

provisions of section 8 of the Act if the account files with the Commission Form N-6EI-1, a notification of claim of exemption.

The rule also exempts a separate account from a number of other sections of the Act, provided that the separate account makes certain disclosure in its registration statements and reports to contract holders about actions taken under those exemptions.

In regard to the foregoing, Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from section 17(f) of the Act. Section 17(f) requires that every registered management company meet various custody requirements for its securities and similar investments. Paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from the requirements of section 17(f) of the Act and imposes a reporting burden and certain other conditions. Paragraph (b)(9) applies only to management accounts that offer life insurance contracts subject to Rule 6e-2.

Since 1988, there have been no filings under paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 by management accounts. Further, all post-effective amendments accounts under Rule 6e-2 have been structured as unit investment trusts and are thus not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of the rule. Therefore, since 1988, there has been no burden to the industry regarding the information collection requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2.

Rule 22d-1 [17 CFR 270.22d-1] provides registered investment companies that issue redeemable securities ("funds") an exemption from section 22(d) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit scheduled variations in or elimination of the sales load on fund securities for particular classes of investors or transactions, provided certain conditions are met. The rule imposes an annual burden per fund of approximately 15 minutes, so that the total annual burden for the approximately 1,865 funds that might rely on the rule is estimated to be 466 hours.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 22, 1997.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 6, 1997 [62 FR 5663].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dave Jordan, M-61, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-4265.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Office of the Secretary (OST)

*Title:* Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR).

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0517.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

*Abstract:* The requested extension of the approved control number covers forms DOT F 4220.4, DOT F 4220.7, DOT F 4220.43, DOT F 4220.44, DOT F 4220.45, DOT F 4220.46, and Form DD 882. In addition, the control number includes an amended request to obtain data associated with acquisitions for training services.

*Need:* The Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) 48 CFR 1213.70, 1237.70, 1252.237-71, and 1252.237-72 requires contracting officers to obtain and evaluate, qualification data and other pertinent information when it is necessary to determine whether offerors

have the capability to perform training services under a proposed contract.

*Annual Estimated Burden:* 22,062.\*

\* The annual estimated burden has been reduced from 57,167 hours as a result of the Federal Aviation Administration system being exempt from the collection requirements of the TAR.

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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**Vanester M. Williams,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The following designations are made for each item: (A) is an "action" item; (I) is an "information item;" and (D) is a "discussion" item. The agenda includes the following: (1) Call to Order and Introductions (I); (2) Statements of Anti-Trust Compliance and Conflict of Interest (A); (3) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (A); (4) Special FHWA Report (I&D); (5) Federal Reports (I&D); (6) President's Report—(a.) 1997 Priority Objectives, (b.) Identity Campaign, (c.) ITS America Association; (7) DSRC Initiative Update (I&D); (8) Standards Needs Timeline (I&D); (9) European Update (I&D); (10) Annual Meeting and World Congress Update (I&D); (11) Sunset-Sunrise Task Force Report (A); (12) Roundtable Discussion of Committee and Task Force Activities (I&D); (13) Coordinating Council Retreat Plans (Wed.-Thurs., August 6-7, 1997

in San Diego, California) (I&D); (14) Other Business.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities. The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 USC app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

**DATES:** The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Sunday, June 1, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard time)

**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. Phone: (202) 328-2000. Fax: (202) 234-0015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or to request to speak at this meeting should contact Kenneth Faunteroy at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-4130, or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. (23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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**Whitey Metheny,**

*ITS Joint Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 4, 1997. It will be held in conjunction with the ITS America Annual Meeting. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. with an Administrative Business session (Voting Board Members and Key Staff Only). The letter designations that follow each item mean

the following: (I) is an "information item;" (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. This meeting includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements (I); (2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes (A); (3) Review and Acceptance of Election Results: Installation of New Board Members (A); (4) Election of New Officers of the Board of Directors (A); Transfer of gavel from outgoing Chairman Robert MacLennan to New Board Chair; (5) Report of the Executive Committee (I&D); (6) Report on Membership Development (I&D); (7) Report of Administrative Policy and Finance Committee (I); (8) Other Business.

The General Session begins at 2 p.m. and is open to all members and observers. The following items will be addressed: (9) Welcome and Review of ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements (Introduction of New Board Members and New Officers of the Board) (I); (10) Federal Report (I&D); (11) Special FHWA Report (I&D); (12) Appointment of Coordinating Council Members (A); (13) Coordinating Council Report (I&D); (14) State Chapters Council Report (I&D); (15) President's Report (I&D); (16) Report of Board Special Task Force on Infrastructure Priorities (I&D); (17) Final Update on National Investment & Market Analysis (I&D); (18) Seventh Annual Meeting Update and Report of the World Congress (I); (19) New Board of Directors Committee Appointments (I); (20) Board Emphasis Areas (I/D); (21) Plans for Board of Directors Retreat (August 11-12, 1997); (22) Other Business: (a.) Report on ITS in Japan and (b.) Report on the NAHS Demonstration; (23) Adjournment until August 11, 1997 Retreat and August 12, 1997, Board of Directors Meeting in San Diego, California.

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**Whitney Metheny,**

*ITS Joint Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Section 5a Application No. 70 (Amendment No. 11)]

#### Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.—Agreement

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision and opportunity for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), has filed a petition seeking approval of minor amendments to its collective ratemaking agreement, which was approved under former section 49 U.S.C. 10706(b), the predecessor to 49 U.S.C. 13703. The amendments would modify WMTB's bylaws as follows: (1) reduce the notice members must provide to WMTB upon their withdrawal from the rate bureau from 60 days to 45 days; (2) reduce the notice period for termination for failure to pay dues and fees from 90 days to 45 days after the member has received notice of delinquency and upon expiration of the 30-day period to correct the delinquency; (3) divide the membership into two classes of carriers, "mainland membership" and "Hawaii membership;" (4) provide that annual meetings of the membership may be held in Hawaii in addition to meetings held in Los Angeles County, CA; and (5) provide for separate fee arrangements for member carriers performing intrastate service within the State of California.

In addition, a new Article XVII would be added to WMTB's bylaws, which