

U.S.C. Chapter 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 review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on December 11, 1997 [62 FR 65307].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K-25, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 7th Street, SW, Room 3430, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-4387.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)**

*Title:* Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space Part 250.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2138-0018.

*Form No.:* 251.

*Affected Entities:* Large U.S. and foreign passenger air carriers.

*Abstract:* BTS Form 251 is a one-page report on the number of passengers denied boarding voluntarily or involuntarily, whether the bumped passengers were provided alternate transportation and/or compensation, and the amount of the payment. The report allows the Department to monitor the effectiveness of its oversales rule and take enforcement action when necessary. The involuntary denied-boarding rate has decreased over the years from 4.38 per 10,000 passengers in 1980 to 1.16 per 10,000 passengers for the nine months ended September 1997. These statistics demonstrate the effectiveness of the "volunteer" provision, which has reduced the need for more intrusive regulation.

The rate of denied boarding can be examined as an air carrier continuing fitness factor. This rate provides an insight into a carrier's policy on treating over booked passengers and its compliance disposition. A rapid sustained increase in the rate of denied boarding often is an indicator of operational difficulty.

Because the rate of denied boarding is released quarterly, travelers and travel agents can select carriers with low bumping incidents when booking a trip. This information is made available to the public through the Air Travel Consumer Report, which the Department publishes. The report is

sent to newspapers, magazines, and trade journals.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 2,312 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: DOT/BTS Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to OMB regarding this information collection is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 17, 1998.

**Phillip A. Leach,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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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 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on December 10, 1997 [62 FR 65122].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office

of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**United States Coast Guard (USCG)**

*Title:* Vessel Response Plans, Facility Response Plans, Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans, and Additional Requirements for Prince William Sound, Alaska.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0595

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners or operators of tank vessels that carry oil in bulk and operate in waters subject of U.S. jurisdiction; owners or operators of marine transportation-facilities; owners or operators of U.S. flag oil tankers of 150 gross tons and above and each U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above; owners or operators of tank vessels that load cargo at a facility permitted under the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

*Abstract:* Three of the requirements found in this collection of information are from the passage of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Pub.L. 101-380). The requirements meet the intent of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to reduce the impact of oil spills by requiring owners or operators of certain tank vessels and facilities to plan response actions, practice those actions, and ensure, through appropriate means, the necessary response resources for an oil spill. Additionally, Regulation 26 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan requirements were designed to improve response capabilities and minimize environmental impacts of oil spills.

*Need:* 33 U.S.C. 1321 requires the development of tank vessel and facility response plans. 33 U.S.C. 1901-1911 requires the implementation of MARPOL 73/78 in U.S. regulations. 33 U.S.C. 2735 requires the additional response measure in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 188,629 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503, Attention USCG 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

### 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 accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 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 review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 25, 1997 [FR 62, page 50426].

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 25, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ladd Hakes, U.S. Department of Transportation (M-62), (202) 366-4268, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Office of the Secretary

*Title:* Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0531.

*Affected Public:* Schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

*Type of Request:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

*Form(s):* SF 269, SF 270, SF 271, SF 272, and SF 424.

*Abstract:* Requirements for Federal administration of financial assistance to schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations is provided to affected Executive agencies via OMB Circular A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, with the Department has codified at 49 CFR part 19. OMB provides management and oversight of the circular. OMB also provides for a standard figure of seventy (70) annual burden hours per grantee for completion of required forms. This action initiates extension of an existing paperwork clearance approval (OMB Number 2105-0531).

These information collections are available for inspection at the Grants Management Division (M-62), Office of Acquisition and Grant Management, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Copies of 49 CFR parts 18 and 19 can be obtained from Mr. Ladd Hakes at the address and phone number shown above.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 10,500 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention OST Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection 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

#### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed During the Week Ending June 18, 1997.

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and

Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.170 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-1997-2632.

*Date Filed:* June 18, 1997.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* July 16, 1997.

*Description:* Application of Royal Aviation Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 40109, Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests a foreign air carrier permit to operate scheduled services between any point in Canada and any point in the United States of America.

**Paulette V. Twine,**

*U.S. DOT Dockets.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Craven Regional Airport, New Bern, NC

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to use the revenue from a PFC at Craven Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 25, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office, Campus Building, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, Georgia, 30337-2747.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must