

that involves generic customer satisfaction surveys. We are required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to publish this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by October 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to (202) 493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. All comments should include the docket number in this notice's heading. All comments may be examined and copied at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire a receipt you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Burk, 202-366-8035, Corporate Management, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

*OMB Control No:* 2125-0590.

*Background:* Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards" requires that Federal agencies provide the highest quality service to our customers by identifying them and determining what they think about our services and products. The surveys covered in the existing generic clearance will provide the FHWA a means to gather this data directly from our customers. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assist in evaluating service delivery and processes. The responses to the surveys will be voluntary and will not involve information that is required by regulations. There will be no direct costs to the respondents other than their time. The FHWA plans to provide an electronic means for responding to the majority of the surveys via the World Wide Web.

*Respondents:* State and local governments, highway industry organizations, general public.

*Frequency:* Generally, on an annual basis.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* The burden hours per response

will vary with each survey; however, we estimate an average burden of 15 minutes for each survey. We estimate that FHWA will survey approximately 50,000 respondents annually during the next three years. Therefore, the estimated total annual burden is 12,500 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of computer technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Electronic Access:* Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register**'s home page at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**James R. Kabel,**

*Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: 2004 18770]

### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of

the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel THE BEAST.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2004-18770 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 7, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2004 18770. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel THE BEAST is:

*Intended Use:* Passenger Charter with Captain for day sailing.

*Geographic Region:* South Florida.

*Dated:* July 30, 2004.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2004-18776]

#### Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Marcia Tarbet, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5208, NPO-321, Washington, DC 20590. Marcia Tarbet's telephone number is (202) 366-2570. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

**Title:** Highway Crash Data Collection for the Evaluation of Antilock Brake Systems (ABS) and Rear Impact Guards on Heavy Vehicles.

**OMB Control Number:** 2127-0614.

**Affected Public:** State and Local Governments.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Abstract:** As required by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735), NHTSA reviews existing regulations to determine if they are achieving policy goals. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 105 (49 CFR 571.105) and FMVSS 121 (49 CFR 571.121) require ABS and a malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) on all new heavy vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or more. Implementation of the standards was performed over a three-year period: air-brake truck tractors manufactured on or after March 1, 1997, air-brake trailers and single-unit trucks manufactured on or after March 1, 1998, and hydraulic brake trucks manufactured on or after March 1, 1999.

FMVSS 223 (49 CFR 571.223) and 224 (49 CFR 571.224) set minimum

requirements for the geometry, configuration, strength and energy absorption capability of rear impact guards on full trailers and semi-trailers over 10,000 pounds GVWR manufactured on or after January 26, 1998. NHTSA's Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Budget is planning a highway crash data collection effort that will provide adequate information to perform an evaluation of the effectiveness of ABS and rear impact guards for heavy trucks. This study will estimate the actual safety benefits (crashes, injuries, and fatalities avoided) achieved by the standards and provide a basis for assessing whether the standards are functioning as intended. Highway crash data will be analyzed to the extent that the experiences of heavy trucks equipped with ABS and rear impact guards can be compared with the experiences of heavy trucks not so equipped.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** The annual burden is estimated to be 4,036 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** The state police in one state will report information on a total of 12,500 crashes.

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**Noble N. Bowie,**

*Associate Administrator for Planning, Evaluation, and Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34521]

#### Cleveland Commercial Railroad Company, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company

Cleveland Commercial Railroad Company, LLC (CCR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate a line of railroad owned by Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company (W&LE). Pursuant to a Lease and Operating Agreement entered into on June 21, 2004, between CCR and W&LE, CCR will lease and operate W&LE's rail line extending from a connection with W&LE at milepost 15.5 at Falls Junction, in Glenwillow, OH, to milepost 5.1, in Cleveland, OH, a distance of approximately 10.4 miles, in Cuyahoga County, OH. The line has been operated previously by Connotton Valley Railway, Inc. (CVR).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Connotton Valley Railway, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Wheeling & Lake Erie