

2158). Regulations governing is Agreement appear at 44 CFR Part 332 and are reflected at 49 CFR Subtitle A.

The applicant, if selected, hereby acknowledges and agrees to the incorporation by reference into this Application and Agreement of the entire text of the Voluntary Tanker Agreement published in 72 FR 41099, July 26, 2007, as though said text were physically recited herein.

The applicant, as Participant, agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, the regulations of 44 CFR Part 332 and as reflected at 49 CFR Subtitle A, and the terms of the Voluntary Tanker Agreement. Further, the applicant, if selected as a Participant, hereby agrees to contractually commit to make vessels or capacity available for use by the Department of Defense and to other Participants for the purpose of meeting national defense requirements.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 25, 2008.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0211]

Information Collection Activities

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) invites comments on its intention to revise forms PHMSA F 7100.2—Incident Report For Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems; PHMSA F 7100.1—Incident Report for Gas Distribution Systems; and PHMSA F 7000-1—Accident Report for Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems, and its intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for revised information collection burdens.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments on or before November 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number

PHMSA-2008-0211 by any of the following methods:

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

• **Mail:** Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

• **Hand Delivery:** Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number or Regulation Identification Number (RIN) for this notice. Internet users may access comments received by DOT at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Note that comments received will be posted without change to: <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Roger Little by telephone at 202-366-4569, by fax at 202-366-4566, or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., PHP-10, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Little by telephone at 202-366-4569, by fax at 202-366-4566, or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., PHP-10, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies revised information collection requests that PHMSA will be submitting to OMB for renewal and extension. The information collected pertaining to reportable natural gas transmission incidents provides an important tool for identifying safety trends in the gas pipeline industry. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) have urged PHMSA to revise the information collected on the natural gas pipeline operator incident and hazardous liquid pipeline operator accident report forms. NTSB Safety Recommendation P-05-04 recommends

that PHMSA take action to change the liquid accident reporting form (PHMSA F 7000-1) and require operators to provide data related to controller fatigue. Additionally, section 20 of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006 (PIPES Act) requires PHMSA to “amend accident reporting forms to require operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines to provide data related to controller fatigue.” GAO recommended in its report, GAO-06-946 titled “Integrity Management Benefits Public Safety, but Consistency of Performance Measures Should Be Improved” that “To improve the consistency and usefulness of the integrity management performance measures, we are recommending that the Secretary of Transportation direct the Administrator for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to take the following two actions:

(1) Revising the definition of a reportable incident to consider changes in the price of natural gas; and

(2) Establish consistent categories of causes for incidents and leaks on all gas pipeline reports.” Recommendation number (1) is to be addressed by a future rulemaking and recommendation number (2) is addressed through improvements in incident forms addressed through this information collection request (ICR).

PHMSA consulted industry and trade association representatives of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, and state pipeline safety office representatives through the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives, in considering revisions to the natural gas pipeline operator incident and hazardous liquid pipeline operator accident report forms to make the information collected more useful to industry, government, and the public.

PHMSA has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect revisions to the accident and incident reporting forms since the information collections were last approved. The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Abstract for affected accident and incident reporting forms; (2) title of the information collection; (3) OMB control number; (4) affected accident or incident form; (5) description of affected public; (6) estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (7) frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for each information collection activity and,

when approved by OMB, publish notice of the approval in the **Federal Register**.

PHMSA requests comments on the following information collections:

Abstract: To ensure adequate public protection from exposure to potential natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline failures, PHMSA collects information on reportable natural gas pipeline incidents and hazardous liquid pipeline accidents. Additional information is also obtained concerning the characteristics of an operator's pipeline system. This information is needed for normalizing the incident information in order to provide for adequate safety trending. The requirements for reporting natural gas incidents are found in 49 CFR Part 191 and for reporting hazardous liquid pipeline accidents are found in 49 CFR Part 195. The regulations require submission of these reports within 30 days of the incident or accident occurrence. The information is used to assist Federal and state pipeline safety programs for accident trending and by industry, trade associations and other interested stakeholders, and to provide a background for accident investigations.

Title: Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline: Recordkeeping and Accident Reporting.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0047.

Form: Accident Report—Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems (Form No. PHMSA-7000-1).

Affected Public: Hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 200.

Total Annual Responses: 130 long form, 200 short form.

Long form is for spills of five or more barrels; short form is for spills of 5 gallons to less than 5 barrels.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1332.

Frequency of collection:

Short form: 200 reports/200 operators per year = 1 short form per operator annually;

130 reports/200 operators per year = .65 long forms per operator annually.

Title: Incident and Annual Reports for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0522.

Form: Incident Report—Gas Distribution System (Form PHMSA F 7100.1).

Affected Public: Natural gas distribution pipeline operators.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 1200.

Total Annual Responses: 155.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1210.

Frequency of collection: 155 incidents per year /1200 operators = 0.14.

Title: Incident and Annual Reports for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0522.

Form: Incident Report—Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems (Form PHMSA F 7100.2).

Affected Public: Natural gas transmission pipeline operators.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 900.

Total Annual Responses: 153.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,102.

Frequency of collection: 153 incidents per year/900 operators = 0.17.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways 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.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 28, 2008.

Joy O. Kadnar,

Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 4X)]

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Norman County, MN

On August 15, 2008, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 19.2-mile portion of its "P Line" subdivision between milepost 21.0, at or near Perley, and milepost 40.2, at the north end of the Marsh River Bridge south of Shelly, in Norman County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 56548, 56550, 56574, and 56581, and includes the stations of Perley (milepost 21.0), Hendrum (milepost 27.4), and Halstad (milepost 33.5).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MNN's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment*—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by December 3, 2008.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).¹

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than September 24, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 4X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112. Replies to the petition are due on or before September 24, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings

¹ Effective July 18, 2008, the filing fee for an OFA increased to \$1,500. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2008 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 15) (STB served June 18, 2008).