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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0189]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of an Approved Information Collection: Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers Regulations

AGENCY: FMCSA, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to revise and extend an ICR entitled, "Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers Regulations." The HOS rules require most commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers to maintain on the CMV a record of duty status (RODS) current to the last change in duty status. The RODS is critical to FMCSA's safety mission because it helps roadside enforcement officials determine if CMV drivers are complying with the HOS rules limiting driver on-duty and driving time and requiring periodic off-duty time. The information helps FMCSA protect the public by reducing the number of tired CMV drivers on the highways.

DATES: Please send your comments by October 14, 2014. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA 2014-0189. Interested persons are

invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert F. Schultz, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4325; email buz.schultz@dot.gov. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0001.

Type of Request: Revision of an information collection.

Respondents: Motor Carriers of Property and Passengers, Drivers of CMVs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.17 million (2.84 million CMV drivers + 0.33 million motor carriers).

Estimated Time per Response: CMV driver using paper RODS: 11 minutes. CMV driver using technology: 2 minutes. Motor carrier: 3 minutes.

Expiration Date: 12/31/2014.

Frequency of Response: Drivers: 240 days per year; Motor Carriers: 240 days per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 106.89 million hours.

Background: Statutory authority for regulating the HOS of drivers operating CMVs in interstate commerce is derived from 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31502. The penalty provisions are located at 49 U.S.C. 521, 522 and 526, as amended. The rule is codified at 49 CFR 395.8. The FMCSRs also state:

"No driver shall operate a commercial motor vehicle, and a commercial motor carrier shall not require or permit a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle, while the driver's ability or alertness is so impaired, or so likely to become impaired, through fatigue, illness, or any other cause, as to make it unsafe for him/her to begin or continue to operate the commercial motor vehicle" (49 CFR 392.3).

The FMCSA regulates the amount of time a CMV driver may drive or

otherwise be on duty, in order to ensure that adequate time is available to the driver for rest. A driver must accurately record his or her duty status (driving, on duty not driving, off duty, sleeper berth) at all points during the 24-hour period designated by the motor carrier (49 CFR 395.8(a)(1)). This record of duty status (RODS) must be made on a specified grid (Section 395.8(g)). The term "logbook" is often used in the industry to denote the collection of the most recent RODS of the driver. A driver must have the RODS for the previous 7 consecutive days in the CMV at all times (Section 395.8(k)(2)). The RODS must be submitted to the motor carrier along with any supporting documents, such as fuel receipts and toll tickets, that could assist in verifying the accuracy of entries on the RODS. The HOS rules do not require motor carriers to submit this information to FMCSA. However, motor carriers must retain these records for a minimum of 6 months from the date of receipt and make them available to enforcement officials upon request (Section 395.8(k)(1)). The HOS rules provide three methods of recording driver duty status:

(1) *Paper RODS:* This grid form requires the driver to graph time and location on a paper record over a 24-hour period (Section 395.8(g)). It must be present on the CMV in the absence of a regulatory exception.

(2) *Time Record:* "Short haul" CMV drivers do not have to maintain a RODS onboard the vehicle if their motor carrier maintains a time record showing for each duty day when driver reported for duty, when he or she was released from duty, and the total hours on duty (Section 395.1(e)).

(3) *Automatic On-Board Recording Device (AOBRD):* An electronic record is permitted if it is created and maintained by an AOBRD as defined by Section 395.2. The record must include all the information that would appear on a paper log, and the driver or carrier must be capable of producing this information upon demand.

On March 28, 2014, the Agency published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking proposing rules that would require motor carriers to use on-board technology to record their HOS regulations, and seeking public comment on them (79 FR 17656). This rulemaking does not affect this ICR because compliance with the final rule, when published, will not be required until after the 3-year timeframe of this PRA estimate.

As a condition of receiving certain federal grants, States agree to adopt and enforce the FMCSRs, including the HOS

rules, as State law. As a result, State enforcement inspectors use the RODS and supporting documents to determine whether CMV drivers are complying with the HOS rules. In addition, FMCSA uses the RODS during on-site compliance reviews (CRs) and targeted reviews of motor carriers. In addition, Federal and State courts rely upon the RODS as evidence of driver and motor carrier violations of the HOS regulations. This information collection supports the DOT's Strategic Goal of Safety because the information helps the Agency ensure the safe operation of CMVs in interstate commerce on our Nation's highways.

The PRA burden estimate is currently 184.38 million hours, approved by OMB on December 11, 2011. The expiration date of this ICR is December 31, 2014. Through this ICR, FMCSA requests a revision of the paperwork burden of 2126-0001. The Agency requests a reduction in the burden hours based on two program adjustments and is not the result of amendments of the HOS rules. The program adjustments are: (1) A lower estimate of the number of CMV drivers who are subject to the HOS rules; and (2) an estimate of the burden reduction experienced by those CMV drivers voluntarily using electronic HOS technology. First, the Agency reduces its estimate of the number of drivers subject to the HOS recordkeeping requirements from 4.6 million to 2.84 million. Second, FMCSA estimates that 10% of drivers currently are obtaining burden reductions because they use electronic HOS technology.

On June 24, 2014, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on this ICR. The agency received no comment in response to that notice.

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 FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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G. Kelly Regal,

Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative)

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws an FTA notice of funding availability (NOFA), Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program Ladders of Opportunity Initiative, published in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2014 (79 FR 53095). FTA will issue a revised NOFA for this program.

DATES: *Effective* September 12, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betty Jackson, Workforce Development Program Manager, Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, phone: (202) 366-1730, fax: (202) 366-3765, or email: betty.jackson@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 5, 2014, FTA published an Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (79 FR 53095). The NOFA indicated that FTA was making FY 13 and prior year funds available for this effort. FTA intends to make additional funds available, providing a consolidated way for potential applicants to seek funding. Since this additional funding may have a bearing on whether a potential applicant decides to apply for funds, FTA has determined the best course of action is to withdraw the NOFA and issue a revised NOFA.

The Withdrawal

In consideration of the foregoing, the NOFA for Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative) is hereby withdrawn.

Therese W. McMillan,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2014-0017]

Pipeline Safety: Construction Notification

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of Advisory Bulletin.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is issuing this advisory bulletin to all owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines to provide further clarification regarding the notification(s) required prior to certain construction-related events.

PHMSA needs to be aware of certain construction-related events to have sufficient time to schedule reviews of pipeline construction plans and inspections. Moreover, timely construction plan reviews and inspections by PHMSA could help operators avoid costly modifications, repairs and/or additions to achieve compliance with the Federal pipeline safety regulations. Accordingly, PHMSA strongly encourages operators to provide the required construction-related notification(s) not later than 60 days prior to whichever of the following activities occurs first: Material purchasing and manufacturing; right-of-way acquisition; construction equipment move-in activities; onsite or offsite fabrications; or right-of-way clearing, grading and ditching.

PHMSA also strongly encourages operators to provide the required notification(s) for the construction of 10 or more miles of a new pipeline for a pipeline that: (1) Did not previously exist; and (2) for the replacement of 10 or more contiguous miles of line pipe in an existing pipeline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For any questions about this Advisory Bulletin, contact the appropriate PHMSA Regional Office of Pipeline Safety as follows:

- Central Region: 816-329-3800
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- Eastern Region: 609-989-2171
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West