

periods, individual driver or operating division(s) impacted, and type of failure. Upon request by Federal or State enforcement officials, Werner must provide facsimile copies of its records of duty status for the current day and the previous seven days for the driver(s) affected by the failure. In the event Werner is unable to produce these facsimile copies within two hours, the driver(s) must manually prepare a driver record of duty status for the current day and reconstruct his or her duty hours for the previous seven (7) days. When the system becomes operational, a fax of the missing records of duty status must be forwarded to the agreed-upon site as soon as possible. Failure to produce either of these two types of documents within two hours constitutes a violation of this exemption and 49 CFR 395.8(a).

Information Required on All CMVs Operated by Werner

Werner must ensure that each commercial motor vehicle it operates has on board and available for review by Federal or State enforcement personnel an information packet containing the following three items:

(a) An instruction sheet describing in detail how hours-of-service data may be retrieved from the on-board GPS equipment;

(b) A supply of blank record of duty status graph-grids sufficient to record the driver's duty status and other related information for the duration of each trip; and

(c) A copy of the exemption issued by FMCSA authorizing Werner to use GPS technology and complementary computer software programs in lieu of the "record of duty status" required by 49 CFR 395.8.

FMCSA Access to Safety Management Information System

Werner must allow FMCSA personnel reasonable access to its safety management information system(s). If FMCSA requests access to the system(s), agency personnel will determine the scope and nature of the assessment. At a minimum, access to records will include:

(a) Driver records of duty status created by Werner's GPS and related safety management computer systems;

(b) Driver-dispatch "message histories" and detailed position histories associated with driver records of duty status;

(c) Driver payroll records associated with driver records of duty status;

(d) Driver shipping document records; and

(e) Miscellaneous trip expense records.

Reporting of Corrections or Amendments To Records

Werner must furnish upon request information indicating the number of times the "driving" time on driver records of duty status was changed for each driver, and identifying who authorized each altered record.

Documenting Distance Traveled

Werner must ensure the system for monitoring and recording drivers' hours of service has a means of determining that the mileage each driver travels is based on data from the vehicle's electronic control module or other on-board vehicle system, rather than on less accurate methods such as GPS-based (point-to-point) calculations that may underestimate the distance traveled.

Enforcement of Hours of Service While the Exemption Is in Effect

Under the terms and conditions of this exemption, Werner may require its drivers to use the company's GPS technology and complementary safety management computer systems to record their hours of service in lieu of complying with the requirements of 49 CFR 395.8. FMCSA will, to the greatest extent practicable, communicate with State, Provincial, and local enforcement agencies regarding the terms and conditions of the exemption. FMCSA will continue its policy of not divulging to any third party proprietary information related to Werner's GPS technology or related safety management computer systems.

In the event FMCSA conducts a compliance review or any other type of motor carrier safety management investigation of Werner, FMCSA will review, using its automated hours-of-service assessment system, 100 percent of the applicable operating division's hours-of-service records for compliance with the maximum driving time limitations set forth in 49 CFR 395.3. The 100 percent sampling would not extend to any other portion of the regulations reviewed. With respect to the investigation of the accuracy of hours-of-service records (49 CFR 395.8(e)), FMCSA reserves the right to sample records in accordance with FMCSA policies applicable to all motor carriers, and Werner retains the right to contest the validity of the sample used.

The agency does not intend to hold Werner to a higher standard of compliance than the rest of the industry, nor would it treat Werner differently in conducting complaint investigations or other types of investigations. At any time during the exemption period,

FMCSA may conduct compliance reviews of Werner, consistent with standard operating policies applicable to all motor carriers. These compliance reviews would result in the assignment of a safety rating, and the agency could initiate enforcement action against Werner for serious violations.

Werner's drivers and vehicles continue to be subject to roadside inspections conducted by FMCSA or State enforcement personnel during the period of the exemption. The exemption does not preclude States from continuing to enforce applicable State requirements concerning on-duty and driving-time limits. Werner must ensure that its drivers cooperate with Federal and State enforcement personnel who request information, during roadside inspections, concerning its drivers' hours of service.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315; 49 CFR 1.73.

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Annette M. Sandberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2004-19141]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: 49 U.S.C. 5309 and 5307 Capital Assistance Programs.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before November 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of

comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Glen Bottoms, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-1632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: U.S.C. Sections 5309 and 5307 Capital Assistance Programs.

OMB Number: 2132-0543.

Background: 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 Capital Program and Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to State and local governments and public transportation authorities for financing mass transportation projects. Grant recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects for affected citizens to comment on the proposed program and performance of the grant recipients at public hearings. Notices of hearings must include a brief description of the proposed project and be published in a newspaper circulated in the affected area. FTA also uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees' progress in implementing and completing project activities. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws, OMB Circular A-102, and 49 CFR part 18, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments."

Respondents: State and local governments and non-profit institutions.
Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 54 hours for each of the 3,675 respondents.

Estimated total Annual Burden: 198,466 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: September 15, 2004.

Ann M. Linnertz,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Ex Parte No. 333]

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., September 24, 2004.

PLACE: The Board's Hearing Room, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

STATUS: The Board will meet to discuss among themselves the following agenda items. Although the conference is open for public observation, no public participation is permitted.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

STB Docket No. 42056, *Texas Municipal Power Agency v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*.

STB Docket No. 42083, *Granite State Concrete Co., Inc. and Milford-Bennington Railroad Company, Inc. v. Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company*.

STB Docket No. 42075, *Engelhard Corporation—Petition for Declaratory Order—Springfield Terminal Railway Company and Consolidated Rail Corporation*.

STB Finance Docket No. 34486, *Ohio Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Harwood Properties, Inc.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34395, *City of Peoria IL, d/b/a Peoria, Peoria Heights and Western Railroad—Construction of Connecting Track Exemption—in Peoria County, IL*.

STB Docket No. 42085, *Climate Master Inc. and International Environmental, Inc.—Petition for Declaratory Order—Certain Rates and Practices of Trans Tech Solutions, Inc., F&M Bank, and Midland Transportation Co.*

STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 11), *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2004 Update*.

STB Ex Parte No. 638, *Procedures to Expedite Resolution of Rate Challenges to be Considered Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology*.

STB Ex Parte No. 652, *Revision of Exemption Authority Citations*.

STB Ex Parte No. 536 (Sub-No. 17), *Semiannual Regulatory Agenda*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Public Services, Telephone: (202) 565-1596 FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: September 16, 2004.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its proposed information collection titled, "OCC Communications Questionnaire."

DATES: You should submit written comments by November 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You should direct written comments to the Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0226, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information from John Ference or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to collect the following information from national banks:

Title: OCC Communications Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 1557-0226.

Description: The OCC is proposing to collect information from national banks regarding the quality, timeliness, and effectiveness of OCC communications products, such as booklets, issuances, CDs, and Web site. Completed questionnaires will provide the OCC