

the roles of Agencies. The draft purpose and need for the project will be developed and preliminary alternatives identified. The agencies, stakeholders, and public will have an opportunity to review and comment on this information. The purpose and need and preliminary alternatives will be available for public review during a Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting and Public Workshop. Public notice will be given as to the time and place of the meetings. Agencies and the public will also have an opportunity to comment on various study findings, including: (1) Definition of purpose and need; (2) establishment of screening criteria; (3) screening of initial alternatives; (4) selection of final alternatives; and (5) for the review of environmental documentation. Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings and public meetings will be conducted regularly as the project moves forward to secure input from key stakeholders as decisions are made.

Notices of availability for the purpose and need and identification of preliminary alternatives, evaluation and screening of preliminary alternatives, and identification of final alternatives will be provided through direct mail, email, the project Web site available at www.I-75connector.com, and other media. Notification also will be sent to Federal, State, local agencies, persons and organizations that submit comments or questions. Precise schedules and locations for public meetings will be announced in the local news media and the project Web site. Interested individuals and organizations may request to be included on the mailing list for distribution of meeting announcements and associated information.

Other Approvals for Federal Permits: The following approvals for federal permits are anticipated to be required: the Navigational Permit Application from the US Coast Guard and the Section 404 Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally, a Section 401 Permit may be required from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to the program)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: March 12, 2012.

Jose Sepulveda,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 35571]

Amtrak's Petition for Determination of PRIIA Section 209 Cost Methodology

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Adoption of methodology to establish and allocate costs for state-supported Amtrak routes.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the adoption of a methodology to establish and allocate costs for state-supported Amtrak routes. Amtrak developed this methodology in consultation with affected states, pursuant to Section 209 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA). Following consultations, the affected states agreed to adoption of the methodology, with the exception of Indiana. Indiana advised Amtrak that it did not accept the proposed methodology, but did not offer any explanation for its decision. In light of Indiana's decision, Amtrak subsequently filed its petition with the Board, seeking adoption of the methodology.

By decision served on March 15, 2012, the Board finds that the methodology meets the requirements of PRIIA Section 209(a) and should be implemented by Amtrak in accordance with PRIIA Section 209(c). The methodology is a single, nationwide standardized methodology for establishing and allocating the operating and capital costs among the states and Amtrak, associated with the trains operated on the routes subject to PRIIA Section 209(a). Upon review of the methodology and the facts and circumstances surrounding its development, the Board concludes that the methodology will: (1) Ensure equal treatment in the provision of like services of all states and groups of states; and (2) allocate to each route the costs incurred only for the benefit of that route and a proportionate share, based upon factors that reasonably reflect relative use, of costs incurred for the common benefit of more than one route. The decision will become effective on April 14, 2012. The entire Board decision is available on the Board's Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

This decision will not significantly affect either the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: March 13, 2012.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Begeman.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Proposed Renewal; Comment Request; Anti-Money Laundering Programs for Various Financial Institutions

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite comment on a proposed renewal, without change, to information collections found in existing regulations requiring money services businesses, mutual funds, operators of credit card systems, dealers in precious metals, stones, or jewels, and certain insurance companies to develop and implement written anti-money laundering programs reasonably designed to prevent those financial institutions from being used to facilitate money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities. This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

DATES: Written comments are welcome and must be received on or before May 21, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183, Attention: Anti-Money Laundering Program Comments. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: regcomments@fincen.gov, again with a caption, in the body of the text, "Attention: Anti-Money Laundering Program Comments."

Inspection of comments. Comments may be inspected, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in the FinCEN reading room in Vienna, VA. Persons wishing to inspect the comments submitted must request an appointment with the Disclosure Officer by telephoning (703) 905-5034 (Not a toll free call).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Regulatory Policy and Programs Division at (800) 949-2732, option 6.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: FinCEN exercises regulatory functions primarily under the Currency and Financial Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended by the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and other legislation. This legislative framework is commonly referred to as the “Bank Secrecy Act” (“BSA”).¹ The Secretary of the Treasury has delegated to the Director of FinCEN the authority to implement, administer and enforce compliance with the BSA and associated regulations.² Pursuant to this authority, FinCEN may issue regulations requiring financial institutions to keep records and file reports that “have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, or regulatory investigations or proceedings, or in the conduct of intelligence or counterintelligence activities, including analysis, to protect against international terrorism.”³ Additionally, FinCEN is authorized to impose regulations to maintain procedures to ensure compliance with the BSA and FinCEN’s implementing regulations, or to guard against money laundering, which includes imposing anti-money laundering (“AML”) program requirements on financial institutions.⁴

