

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Pensacola Regional Airport, Pensacola, Florida**

**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 impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Pensacola 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 February 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Frank R. Miller, Airport Director of Pensacola Regional Airport at the following address: Pensacola Regional Airport, 2430 Airport Boulevard, #225 Pensacola, FL 32504-8964.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Pensacola Regional Airport under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bud Jackman, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Dr., Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024, (407) 812-6331, Ext. 22. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Pensacola 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) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On January 11, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Pensacola was

substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than April 27, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*PFC Application No.:* 99-04-C-00-PNS.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Proposed charge effective date:* June 1, 1999.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* June 30, 2010.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$19,400,000.

1. *Brief description of proposed project(s):* Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation; Runway 8/26 Extension.

*Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:* FAR Part 135 Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO's) filing Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the City of Pensacola.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on January 11, 1999.

**W. Dean Stringer,**

*Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, Southern Region.*

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**DATES:** March 4, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** National Academy of Sciences, Lecture Room, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Hassett, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, PO Box 61280, New Orleans, LA 70161-1280 [fax: 504-862-1423; phone: 504-862-1453; e-mail: susan.k.hassett@usace.army.mil]; or, Norman Tague, Maritime Administration, Office of Statistical and Economic Analysis, MAR-450, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590 [fax: 202-366-8886; phone: 202-366-2316; e-mail: norman.tague@marad.dot.gov].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Following a review of the U.S. Foreign Waterborne Transportation Statistics program, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) designated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as the "central collection agency" for the program, and transferred program responsibility to the Corps, with operational support from the Maritime Administration (MARAD), effective October 1, 1998. The Corps collects and publishes the data pursuant to its authority under the 1922 River and Harbor Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 555), by which it has historically collected and published waterborne commerce statistics.

The Corps and MARAD have assumed complete responsibility for the ongoing production of official monthly and annual U.S. foreign waterborne transportation statistics. Under the new arrangement, monthly and annual vessel movement and cargo data previously produced by the Bureau of the Census (Census) are now available through the Corps/MARAD.

The public data products contain movement data on all vessels engaged in U.S. foreign trade and cargo data by type of service, U.S. and foreign port, country of origin/destination, commodity, value, weight, and containerized cargo. These products include: monthly and annual "Vessel Movements" (formerly TM/TA385 and 785), "Waterborne Databank" (formerly TM/TA305 and 705), quarterly and annual "U.S. Waterborne Exports and General Imports" (formerly TQ/TA985) and the annual "Vessel Entrances and Clearances" (formerly TA987).

To ensure the continuity of data, these products are currently identical to those formerly produced by Census. However,

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****U.S. Foreign Waterborne Transportation Statistics Program**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the agencies currently responsible for the U.S. Foreign Waterborne Transportation Statistics Program, are holding a public meeting to receive information from private sector U.S. maritime data users as to their ongoing requirements for such data. This information-gathering is part of the first step in development of a plan to improve the data collection, production and public access, without imposing any new reporting burden on the public. A questionnaire is available for all interested persons to indicate their data requirements, whether or not they attend the meeting.

the long-term goal is to meet customer data requirements through improved data collection, production and access. This information-gathering is the beginning of that process, and provides an opportunity for public input into the redesign of the program. This is consistent with the principles of the National Performance Review to provide better delivery of Federal services.

#### Meeting Registration Process

Users of U.S. maritime data as well as any other interested persons are encouraged to participate in this information-gathering initiative. A questionnaire has been developed for pre-registration of attendees, to facilitate preparation for the meeting, and to afford an opportunity for input to persons unable to attend. This questionnaire may be obtained on the Internet at

<http://www.wrsc.usace.army.mil/ndc> or <http://marad.dot.gov/statistics> or from: Ms. Sandy Schafer, Waterborne

Commerce Statistics Center, 504-862-1404, 504-862-1423 (fax) e-mail: [sandra.a.schafer@usace.army.mil](mailto:sandra.a.schafer@usace.army.mil), PO Box 61280, New Orleans, LA 70123-1289.

Persons completing the questionnaire are urged to mail, or fax it to Ms. Sandy Schafer by February 18, 1999, so that all data requirements can be adequately addressed at the meeting. The completed questionnaire will also serve as your pre-registration for the meeting, if you so indicate on the questionnaire. If you plan to attend the meeting, but are not completing a questionnaire, please notify Ms. Sandy Schafer by mail, e-mail, or fax. This will assist us in estimating attendance, and organizing meeting space.

#### Format of the Meeting

The meeting will be structured through the use of a facilitator to

provide each participant with an overview of the existing program and production process, the results of the questionnaire, clarification of any of the data elements involved, and a thorough discussion of the issues.

It is an opportunity for private sector data users to describe their data needs and to share any views and insights as to how the U.S. Foreign Waterborne Transportation Statistics Program might be improved. Discussion should be extremely focused, in terms of specific data elements required, why it is needed and how it is used.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Management Service

#### Application and Renewal Fees Imposed on Surety Companies and Reinsuring Companies; Increase in Fees Imposed

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Application and renewal fees imposed on surety companies and reinsuring companies; Increase in fees imposed.

**SUMMARY:** Effective December 31, 1998, The Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, is increasing the fees it imposes on and collects from surety companies and reinsuring companies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch, (202) 874-6765.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The fees imposed and collected, as referred to in 31 CFR 223.22, cover the costs incurred by the Government for services performed relative to qualifying corporate sureties to write Federal business. These fees are determined in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-25, as amended. The increase in fees is the result of a thorough analysis of costs associated with the Surety Bond Branch.

The new fee rate schedule is as follows:

(1) Examination of a company's application for a Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety or as an acceptable reinsuring company on Federal bonds—\$4,300.

(2) Determination of a company's continued qualification for annual renewal of its Certificate of Authority—\$2,525.

(3) Examination of a company's application for recognition as an Admitted Reinsurer (except on excess risks running to the United States)—\$1,525.

(4) Determination of a company's continued qualification for annual renewal of its authority as an Admitted Reinsurer—\$1,075.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to the Surety Bond Branch, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, Hyattsville, MD 20782, Telephone (202) 874-6850.

Dated: January 8, 1999.

**Mitchell A. Levine,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations, Financial Management Service.*

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