

HSR-12, 6300 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101-2296. For legal issues: Mr. Brett Gainer, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-6197, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

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An electronic copy of the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the NDGPS program is available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/>.

Background

The Secretary has delegated his authority under section 346 of the DOT Appropriations Act for FY 1998, to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the FHWA. The FHWA is the lead agency and the USCG and FRA are cooperating agencies for the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) and 23 CFR 771. In accordance with NEPA, the FHWA is preparing a PEA for the NDGPS program. A draft PEA for NDGPS is available for public review and comment. After receipt of public comments, a final PEA will be prepared which will provide a basis for the FHWA and the cooperating agencies to determine whether a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) is required, or if a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. Copies of the draft PEA will be provided to Federal, State, local agencies, and the public. All interested parties may comment on the NDGPS draft PEA.

The NDGPS service would augment existing satellite-based Global Positioning System range information with a differential correction broadcast

from ground-based reference stations transmitting from known positions, thereby providing users with more precise radio navigation and positioning information for public safety, transportation, scientific, and environmental applications. Federal agencies implementing the proposed NDGPS service are the DOT's Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), the FHWA, the FRA, the NOAA, the U.S. Air Force (USAF), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the USCG.

The NDGPS involves the expansion of an existing network of USCG local area Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) reference stations currently covering United States coastal areas and major inland waterways. To expand this existing DGPS service nationwide, the installation of additional reference stations with low-frequency transmit antennas is required on suitable 11-acre land parcels located principally in the interior portions of the continental United States and Alaska. Sites will typically be on level ground and away from tall structures. Three deployment alternatives for the additional NDGPS reference stations were considered in the draft PEA.

Alternative A consists of conversion of 32 decommissioned USAF Ground Wave Emergency Network (GWEN) sites for use as NDGPS reference stations and the transfer of GWEN equipment from remaining GWEN sites to 28 new NDGPS site locations. Seven additional sites would receive similar new equipment, for a total of 67 NDGPS reference stations. The GWEN transmit antennas to be used are typically 299 feet tall guyed towers and will be operated at an effective radiated power (ERP) of no more than 500 Watts.

Alternative B consists of the installation of new equipment at 32 existing GWEN relay node sites, as well as at 35 new sites. The resulting NDGPS reference stations would be physically similar to the reference stations of Alternative A.

Alternative C is to identify 80 to 100 new sites and install equipment similar to USCG local area DGPS stations. These reference stations would utilize either 90 feet or 120 feet tall towers and operate at an ERP of no more than 170 Watts. The NDGPS is expected to be fully operational in the United States by the year 2002.

During the selection of sites for the NDGPS reference stations, the FHWA and cooperating agencies will consult with key regulatory agencies and apply environmental site-selection criteria to avoid potentially significant impacts. If a potentially significant environmental

impact is unavoidable during the selection of sites for the NDGPS reference stations, specific mitigation measures will be implemented to decrease the impact to a less than significant level. Provided that environmental site-selection criteria and specific mitigation measures identified in the draft PEA are implemented for the NDGPS, no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur under any of the proposed action alternatives. If planned mitigation measures for potentially significant impacts cannot be implemented at a specific site, or a site-specific impact is encountered that was not anticipated and addressed in the PEA, then additional appropriate NEPA analysis and documentation will be prepared by the FHWA for that specific reference station.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; sec 346, Pub. L. 105-66, 111 Stat. 1425, 1449 (1997); 49 CFR 1.48.)

Issued on: February 23, 1999.

Kenneth R. Wykle,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-99-5145]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmund T. Sommer, Jr., Chief, Division of General and International Law, Office of the Chief Counsel, Maritime Administration, MAR-221, Room 7232, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone 202-366-5181 or fax 202-366-7485. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Procedures, New Subpart B—Application for Designation of Vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels.

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

OMB Control Number: 2133-0521.

Form Number: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1999.

Summary of Collection of Information: Public Law 101-624 directs the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations that establish requirements for the submission of applications by owners of ocean vessels for designation as "American Great Lakes Vessels."

Need and Use of the Information: Application is mandated by statute to establish that a vessel meets statutory criteria for obtaining the benefit of eligibility to carry preference cargoes.

Description of Respondents: Shipowners of merchant vessels.

Annual Responses: 1 response.

Annual Burden: 1.25 hours.

Comments: Signed written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Michael J. McMorrow,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33718]

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company—Acquisition Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company (ADBF), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire (by purchase)

approximately 3.22 miles of rail line owned by Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) (known as the Charlotte Spur) between milepost 21.24 and milepost 24.46 at Charlotte, in Eaton County, MI (the Flint Subdivision).¹ ADBF will operate the property.

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was February 23, 1999, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If this notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33718, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kenneth J. Bisdorf, 2301 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 600, Troy, MI 48064-3329.

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Decided: February 23, 1999.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[CO-49-88]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C.

3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, CO-49-88 (TD 8546), Limitations on Corporate Net Operating Loss (sec. 1.382-6).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 3, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Limitations on Corporate Net Operating Loss.

OMB Number: 1545-1381.

Regulation Project Number: CO-49-88.

Abstract: This regulation provides rules for the allocation of a loss corporation's taxable income or net operating loss between the periods before and after an ownership change under section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, including an election to make the allocation based on a closing of the books as of the change date.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 0.1 hr.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of

¹ ADBF certifies that its annual revenue will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.