor:* East Berlin Area Joint Authority. Project Facility: Buttercup Farms, Hamilton Township, Adams County, Pa. Applications for groundwater withdrawals (30-day averages) of 0.144 mgd from Well TW-1, 0.029 mgd from Well TW-2, and a total system withdrawal limit of 0.173 mgd.

Public Hearing—Projects Tabled

1. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (Sugar Creek), West Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.053 mgd.

2. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Fortuna Energy Inc. (Sugar Creek), West Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.250 mgd.

3. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Fortuna Energy Inc. (Towanda Creek), Franklin Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.250 mgd.

4. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC (Pine Creek), Cummings Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.099 mgd.

5. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (Upper Little Surveyor Run), Girard Township, Clearfield County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.400 mgd.

6. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Rex Energy Corporation (Lower Little Surveyor Run), Girard Township, Clearfield County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.400 mgd.

Public Hearing—Project Withdrawn

Project Sponsor and Facility: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Martins Creek), Lathrop Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.980 mgd.

Public Hearing—No Action

Project Sponsor: PPL Holtwood, LLC.
 Project Facility: Holtwood Hydroelectric Station, Martic and Conestoga Townships, Lancaster County, and Chanceford and Lower Chanceford Townships, York County, Pa.
 Applications for amendment to existing FERC license (FERC Project No. 1881) and for redevelopment of the project with modification of its operations on the lower Susquehanna River, including the addition of a second power station and associated infrastructure.

Public Hearing—Enforcement Actions

The Commission accepted settlement offers for the following projects:

1. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation; Teel, Greenwood, Ely, Lewis and Black Wells; Dimock and Springfield Townships, Susquehanna County, Pa.

2. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Chief Oil & Gas, LLC; Kensinger, Spotts, and Poor Shot Wells; Mifflin, Penn and Anthony Townships, Lycoming County, Pa.

3. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* EOG Resources, Inc.; Houseknecht, Olsyn and Pierce Wells; Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; PHC Well, Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pa.; Leasgang and Pichler Wells, Jay Township, Elk County, Pa.

4. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* North Coast Energy, Inc.; Litke Wells, Burnside Township, Centre County, Pa.

5. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Range Resources—Appalachia LLC; McWilliams, Bobst Mountain, Ogontz, and Ulmer Wells; Cogan House, Cummings and Lycoming Townships, Lycoming County, Pa.; Gulf USA Well, Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa.; Duffey Well, Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, Pa.

6. *Project Sponsor and Facility:* Turm Oil, Inc., LaRue Well, Rush Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.

Public Hearing—Extension of Emergency Certificate

The Commission granted an extension of an Emergency Certificate until December 4, 2008, to the following project:

CAN DO, Inc., Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pa.—Request to extend the use of Site 14 Test Well to serve Humbolt Industrial Park.

Authority: Public Law 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR Parts 806, 807, and 808.

Dated: September 22, 2008.

Thomas W. Beauduy,
 Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2008-0138]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Renewal of Two Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew two information collections, which are summarized below under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by December 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket ID Number FHWA-2008-0138 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title 1: A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0032.

Abstract: A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics provides for the collection of information by describing policies and procedures for assembling highway related data from the existing files of State agencies. The data includes motor-vehicle registration and fees, motor-fuel use and taxation, driver licensing, and highway taxation and finance. Federal, State, and local governments use the data for transportation policy discussions and decisions. Motor-fuel data are used in attributing receipts to the Highway

Trust Fund and subsequently in the apportionment formula that are used to distribute Federal-Aid Highway Funds. The data are published annually in the FHWA's Highway Statistics. Information from Highway Statistics is used in the joint FHWA and Federal Transit Administration required biennial report to Congress, Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges, and Transit: Conditions and Performance, which contrasts present status to future investment needs.

Respondents: State and local governments of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Estimated Average Burden Per Response: The estimated average reporting burden per response for the annual collection and processing of the data is 825 hours for each of the States (including local governments), the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden for all respondents is 42,900 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph Erickson, (202) 366-9235, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Policy, Office of Highway Policy Information, Highway Funding and Motor Fuels Division (HPPI-10), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Title 2: Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS).

OMB Control Number: 2125-0028.

Abstract: The HPMS data that is collected is used for management decisions that affect transportation, including estimates of the Nation's future highway needs and assessments of highway system performance. The information is used by the FHWA to develop and implement legislation and by State and Federal transportation officials to adequately plan, design, and administer effective, safe, and efficient transportation systems. This data is essential to the FHWA and Congress in evaluating the effectiveness of the Federal-aid highway program. The HPMS also provides miles, lane-miles, and travel components of the Federal-Aid Highway Fund apportionment formulae. The data that is required by the HPMS is continually reassessed and streamlined by the FHWA.

Respondents: State governments of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated average burden