

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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 31, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0105. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0903, Email [Linda.Williams@dot.gov](mailto:Linda.Williams@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ECLECTIC LADY is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Small private charters in the Pacific Northwest. 4-5 guests plus a maximum crew of 3 for a total of 8 persons on board."

*Geographic Region:* Washington, Alaska (excluding waters in Southeastern Alaska and waters north of a line between Gore Point to Cape Suckling [including the North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound]).

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0105 at <http://www.regulations.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 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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.

#### Privacy Act

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).

Dated: November 27, 2012.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 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 is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on June 13, 2012 (77 FR 35473-35475).

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on or before December 31, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or by

email at [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov), or fax: 202-395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Maria Vegega at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection, W44-302, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Vegega's phone number is 202-366-2668 and her email address is [maria.vegega@dot.gov](mailto:maria.vegega@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* NHTSA Distracted Driving Survey Project.

*Type of Request:* Revision of previously approved collection of information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0665.

*NHTSA Form Number:* NHTSA Form 1084.

*Abstract:* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to conduct awareness surveys to evaluate a traffic safety program designed to reduce distracted driving. The program will focus on hand-held phone use and be conducted in two States—either statewide or a multi-jurisdictional area in a state. The awareness surveys would be conducted in-person before and after three program waves. Over the program period, 24,000 drivers would be surveyed, 12,000 in each State. Estimated interview length would be approximately 5 minutes for the survey. Information on attitudes, awareness, knowledge, and behavior would be collected.

A Spanish-language translation and bilingual interviewers would be used to minimize language barriers to participation. Additionally, the proposed survey would be voluntary and anonymous; the surveys would not collect any personal information that would allow anyone to identify respondents.

The findings from the proposed information collection would build on and add to the existing knowledge on distracted driving. In 2010 and 2011, NHTSA conducted a high visibility enforcement program in Hartford, Connecticut and Syracuse, New York using enhanced enforcement and the media campaign, *Phone in One Hand, Ticket in the Other*, to reduce distracted driving behavior. The program demonstrated that this could be done at the community level, exhibited by decreases in both observed hand-held phone use and electronic device manipulation (e.g., texting). The next major step is to demonstrate how this program can be implemented on a larger basis, either statewide or multi-jurisdiction, which is the focus of the

current demonstration project. The findings from the survey will provide insight into the success of expanding the high visibility enforcement effort statewide.

**Affected Public:** NHTSA intends to collect data from 24,000 licensed drivers to conduct awareness surveys for the distracted driving evaluation program effort. The distracted driving program will be conducted in two States—either statewide or in a multi-jurisdictional area in a State. Awareness surveys would be administered in-person to a licensed driver population 18 years and older, before and after three program waves. Over 3 waves (i.e., 6 measurement periods), 24,000 drivers would be surveyed in both States (12,000 in each State). Participation by all respondents would be voluntary and anonymous.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** NHTSA estimates interviews would require an average of 5 minutes to complete, or a total of 2,000 hours for the 24,000 respondents.

**Comments are invited 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 information collection;

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

(iv) 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 most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

Issued in Washington, DC on: November 27, 2012.

**Jeffrey Michael,**

*Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of vacancies on federal advisory committee and solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board), hereby gives notice of four vacancies on the Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee for (1) a representative from a state- or municipally-owned electric utility, (2) a representative from a biofuel refiner, processor, or distributor, or biofuel feedstock grower or provider, (3) a representative from a coal producer, and (4) a representative from a petroleum producer or shipper. The Board is soliciting suggestions for candidates to fill those vacancies.

**DATES:** Suggestions of candidates for membership on RETAC are due December 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Suggestions may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2), 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott M. Zimmerman at 202-245-0386. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board, established in 1996 by Congress to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701-10747, 11101-11124), as well as the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-10907), and railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-11327).

In 2007, the Board established RETAC as a federal advisory committee consisting of a balanced cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders to provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of

energy resources. RETAC operates subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RETAC's membership is balanced and representative of interested and affected parties, consisting of not less than: five representatives from the Class I railroads, three representatives from Class II and III railroads, three representatives from coal producers, five representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility), four representatives from biofuel refiners, processors, or distributors, or biofuel feedstock growers or providers, and two representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers. RETAC may also include up to three members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors. Members are selected by the Chairman of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the Board. The Chairman of the Board may invite representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy, and Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on RETAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members, and the three members of the Board serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee as well.

RETAC meets at least twice per year. Meetings are generally held at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, but may be held in other locations. Members of RETAC serve without compensation and without reimbursement of travel expenses unless reimbursement of such expenses is authorized in advance by the Board's Managing Director. RETAC members appointed or reappointed after June 18, 2010, are prohibited from serving as federally registered lobbyists during their RETAC term.

The Board is soliciting nominations for candidates to fill four vacancies on RETAC for representatives from (1) a state- or municipally-owned electric utility, for a three-year term ending September 30, 2015, (2) a biofuel refiner, processor, or distributor, or biofuel feedstock grower or provider, for a three-year term ending September 30, 2015, (3) a coal producer, for the remainder of a three-year term ending September 30, 2014, and (4) a petroleum producer or shipper, for a three-year term ending September 30, 2015. The petroleum position is a new one, to be established in light of the growing trend of shipping petroleum by rail, and will fill one of the three "at large" RETAC seats.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)]

#### Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies

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