Regulations implementing section 5318(h)(1) of the Act are found in part at 31 CFR 1022.210, 1024.210, 1025.210, 1027.210, 1028.210, and 1029.210. In general, the regulations require financial institutions, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2) and 31 CFR 1010.100 to establish, document, and maintain anti-money laundering programs as an aid in protecting and securing the U.S. financial system.

1. *Titles:* Anti-money laundering programs for money services businesses (31 CFR 1022.210), Anti-money laundering programs for mutual funds (31 CFR 1024.210), Anti-money laundering programs for operators of credit card systems (31 CFR 1028.210).

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number: 1506-0020.

Abstract: Money services businesses (31 CFR 1022.210), mutual funds (31 CFR 1024.210), and operators of credit card systems (31 CFR 1028.210) are required to develop and implement

written anti-money laundering programs. A copy of the written program must be maintained for five years.

Current Action: This action incorporates providers of prepaid access (31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv)) into existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit institutions.

Burden: Estimated Number of Respondents: 327,206.

31 CFR 1022.210(except (d)(iv)) = 252,100.

31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv) = 72,100

31 CFR 1024.210 = 3,000.

31 CFR 1028.210 = 6.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,838,406.

31 CFR 1022.210(except (d)(iv)) = 252,100.

31 CFR 1024.210 = 3,000.

31 CFR 1028.210 = 6.

31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv) = 2,583,300.⁵

Estimated Number of Hours: 341,216.

Estimated at one hour per respondent.

31 CFR 1022.210(except (d)(iv)) = 252,100.

31 CFR 1024.210 = 3,000.

31 CFR 1028.210 = 6.

Two minutes per response.

31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv) = 86,110.

2. *Title:* Anti-money laundering programs for dealers in precious metals, precious stones, or jewels (31 CFR 1027.210).

OMB Control Number: 1505-0030.

Abstract: Dealers in precious metals, stones, or jewels are required to establish and maintain written anti-money laundering programs. A copy of the written program must be maintained for five years.

Current Action: There is no change to existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit institutions.

Burden: Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 20,000.

Estimated Number of Hours: 20,000.

3. *Title:* Anti-money laundering programs for insurance companies (31 CFR 1025.210) and non-bank residential mortgage lenders and originators (31 CFR 1029.210).

OMB Control Number: 1506-0035.

Abstract: Insurance companies and non-bank residential mortgage lenders

and originators are required to establish and maintain written anti-money laundering programs. A copy of the written program must be maintained for five years.

Current Action: This change incorporates non-bank residential mortgage lenders and originators to existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit institutions.

Burden: Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200 (Insurance).

Estimated Number of Responses: 31,000 (Non-bank residential mortgage lender and originators).

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Estimated Number of Hours: 1,200 (Insurance).

Estimated Number of Hours: 93,000 (Non-bank residential mortgage lender and originators. 3 hours for initial establishment of AML program).

Total Burden Hours: 94,200.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years. Generally, information collected pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act is confidential but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

*Request for Comments:*⁶

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection

¹ The BSA is codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951–1959, 31 U.S.C. 5311–5314 and 5316–5332 and notes thereto, with implementing regulations at 31 CFR Chapter X. See 31 CFR 1010.100(e).

² Treasury Order 180-01 (Sept. 26, 2002).

³ 31 U.S.C. 5311.

⁴ 31 U.S.C. 5318(a) and (h).

⁵ Reflects the addition of providers of prepaid access renewal program.

⁶ The listed burden for providers of prepaid access and non-bank mortgage lenders and originators were recently approved by OMB and are presented for information only.

techniques or other forms of information maintenance and purchase of services to
technology; and (e) estimates of capital provide information.
or start-up costs and costs of operation,

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Network.*

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