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Dated: June 15, 1998.

Doreen F. McGirr,

Chair, U.S. ITAC for Telecommunications Sector.

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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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 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 March 30, 1998 [63 FR 15257].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Scott, Office Engineering, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, HNG-10, Room 3134, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, telephone (202) 366-4104. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., E.T., Monday thru Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Title: Eligibility Statement for Utility Adjustments.

OMB Number: 2125-0515.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State highway agencies and local highway agencies.

Abstract: The FHWA requires State (and in some cases local) highway agencies to submit to the FHWA a statement which establishes the highway agency's legal authority or obligation to pay for utility adjustments. The FHWA reviews this statement for acceptability. If the statement is found to be suitable, it then forms a basis for Federal-aid participation in utility relocation costs under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 123. The State highway agencies have previously submitted statements covering the extent to which utility adjustments may be legally reimbursed under State law. These statements have previously been reviewed by the FHWA and a determination of suitability has been made. Hence, the only submissions required now would be for those instances where circumstances have modified (for example, a change in State statute) the extent to which utility adjustments are eligible for reimbursement by the State or those instances where a local highway agency's legal basis for payment of utility adjustments differs from that of the State.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 180 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FHWA 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.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 22, 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 of 1995 (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 approval. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on April 6, 1998 [63 FR 16854-16856].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Robinson, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 366-9456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

(1) Title: Procedures for Selecting Lines to be Covered by the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR 542).

OMB Control Number: 2127-0539.

Type Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Abstract: The Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 (amended the Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-547) requires this collection of information. One component of the theft prevention package requires the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to promulgate a theft prevention standard for the designation of high-theft vehicle lines. Provisions delineating the information collection requirements include section 33104, which requires NHTSA to promulgate a rule for the identification of major component parts for vehicles

having or expected to have a theft rate above the median rate for all new passenger motor vehicles (cars, MPVs, and light-duty trucks—6000 lbs GVWR and below) sold in the United States, as well as with major component parts that are interchangeable with those having high-theft rate.

The specific lines and parts to be identified are to be selected by agreement between the manufacturer and the agency. If there is a disagreement of the selection, the statute states that the agency shall select such lines and parts, after notice to the manufacturer and an opportunity for written comment. The procedures, contained in Part 542 (1) and (2) will be applied to those lines introduced before or after the 1997 model year (MY).

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,600 hours.

(2) *Title:* Petitions for Exemption from the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, 49 CFR Part 543.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0542.

Type Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331 requires the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate a theft prevention standard to provide for the identification of certain motor vehicles and their major replacement parts to impede motor vehicle theft. 49 U.S.C. section 33106 provides for an exemption to this identification process by petitions from manufacturers who equip covered vehicles with standard original equipment anti theft devices, which the Secretary determines are likely to be as effective in reducing or deterring theft as the identification system.

Estimated Annual Burden: 192 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA 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 compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), 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 February 17, 1998 [63 FR 7849-7850].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlene Kennedy, Office of Information Services, (202) 366-9458, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Title: Certification of Enforcement of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax.

OMB Number: 2125-0541.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Form(s): N/A

Affected Public: State highway agencies.

Abstract: Title 23, United States Code, Section 141(d), provides that a State's apportionment of funds under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(5) shall be reduced in an amount up to 25 percent of the amount to be apportioned during any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1984, if vehicles subject to the Federal heavy vehicle use tax are lawfully registered in

the State without having presented proof of payment of the tax. The annual certification of collection of the heavy vehicle use tax submitted by each State serves as the primary means of determining State compliance with 23 U.S.C. 141(d) by the FHWA. Under the rulemaking authority granted to the Secretary of Transportation by 23 U.S.C. 315, the FHWA has determined that an annual certification of compliance by each State is the least obtrusive means of administering the provisions of the legislative mandate.

Evidence of compliance with 23 U.S.C. 141(d) is comprised of two elements: reporting and recordkeeping. The reporting element consists of a simple certification submitted to FHWA on an annual basis by the State's Governor or designated official. The recordkeeping element consists of a one-year retention of Schedule 1, Form 2290, by the States (or other suitable alternative provided by regulation).

Compliance reviews are periodically conducted by FHWA to determine if the certification is adequate to ensure effective administration of 23 U.S.C. 141(d).

The certification requirement is the critical factor in establishing a manageable and reasonable procedure for determining State compliance with the statute. Without annual certification and supporting records, determinations of compliance would involve frequent reviews of State registration procedures and practices and would clearly be an obtrusive Federal presence in State programs.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 612.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FHWA 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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