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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2013-0108]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated October 10, 2013, New Jersey Transit Rail (NJTR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain Federal hours of service requirements for train employees engaged in commuter or intercity rail passenger transportation contained at 49 CFR 228.405(a)(3). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0108.

In its petition, NJTR seeks a temporary waiver, from January 31, 2014, to February 3, 2014, allowing train employees to exceed the consecutive day limitations of initiating on-duty periods to accommodate an anticipated increase in business during the 2014 Super Bowl weekend. Specifically, NJTR is requesting relief from the mandatory time off requirements of 24 consecutive hours and 2 consecutive calendar days following the initiation of on-duty periods for 6 and 14 consecutive calendar days.

In support of its request, NJTR explained that, because of the extended nature of the required additional service and the possibility of workforce illness or weather events, manpower shortfalls may occur and a waiver from the rest requirements would provide greater certainty in filling extra jobs. In addition, NJTR expressed that its safety record demonstrates that its employees worked safely before the Federal rest requirements, and that it is committed to taking additional steps to ensure fatigue is minimized.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by January 13, 2014 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). See <http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov or interested parties may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2013-0137]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on September 3, 2013 (54368, Vol. 78, No. 170).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Ann Thomas, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, W25-314, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2646 or EMAIL: patricia.thomas@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0506.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This collection of information provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

Affected Public: Masters, officers and crew members of U.S. ships.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 550.

Estimated Number of Responses: 550.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 550.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of