

2003, pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁶ and subparagraph (e) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder⁷ in that it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is 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 is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-2003-167 and should be submitted by December 16, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4543]

Notice of Receipt of Application for Presidential Permit for the Construction of a New International Border Crossing

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has received an

application for a permit authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of an international toll bridge in the Laredo, Texas area. The application has been filed by the City of Laredo, Texas for a permit for a new crossing of the Rio Grande 9.2 miles downstream from the existing Gateway to the Americas Bridge (International Bridge I).

The Department's jurisdiction with respect to this application is based upon Executive Order 11423, dated August 16, 1968, as amended, and the International Bridge Act of 1972, (Pub. L. 92-343, 86 Stat. 731, approved September 26, 1972).

As required by E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to concerned agencies for comment.

Interested persons may submit their views regarding this application in writing within thirty days from the publication date of this notice to Mr. Dennis M. Linskey, Coordinator, U.S.—Mexico Border Affairs, Room 4258, Department of State, 2201 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20520.

The application and related documents made part of the record to be considered by the Department of State in connection with this application are available for review in the Office of Mexican Affairs during normal business hours throughout the comment period.

Any questions related to this notice may be addressed to Mr. Linskey at the above address or by fax at (202) 647-5752.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

Dennis M. Linskey,

*Coordinator U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-03-16256]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Renewed Approval of Three Information Collections

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 the three 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 January 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-3-16256 by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Title:* Developing and Recording Costs for Utility Adjustments.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0519 (Expiration Date: October 31, 2003).

Abstract: Under 23 U.S.C. 123, the FHWA reimburses the State highway agencies when they have paid the costs of utility facilities' relocations that are required by the construction of Federal-aid highway projects. The FHWA requires the utilities to document the costs for adjusting their facilities. The utilities must have a system for recording labor, materials, supplies and equipment costs incurred when undertaking adjustments to accommodate the highway projects. This record of costs forms the basis for payment by the State highway agency to

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

the utility and in turn the FHWA reimburses the State for its payment to the utility. The utilities are required to maintain these records of costs for three years after final payment is received.

Respondents: 3,000 utility companies.

Frequency: On average, approximately 3,000 utility companies would have about 3 adjustments of its facilities per year on Federal-aid projects. Approximately, 9,000 reimbursable utility adjustments are made yearly by about 3,000 utility firms.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The FHWA estimates that this collection imposes a total annual burden on the public of 180,000 hours. The average amount of time required by these firms to calculate the adjustment costs and maintain the required records is 20 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger McClellan, (202) 366-6765, Office of Program Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

2. *Title:* Developing and Recording Costs for Railroad Adjustments.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0521 (Expiration Date: October 31, 2003).

Abstract: Under 23 U.S.C. 130, the FHWA reimburses the State highway agencies when they have paid for the cost of projects that (1) eliminate hazards at railroad/highway crossings, or (2) adjust railroad facilities to accommodate the construction of highway projects. The FHWA requires the railroad companies to document their costs incurred for adjusting their facilities. The railroad companies must have a system for recording labor, materials, supplies, and equipment costs incurred when undertaking the necessary railroad work. This record of costs forms the basis for payment by the State highway agency to the railroad company, and in turn FHWA reimburses the State for its payment to the railroad company.

Respondents: 115 railroad companies.

Frequency: Nearly 115 railroad companies are involved in an average of 10 railroad/highway projects per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The FHWA estimates that the total annual burden imposed on the public by this collection is 18,400 hours. The average number of hours required to calculate the railroad adjustment costs and maintain the required records is 16 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Debra Williams Chappell, (202) 366-

0087, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

3. *Title:* Utility Use and Occupancy Agreements.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0522 (Expiration Date: October 31, 2003).

Abstract: Under 23 U.S.C. 116, the FHWA requires the State and/or local highway authorities to maintain the highway rights-of-way including the control of its use by the utilities. In controlling the utilities, use of the highway rights-of-way the State/local highway authorities are required to document the terms under which the utility is to cross or otherwise occupy the highway rights-of-way. This documentation, consisting of a use and occupancy agreement (permit), must be in writing and must be maintained in the State/local highway authority's files for a three-year retention period.

Respondents: 4, 600.

Frequency: Nearly 4,600 State/local highway authorities are each involved in an average of 15 use and occupancy agreements per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The FHWA estimates that the total annual burden imposed on the public by this collection is 552,000 hours. The estimated amount of time required by the State/local highway authorities to process the permits is 8 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger McClellan, (202) 366-6765, Office of Program Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: November 19, 2003.

James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2003-16318]

Vehicle Weight, Fatality Risk and Crash Compatibility of Model Year 1991-99 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks; Technical Report

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for comments on technical report.

SUMMARY: This notice announces NHTSA's publication of a technical report describing relationships between a vehicle's mass and type and its rate of involvement in fatal crashes. The report's title is Vehicle Weight, Fatality Risk and Crash Compatibility of Model Year 1991-99 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than March 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES:

Report: You may obtain a copy of the report free of charge by sending a self-addressed mailing label to Publications Ordering and Distribution Services (NAD-51), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. A summary of the report is available on the Internet for viewing on line at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/regrev/evaluate/809662.html>. The full report is available on the Internet in PDF format at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/regrev/evaluate/pdf/809662.pdf>.

Comments: You may submit comments [identified by DOT DMS Docket Number NHTSA-2003-16318] by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.