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Supplementary Information Regarding Paperwork Reduction Act Analysis

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Designation of Accounting Authority for Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Radio Communications.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Federal Government; State, local or tribal governments; businesses or other for profit entities; individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,600.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.0 hour.

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement; Third Party Disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 2,600 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: When the Commission withdraws as an accounting authority, it will be necessary for those users who rely upon the Commission to settle their maritime and satellite radio accounts. As a result of this FNPRM, the Commission may decide the best way to accomplish this is to require all users to designate a particular accounting authority to settle their radio accounts.

Electronic Filing of Comments

9. Pursuant to Section 1.49(f) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.49(f), Parties may file their comments, replies and supporting documents in electronic form via the Internet. Such parties should use the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System, which they can access using the following Internet address: <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>

Further information on the process of submitting comments electronically is available at <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/>>. Pursuant to Section 1.419(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.419(d), Parties need file only one copy of an electronic submission. In completing the transmittal screen, a party filing a comment, reply or supporting document should include his or her full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address and the lead Docket number for this proceeding, which is IB Docket No. 98-96. The Commission will consider electronically filed comments that conform to the guidelines of this section part of the record in this

proceeding and accord them the same treatment as comments filed on paper.

10. Parties filing comments, replies and supporting documents on paper must also file their submissions on diskette. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM-compatible format, using MS DOS and Word Perfect 5.1 for Windows or compatible software. The diskette should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly marked with the party's name, the proceeding to which it is addressed (in this case, IB Docket No. 98-96), the type of pleading (comment or reply) and the date of submission. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter setting forth the same information. Each diskette should contain only one party's pleading, preferably in a single electronic file. The party should submit one copy of the diskette to John Copes, International Bureau, Telecommunications Division, 445-12th St., SW, Room 6-C847, Washington, DC 20554. The party should file an exact copy of the diskette, identically marked, with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., at 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Conclusion

11. *It is ordered* pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), 11, 201-205 and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 161, 201-205 and 303(r), that this FNPRM *Is hereby adopted* and comments *Are requested* as described above.

12. *It is further ordered* that the Office of Public Affairs, Reference Operations Division, *Shall send* a Copy of this FNPRM, including the regulatory flexibility certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 3

Accounting.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

Attachment—Government Agencies Who Use the Federal Communications Commission as an Accounting Authority

Department of Agriculture
Department of Air Force
Department of the Army
Coast Guard
Department of Commerce
Defense Information Systems Agency
Department of Energy
Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Department of Health and Human Services
Department of the Interior
Department of Justice
Department of the Navy
Department of Navy—Command
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Science Foundation
Office of Secretary of Defense
On-Site Inspection Agency
Department of State
Department of Treasury
United States Information Agency
U.S. Postal Service
Department of Veteran Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 173, 174, 175, 176, and 177

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4952 (HM-223)]

RIN 2137-AC68

Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading, and Storage

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 27, 1999, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA, "we") published a supplemental advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) inviting public comment on the applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to loading, unloading, and storage of hazardous materials. In response to a petition filed by the Transportation Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, we are extending until August 25, 1999, the period for filing comments to the supplemental ANPRM.

DATES: Submit comments by August 25, 1999. To the extent possible, we will consider comments received after this date in making our decision on whether to proceed to develop a proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify Docket Number RSPA-98-4952 and be submitted in two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. You may also submit comments by e-mail by

accessing the Dockets Management System web site at "http://dms.dot.gov/" and following the instructions for filing a document electronically.

The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. You can review public dockets there between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You can also review comments on-line at the DOT Dockets Management System web site at "http://dms.dot.gov/."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Gorsky (202) 366-8553, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, Research and Special Programs Administration; or Nancy Machado (202) 366-4400, Office of the Chief Counsel, Research and Special Programs Administration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 27, 1999 (64 FR 22718), we published a supplemental ANPRM seeking comments on the applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) to loading, unloading, and storage of hazardous materials. The supplemental ANPRM summarized comments received in response to an earlier ANPRM, outlined commenters' three most commonly suggested approaches for applying the HMR to activities incidental to transportation, and asked a number of questions focused on the details of each suggested approach.

As of July 23, 1999, we have received only eight comments in response to the supplemental ANPRM. The Transportation Trades Department (TTD) of the AFL-CIO has petitioned for an extension to the comment period, stating that an extension of 60 days will enable it to work with its affiliates to

present a sound, comprehensive response to the questions posed in the supplemental ANPRM. In addition to the TTD petition, several persons wishing to comment have asked if we have considered extending the comment period. We agree that the comment period should be extended. However, we believe that an extension of 30 days should be sufficient to accommodate commenters' need for additional time. Accordingly, the closing date of the comment period is extended to August 25, 1999.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 23, 1999, under authority delegated in 49 CFR part 106.

Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration.

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