

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permit thereof
11602-M	RSPA-16599	East Tennessee Iron & Metal, Inc. Rogersville, TN.	49 CFR 172.101; 172.301(c); 173.22a; 173.241; 173.242; Part 107, Subpart B, Appendix B.	To modify the special permit to authorize the addition of class 9 hazardous material.
13325-M		Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. Allentown, PA.	49 CFR 173.301(f)(3); 180.205(c)(4).	To modify the special permit to authorize an increase in service life of certain DOT specification cylinders.
14318-M		Lockheed Martin Corporation (Former Grantee: Lockheed-Martin Technical Operations) Vandenberg AFB, CA.	49 CFR 173.315	To modify the special permit to authorize multiple tanks of the same commodity to be transported in dedicated enclosed metal sided box vans or trucks.
14418-M		Department of Defense Ft. Eustis, VA.	49 CFR 172.301; 172.400; 172.504(a).	To modify the special permit to authorize the transportation in commerce of an additional Division 4.3 hazardous material.
14638-M		Teledyne Energy Systems, Inc. Hunt Valley, MD.	49 CFR 173.213	To reissue the special permit originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation in commerce of up to two pressure vessels containing Magnesium or Magnesium alloys under an Argon blanket further packaged in a non-DOT specification wooden box capable of meeting the performance requirements for PG II and to remove the one time restriction.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[DOCKET: RITA 2007-27185]

Bureau of Transportation Statistics; Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators; Paperwork Reduction Notice

AGENCY: Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS collecting financial, traffic and operating statistics from small certificated and commuter air carriers. Small certificated air carriers (operate aircraft with 60 seats or less or with 18,000 pounds of payload capacity or less) currently must file the two quarterly schedules listed below:

F-1 Report of Financial Data,
F-2 Report of Aircraft Operating Expenses and Related Statistics, and

Commuter air carriers must file the Schedule F-1 *Report of Financial Data*.

Commenters should address whether BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden and if there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number RITA 2007-27185 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Approval No. 2138-0009.

Title: Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators.

Form No.: BTS Form 298-C.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection for the financial data.

Respondents: Small certificated and commuter air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours
× 40 commuter carriers per quarter. 12
hours × 40 small certificated carriers per
quarter.

Total Annual Burden: 2,560 hours.

Needs and Uses: Program uses for
Form 298–C financial data are as
follows:

Mail Rates

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) sets and updates the Intra-Alaska Bush mail rates based on carrier aircraft operating expense, traffic, and operational data. Form 298–C cost data, especially fuel costs, terminal expenses, and line haul expenses are used in arriving at rate levels. DOT revises the established rates based on the percentage of unit cost changes in the carriers' operations. These updating procedures have resulted in the carriers receiving rates of compensation that more closely parallel their costs of providing mail service and contribute to the carriers' economic well-being.

Essential Air Service

DOT often has to select a carrier to provide a community's essential air service. The selection criteria includes historic presence in the community, reliability of service, financial stability and cost structure of the air carrier.

Carrier Fitness

Fitness determinations are made for both new entrants and established U.S. domestic carriers proposing a substantial change in operations. A portion of these applications consists of an operating plan for the first year (14 CFR Part 204) and an associated projection of revenues and expenses. The carrier's operating costs, included in these projections, are compared against the cost data in Form 298–C for a carrier or carriers with the same aircraft type and similar operating characteristics. Such a review validates the reasonableness of the carrier's operating plan.

The quarterly financial submissions by commuter and small certificated air carriers are used in determining each carrier's continuing fitness to operate. Section 41738 of Title 49 of the United States Code requires DOT to find all commuter and small certificated air carriers fit, willing, and able to conduct passenger service as a prerequisite to providing such service to an eligible essential air service point. In making a fitness determination, DOT reviews three areas of a carrier's operation: (1) The qualifications of its management team, (2) its disposition to comply with

laws and regulations, and (3) its financial posture. DOT must determine whether or not a carrier has sufficient financial resources to conduct its operations without imposing undue risk on the traveling public. Moreover, once a carrier begins conducting flight operations, DOT is required to monitor its continuing fitness.

Senior DOT officials must be kept fully informed and advised of all current and developing economic issues affecting the airline industry. In preparing financial condition reports or status reports on a particular airline, financial and traffic data are analyzed. Briefing papers prepared for senior DOT officials may use the same information.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

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Bureau of Transportation Statistics; Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Large Certificated Air Carriers; Paperwork Reduction Notice

AGENCY: Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS collecting financial data from large

certificated air carriers. Large certificated air carriers are carriers that operate aircraft with over 60 seats, aircraft with over 18,000 pounds of payload capacity, or operate international air services.

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