

members of the public by mail upon request.

DATES: Comments on the draft environmental review are requested no later than April 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the environmental review, or requests for copies, should be addressed to Jennifer Prescott or David Brooks, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, USTR, telephone 202-395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Trade Act of 2002 provides that the President shall conduct environmental reviews of [certain] trade agreements consistent with Executive Order 13141—Environmental Review of Trade Agreements (64 FR 63,169, Nov. 18, 1999) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79,442, Dec. 19, 2000) and report on such reviews to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate. The Order and guidelines are available at <http://www.ustr.gov/environment/environmental.shtml>. USTR, through the TPSC, will perform an environmental review of the agreement pursuant to the authority delegated by the President in Executive Order 13277 (67 FR 70305).

The purpose of environmental reviews is to ensure that policymakers and the public are informed about reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts of trade agreements (both positive and negative), to identify complementarities between trade and environmental objectives, and to help shape appropriate responses if environmental impacts are identified. Reviews are intended to be one tool, among others, for integrating environmental information and analysis into the fluid, dynamic process of trade negotiations. USTR and the Council on Environmental Quality jointly oversee implementation of the Order and Guidelines. USTR, through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is responsible for conducting the individual reviews.

Written Comments

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions of comments, the Office of the United States Trade Representative strongly urges and prefers e-mail submissions in response to this notice. Persons submitting comments by e-mail should use the

following e-mail address: FR0099@ustr.gov with the subject line: "Bahrain Interim Environmental Review." Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files. If submission by e-mail is impossible, comments should be made by facsimile to (202) 395-6143, attention: Gloria Blue.

Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection in the USTR Reading Room at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10-12 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Advance Notice of Potential Expansion of Coverage of WTO Government Procurement Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Potential Expansion of Coverage of WTO Government Procurement Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476.

Background

Currently, there are 28 Parties to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). They are: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Communities, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Netherlands with respect to Aruba, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. Suppliers from each of those countries are able to participate, on a reciprocal basis, in the government procurement of the other countries, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the GPA. The

terms include a list of the entities from each country that are subject to GPA rules.

On May 1, 2004, 10 countries will join the European Communities (EC). They are: the Czech Republic, Republic of Estonia, Republic of Cyprus, Republic of Latvia, Republic of Lithuania, Republic of Hungary, Republic of Malta, Republic of Poland, Republic of Slovenia and Slovak Republic ("new EC Member States"). The EC has notified the other GPA Parties of its intention that the GPA will be binding on the new EC Member States as of May 1, 2004. The EC is consulting with the other GPA Parties with regard to the lists of the entities of the new EC Member States that would be subject to the GPA rules.

Future Action

When the WTO Committee approves the application of the GPA to the 10 new EC Member States, U.S. suppliers will be able to participate in the government procurement of those countries. Similarly, based upon a determination that the U.S. Trade Representative will make under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, suppliers from the new EC Member States will be eligible to participate in U.S. government procurement under the same terms and conditions as suppliers from the countries that are currently covered by the GPA. That determination will be published in the **Federal Register** prior to May 1, 2004.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice To Intend To Rule on Application 04-02-C-00-ACY To Impose and Use a Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Correction

Correction: This is to advise that the number for our Notice to Intend to Rule on Application 04-02-C-00-ACY to Impose and Use a revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, published in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2004, should read 04-03-C-00-ACY.

All the other associated information published on that day remains unchanged, including the date for

receiving comments on or before April 19, 2004.

If there are any questions regarding this correction, please contact Dan Vornea, Project Manager, New York Airports District Office, 600 Old Country Road, Suite 446, Garden City, NY 11530, telephone no. (516) 227-3812. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

Issued in Garden City, New York on March 25, 2004.

Philip Brito,

Manager, NYADO, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), §§ 211.9 and 211.41 notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for extension of a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the parties seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

National Railroad Passenger Corporation

Union Pacific Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2002-12836]

The Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) seek to extend a waiver of compliance from certain sections of 49 CFR parts 216, Special Notice and Emergency Order Procedures; Railroad Track, Locomotive and Equipment; 217, Railroad Operating Rules; 218, Railroad Operating Practices; 229, Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards; 233, Signal Systems Reporting Requirements; 235, Instructions Governing Applications for Approval of a Discontinuance or Material Modification of a Signal System or Relief from the Requirements of part 236; 236, Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances; and 240, Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers, under section 211.51, Tests, to allow them to develop, implement and test technology designed

to prevent train collisions, overspeed violations, and protect roadway workers.

On October 16, 2002, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) conditionally approved the joint Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) Petition for Waiver of Compliance FRA-2002-12836.

The waiver is for a program that will enable the industry to demonstrate and validate the technology, referred to as Positive Train Control, (PTC) before it is implemented in a larger scale.

The PTC program will be tested and demonstrated on approximately 118.4 miles of UP track in the State of Illinois with the following conditions:

1. The submittal of, and adherence to, a test plan for each segment being tested that has been reviewed and will be monitored by the FRA. The test plan is subject to approval by the FRA test monitor with respect to the safety of railroad employees and members of the public. The test monitor will provide advice with respect to tests that may bear favorably on FRA's review of the train control system.

2. The railroad must place appropriately equipped flaggers in each lane of traffic at all public and private highway-rail grade crossings, or close any private crossing when an appropriately equipped flagger cannot be provided, along the demonstration route whenever a run of 80 mph or above is being conducted.

3. Operate under absolute block conditions for each run of 80 mph or higher or under any conditions where wayside signal indications will not be observed.

4. Inspect high-speed demonstration corridor with FRA's automated track geometry vehicle to ensure track compliance with FRA's Track Safety Standards. (Initial inspection was completed.)

5. Waiver is granted until August 31, 2004, unless the UP notifies the FRA of an earlier termination date.

These tests must be made in a safe and reliable manner, and to that end FRA would expect UP and Amtrak to support each other and to provide for the continuity of operating employees involved in these tests.

These conditions were transmitted to Amtrak and the UP Railroad in a letter from Mr. Grady Cothen to Mr. Dennis Duffy on October 22, 2002. A specific listing of the details of the approval concerning applicable 49 CFR parts appears in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 67, No. 146, Tuesday, July 30, 2002, pages 49382 through 49386.

Test trains have been operated at speeds over 110 mph in this territory in full compliance with the waiver herein described. Much was accomplished in these tests. Much data has been collected, and the System Integrator of this system is currently deeply involved in the integration of the system.

An exhaustive investigation of all possible failure modes of the system is being conducted in order to be able to certify the fail-safety of the system. This process has turned out to require a significantly longer time frame than originally anticipated. In view of this, the railroad is now requesting an extension of Condition Number 5 so that a request is made that Condition Number 5 "Waiver is granted until August 31, 2004 unless the UP notifies the FRA of an earlier termination date" be changed to read "Waiver is granted until December 31, 2005."

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2002-12836) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 30 days from the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The