

payments. The additional services fee shall be in an amount that SSA determines is necessary to cover all costs, including indirect costs, incurred by the Federal government in furnishing the additional services. SSA is not required to perform any additional services requested by a State and may, at its sole discretion, refuse to perform those additional services. An additional services fee charged a State may be a one-time charge or, if the furnished services result in ongoing costs to the Federal Government, a monthly or less frequent charge to the State for providing such services.

(c) *Agreement period.* The agreement period for a State which has elected Federal administration of its supplementary payments will extend for one year from the date the agreement was signed unless otherwise designated. The agreement will be automatically renewed for a period of one year unless either the State or SSA gives written notice not to renew, at least 90 days before the beginning of the new period. For a State to elect Federal administration, it must notify SSA of its intent to enter into an agreement, furnishing the necessary payment specifications, at least 120 days before the first day of the month for which it wishes Federal administration to begin, and have executed such agreement at least 30 days before such day.

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4. Paragraph (b)(1) of section 416.2050 is amended by removing the phrase "(as defined in § 416.2085(e))" and removing "the Secretary" and adding "SSA" each time it appears.

§ 416.2080 [Removed]

5. Section 416.2080 is removed.

§ 416.2082 [Removed]

6. Section 416.2082 is removed.

§ 416.2085 [Removed]

7. Section 416.2085 is removed.

8. Section 416.2090 is amended removing "the Secretary" and adding "SSA" each time it appears in paragraph (c), by removing the phrase "for purposes of § 416.2080" at the end of paragraph (d), and by revising the section heading and paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 416.2090 State funds transferred for supplementary payments.

(a) *Payment transfer and adjustment.*

(1) Any State which has entered into an agreement with SSA which provides for Federal administration of such State's supplementary payments shall transfer to SSA:

(i) An amount of funds equal to SSA's estimate of State supplementary

payments for any month which shall be made by SSA on behalf of such State;

(ii) An amount of funds equal to SSA's estimate of administration fees for any such month determined in the manner described in § 416.2010(b)(1); and

(iii) If applicable, an amount of funds equal to SSA's determination of the costs incurred by the Federal government in furnishing additional services for the State as described in § 416.2010(b)(2).

(2) In order for SSA to make State supplementary payments on behalf of a State for any month as provided by the agreement, the estimated amount of State funds referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, necessary to make those payments for the month, together with the estimated amount of administration fees referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section, for that month, must be on deposit with SSA on the State supplementary payment transfer date, which is the fifth Federal business day following the day in the month that the regularly recurring monthly supplemental security income payments are issued. The additional services fee referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section, shall be on deposit with SSA on the date specified by SSA. The amount of State funds paid to SSA for State supplementary payments and the amount paid for administration fees will be adjusted as necessary to maintain the balance with State supplementary payments paid out by SSA on behalf of the State, and administration fees owed to SSA, respectively.

(b) *Accounting of State funds.* (1) As soon as feasible, after the end of each calendar month, SSA will provide the State with a statement showing, cumulatively, the total amounts paid by SSA on behalf of the State during the current Federal fiscal year; the fees charged by SSA to administer such supplementary payments; any additional services fees charged the State; the State's total liability therefore; and the end-of-month balance of the State's cash on deposit with SSA.

(2) SSA shall provide an accounting of State funds received as State supplementary payments, administration fees, and additional services fees, within three calendar months following the termination of an agreement under § 416.2005.

(3) Adjustments will be made because of State funds due and payable or amounts of State funds recovered for calendar months for which the agreement was in effect. Interest will be incurred by SSA and the States with respect to the adjustment and

accounting of State supplementary payments funds in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lower Grand River, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: At the request of the Iberville Parish School Board, the Coast Guard is considering a change to the regulation governing the operation of the pontoon drawbridge on LA State Road 77 across the Lower Grand River (Intracoastal Waterway, Morgan City to Port Allen, Alternate Route), mile 47.0 at Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish, Louisiana:

The proposed regulation would require that the bridge open on signal; except that from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, other than Federal holidays, and only during the months when local schools are in session, the bridge would be permitted to remain closed to navigation for the uninterrupted crossing of school bus and other vehicular traffic.

Presently, the draw of the bridge is required to open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, other than Federal holidays, and only during the months when local schools are in session, the bridge need not open for navigation.

This action would extend the closure time in the morning and afternoon by one-half hour to accommodate school buses which must adhere to schedules based on new staggered starting times for the Iberville Parish Schools. This action would benefit school children in their timely arrival at school, while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Commander (ob), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3396, or

may be delivered to Room 1313 at the same address between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 589-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Phil Johnson, Bridge Administration Branch, at the address given above, telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

Interested parties are invited to participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting written views, comments, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify the bridge and give reasons for concurrence with or any recommended change in this proposal. Persons desiring acknowledgment that their comments have been received should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Eighth Coast Guard District at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it is determined that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, will evaluate all communications received and determine a course of final action on this proposal. The proposed regulation may be changed in the light of comments received.

Background and Purpose

The Iberville Parish School Board has requested the regulation because a new, staggered starting time has been implemented for the schools in the Parish. The extension of the morning and afternoon closure for the LA 77 bridge will assist school buses in transporting the students to and from their classes in a timely manner. The new proposed regulation would allow for the free flow of vehicular traffic, while still serving the reasonable needs of navigational interests.

Discussion of Proposed Rules

The LA 77 bridge is a pontoon bridge. Navigational clearances provided by the bridge are 2.0 feet vertical above mean high water in the closed to navigation position and unlimited vertical clearance in the open to navigation position. Horizontal clearance is 125.0 feet. Navigation on the waterway

consists of tugs with tows, commercial fishing vessels, occasional small oil field work boats and recreational craft. Data obtained from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development show that, during a six month period ending late in August 1995, the number of vessels that passed the bridge during the proposed extended half-hour closure (7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday) totaled 242. This breaks down to about 1.3 vessels per day during this half-hour period. Since this count includes vessels that were waiting because of the already in effect one and one-half hour closure, 1.3 vessels are a very minimal amount of traffic being detained. The Coast Guard feels that this request for a one-half hour extension is reasonable.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposal is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential cost and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979).

The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposal, if adopted, will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

Since the proposed rule also considers the needs of local commercial fishing vessels, the economic impact is expected to be minimal. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposal, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and that this rule will have a significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and in what

way and to what degree this rule will economically effect it.

Collection of Information

This proposal contains no collection-of-information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism Implications

This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that the proposed rulemaking does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposal and concluded that under paragraph 2.B.2. of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, this proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g).

2. In section 117.478, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.478 Lower Grand River.

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(b) The draw of the LA 77 bridge, mile 47.0 (Alternate Route) at Grosse Tete, shall open on signal; except that, from about August 15 to about June 5 (the school year), the draw need not be opened from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. The draw shall open on signal at any time for an emergency aboard a vessel.

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Dated: February 14, 1996.

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