

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 15-17, 1997 beginning at 1:00 p.m. on April 15. Arrange for oral presentations by April 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held on the 12th Floor, Goddard Room of the Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc. (AIA), 1250 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App II), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held April 15-17, 1997 at the AIA, 1250 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

The agenda will include:

Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 1:00 p.m.

- Opening Remarks.
- Review of Action Items.
- FAA Report.
- JAA Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Executive Committee Meeting Report.
- Harmonization Management Team Meeting Report.
- FAA Position on JAA Equivalence Proposal.
- Industry Position on JAA Equivalence Proposal.
- TAEIG Issues List and Tasking Chart Discussion.

Wednesday, April 15, 1997 at 8:30 a.m.

- Summarize previous day's discussion and begin working group reports.
- Jammed Flight Controls.
- Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.
- Flight Test Guide Status Report.
- Engine HWG Report.
- Powerplant Installation HWG.
- Electromagnetic Effects HWG.
- Loads & Dynamics HWG Report and AC 25.629 Vote.
- General Structures HWG.
- Airworthiness Assurance WG Report.
- Braking Systems HWG.
- Systems Design and Analysis.

Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 8:30 a.m.

- FAA Policy for ICAO Rules Report.

- Policy/Guidance Memoranda Clarification.
- Open Agenda.
- Review Action Items.
- Review Future Meeting Schedule-Set Next Meeting.
- Process Check.

The ARAC will vote on the Loads and Dynamics Harmonization Working Group's proposed advisory circular (AC) to revise AC 25.629-1. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this document should contact the individual listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by April 8, 1997 to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the Committee at any time by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 24, 1997.

Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-001-N01]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collections 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 new 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 reinstatements of previously approved collections.

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

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket and notice numbers cited at the

beginning of this notice and be submitted to the Docket Section, Room 5109, NHTSA, 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 1 original plus 2 copies of the comments be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Edward Kosek, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6123, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Kosek's telephone number is (202) 366-2590. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Clearance 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 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 regulations (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; and

(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 public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

National Driver Register Reporting Requirement for 23 CFR Part 1327

Type of Request—Reinstatement of clearance.

OMB Clearance Number—2127–0001.

Form Number—This collection of information uses no standard form.

Requested Expiration Date of

Approval—Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information—The National Driver Register Act of 1982 (Public Law 97–364), as amended, mandates the Secretary of Transportation to establish and maintain a National Driver Register to assist chief driver licensing officials of participating states in exchanging information about the motor vehicle driving records of individuals. The Act requires the chief driver licensing official of each participating state to submit a report to the Secretary of each individual who is denied a motor vehicle operator's license by that State for cause; whose motor vehicle operator's license is revoked, suspended, or canceled by that State for cause; or who is convicted under the laws of that State of any of the following motor vehicle-related offenses or comparable offenses: (a) Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of, or impaired by, alcohol or a controlled substance; (b) a traffic violation arising in connection with a fatal traffic accident, reckless driving, or racing on the highways; (c) failing to give aid or provide identification when involved in an accident resulting in death or personal injury; (d) perjury or knowingly making a false affidavit or statement to officials about activities governed by a law or regulation on the operation of a motor vehicle. The Act also requires the chief driver licensing officials of participating states to check the NDR on all first time above-minimum age driver license applicants in their states.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 requires the states to check the NDR for all applicants for Commercial Drivers Licenses.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information—The purpose of the NDR, and thus this information collection activity, is to prevent the issuance of driver's licenses to problem drivers in order to enhance traffic safety. Through amendments to the NDR Act, the activity also serves to prevent the certification of airline pilots, merchant mariners, locomotive operators, and individuals employed as motor vehicle operators if they are problem drivers.

The information will be used by NHTSA in exercising its statutory authority to operate the NDR. Without this information, states could issue licenses to individuals who are suspended or revoked in other states, or

could issue a duplicate license to an individual who is licensed in another state allowing them to spread their violations over a number of licenses.

Description of Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—The 51 respondents are the State driver licensing agencies, including the District of Columbia. The frequency of response depends on how each state chooses to update the NDR master file. File updates can be daily or monthly.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—The agency estimates the reporting burden for this year will be \$39,540 for the 51 jurisdictions. The reporting burden is based on information systems personnel salaries and related expenses.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30304; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

James H. Hedlund,

Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33372]

Lake State Railway Company— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Detroit & Mackinac Railway Company

Lake State Railway Company (LSR), a Class III railroad, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate 275 miles of rail line between Kawkawlin and Gaylord, MI, and between Pinconning and Rogers City, MI, from the Detroit & Mackinac Railway Company (D&M), as follows: (1) The Pinconning Subdivision, from approximately milepost 5.0 to milepost 11; (2) the Mackinac Subdivision, from approximately milepost 116 to the end of the line at milepost 122; (3) the Huron Subdivision, from approximately milepost 16 to milepost 151.25, including the Pinconning crossover; (4) the Rogers City Branch from milepost 0.0 to milepost 11.0; and (5) the Hillman Branch and the Alabaster Branch.¹

The transaction was to be consummated on or after the effective

¹ LSR currently leases and operates the rail lines that are the subject of this notice from D&M. See *Lake State Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Detroit and Mackinac Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 32012 (ICC served Feb. 27, 1997).

date of the exemption (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed), but no later than April 16, 1997.

LSR states that: (i) The acquisition will not place LSR in control of any connecting railroads; (ii) the acquisition is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would place LSR in control of any connecting railroad; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33372, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: March 24, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33365]

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/ Pennsylvania Lines Inc.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption— Clearfield & Mahoning Railway Company

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/
Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. (RJCP) and the
Clearfield & Mahoning Railway
Company (C&M),¹ Class III common

¹ RJCP and C&M are commonly controlled by Richard J. Corman.