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**Natalie Ogletree,**

*FAA General Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22728]

#### Notice of Request for Comments on Extension of a Currently Approved Collection of Information: Financial Responsibility, Trucking and Freight Forwarding

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), FMCSA announces the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below has been sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes a currently approved collection activity and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR was published on June 21, 2005 (70 FR 35766). No comments were received.

**DATES:** Please send your comments by December 12, 2005. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ruth Bullen, (202) 385-2430, Commercial Enforcement Division (MC-ECC), Office of Enforcement and

Compliance, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Financial Responsibility, Trucking and Freight Forwarding.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126-0017.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Background:* The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is authorized to register for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902, surface freight forwarders under 49 U.S.C. 13903, and property brokers under 49 U.S.C. 13904. These persons may conduct transportation services only if they are registered pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13901. The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to these registrations to FMCSA. Registration remains valid only as long as the transportation entities maintain on file with FMCSA evidence of the required levels of insurance coverage pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13906. Regulations governing financial responsibility are contained in 49 CFR part 387.

Forms BMC-91, 91X, and 82 provide evidence of the required coverage for bodily injury and property damage (BI&PD) liability. Forms BMC-34 and 83 establish compliance with cargo liability requirements. Forms BMC-84 and 85 are filed by brokers to comply with the requirement for a \$10,000 surety bond or trust fund agreement. Forms BMC-35, 36, and 85 are used to cancel prior filings. Forms BMC-90 and 32 are endorsements that must be attached to BI&PD and cargo insurance policies, respectively, but are not filed with the FMCSA.

Motor carriers can also apply to self-insure BI&PD and/or cargo liability in lieu of filing certificates of insurance or surety bonds with the FMCSA. Form BMC-40 is the application used to apply for self-insurance authority.

*Respondents:* Motor carriers, freight forwarders, and brokers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 165,954.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Average Burden Per Response:* For Form BMC-40, the estimated average burden per response is 40 hours. For each of the other forms (BMC-32, 34, 35, 36, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91, and 91X), the estimated average burden per response is 10 minutes per form.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The estimated total annual burden is 600 hours for the BMC-40 based on 15

filings per year [15 filings per year x 40 hours to complete = 600 hours]. The estimated total annual burden for all other forms described above is 50,170 hours based on 301,022 filings per year [301,022 filings per year x 10 minutes to complete divided by 60 minutes = 50,170 total burden hours]. Therefore, the estimated annual burden hours for the ICR is 50,770 total burden hours.

We particularly request comments on: Whether the collection of information is necessary for FMCSA to meet its goal of reducing truck crashes and its usefulness to this goal; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 13901, 13902, 13903, 13904 and 13906; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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**Annette M. Sandberg,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2005-21964]

#### Long Island Rail Road; Notice of Public Hearing

On September 16, 2005, FRA published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the Long Island Railroad's intent to be granted a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the *Railroad Operating Practices* regulations, 49 CFR 218, regarding blue signal protection of workers. See 70 FR 54801. Specifically, the LIRR requests relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 218.29 *Alternate methods of protection*, at its Diesel Service Facilities in Richmond Hills, NY, and Long Island City, NY.

According to LIRR, both facilities are stub-end yards jointly used by both Transportation and Mechanical forces. These yards function to service, maintain, inspect, and dispatch the diesel passenger fleet for the LIRR. Each facility has a speed limit of 5 mph, with fixed derails on each service track, and manually operated switches. Yard movement is controlled by a

yardmaster. Due to the configuration and service demands, the yard cannot facilitate the placement of a derail at the 150-foot interval as prescribed in § 218.29. Additionally, LIRR believes that lining and locking the manual switches increases potential error of proper switch alignment, and is a safety concern for all employees working in the area. Therefore, LIRR requested that employees at these two facilities be allowed to place derails at a distance of 50-feet from the equipment. LIRR stated that they will post signage to reinforce the 5 mph speed restriction, as well as paint physical clearance lines denoting the 50-foot distance.

As a result of the comments received by FRA concerning this waiver petition, FRA has determined that a public hearing is necessary before a final decision is made on this petition. Accordingly, a public hearing is hereby set to begin at 9 a.m. on December 21, 2005, in Conference Room 820 at the Hunters Point Plaza, 47–40 21st Street, Long Island City, New York, 11101. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at this hearing.

The hearing will be informal and will be conducted in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (49 CFR Part 211.25) by a representative designated by FRA. FRA's representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing, as well as any additional procedures for the conduct of the hearing. The hearing will be a non-adversarial proceeding in which all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views regarding this waiver petition, without cross-examination. After all initial statements have been completed, those persons wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given an opportunity to do so in the same order in which initial statements were made.

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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Implementation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety

standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

#### Norfolk Southern Corporation

[Docket Number FRA–2005–22822]

The Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) seek a permanent waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.21(a), as it pertains to the recordkeeping requirement for locomotive daily inspection reports. If the request is granted, NS would file the required report electronically in a secure centralized data base that would be set up to track and store the records for the required ninety two days. The railroad states that each employee performing the inspections would be provided a unique electronic identification which will be utilized in place of the signature. All requirements, date, time, location, person conducting inspection, and any non-complying conditions will be reported electronically. NS utilizes an onboard record of daily inspection and will continue to do so if their request is granted.

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–2005–22822) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Communications received within 45 days of 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>.

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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 656 (Sub-No. 1)]

#### Investigation into the Practices of the National Classification Committee

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Extension of deadline for filing comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is extending, by 14 days, the deadline for filing the comments requested in its decision served on October 13, 2005, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 2005, at 70 FR 60881–82.

**DATES:** The deadline for filing opening comments in this proceeding is extended to December 2, 2005. The deadline for filing a reply by the National Classification Committee is extended to December 22, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Any filing submitted in this proceeding must refer to STB Ex Parte No. 656 (Sub-No. 1) and must be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions found on the Board's <http://www.stb.dot.gov> Web site, at the "E-FILING" link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 paper copies of the filing (and also an IBM-compatible floppy disk with any textual submission in any version of either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. Because all comments will be posted to the Board's Web site, persons filing them with the Board need not serve them on other participants but must furnish a hard copy on request to any participant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565–1609. (Federal Information Relay Service for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information appears in the Board's decision granting this deadline extension and in the Board's prior decision served on October 13, 2005, and posted on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, both under