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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

West Texas & Lubbock Railway

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2011–0006]

The West Texas & Lubbock Railway (WTLC) seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards, specifically 49 CFR 215.303, which requires stenciling to indicate a restricted car. WTLC states that Caboose WTLC X–40 is operated as a shove platform on freight and excursion passenger trains where a run-around

track is unavailable. This improves safety, as it eliminates the need for railroad employees to ride the side of freight equipment on long shoving or backup movements. Specifically, this car operates on WTLC's 106.64 miles of track from Lubbock to Seagraves and to Whiteface, TX.

WTLC states that this caboose is completely restored to its "as delivered" appearance as Great Northern X–40, with a sound carbody. The caboose will not be interchanged with any other railroad and will be operated at a speed limit of 25 mph for freight and 30 mph for excursion passenger trains. It typically operates no more than 40 miles in a day. Since Caboose WTLC X–40 is painted and stenciled to reflect its historic (Great Northern) appearance, stenciling the car to meet 49 CFR 215.303 requirements would detract from the historical and educational impression this car is intended to preserve. WTLC has issued a special notice informing all personnel of the 49 CFR 215.203 restricted condition of this caboose.

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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2011–0006) 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. 2011–0045]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for the following new information collection:

49 U.S.C. Section 5308—Clean Fuels Grant Program

The information collected will support the development and deployment of clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses. To meet program oversight responsibilities, FTA needs information on the operation and performance of clean fuel technology buses. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on May 6, 2011.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before September 2, 2011. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaStar Matthews, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366–2295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5308—Clean Fuels Grant Program (*OMB Number: 2132–NEW*).

Abstract: The Section 5308 Clean Fuels Grant Program was initiated as a formula program under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21) in June 1998. The program was reauthorized in August 2005 under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) as a grant program. The program supports the development and deployment of clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses by providing funds for clean fuel vehicles and facilities. To meet program oversight responsibilities, FTA needs information on the operations and performance of clean fuel technology buses to help assess the reliability, benefits and costs of these technologies compared to conventional vehicle technologies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,644 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* FTA Desk Officer.

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 the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. 2011–0044]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection:

Bus Testing Program

The information collected is necessary to ensure that buses have been tested at the Bus Testing Center for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance, structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions and noise. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on May 10, 2011.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before September 2, 2011. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaStar Matthews, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366–2295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bus Testing (*OMB Number: 2132–0550*).

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(c) provides that no federal funds appropriated or made available after September 30, 1989, may be obligated or expended for the acquisition of a new bus model (including any model using alternative fuels) unless the bus has been tested at the Bus Testing Center (Center) in Altoona, Pennsylvania. 49 U.S.C. Section 5318(a) further specifies that each new bus model is to be tested for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise.

The operator of the Bus Testing Center, the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute (PTI), has entered into a cooperative agreement with FTA. PTI operates and maintains the Center, and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicle at the Center, a test report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. The bus manufacturer certifies to a FTA grantee that the bus the grantee is purchasing has been tested at the Center. Also, grantees about to purchase a bus use this report to assist them in making their purchasing decisions. PTI maintains a reference file for all the test reports which are made available to the public.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 404 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information

and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* FTA Desk Officer.

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 the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2011 0101]

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 XECULINK 1.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2011–0101 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084, April 30, 2003), 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the