

Register Notice on this information collection request on September 24, 2009, at 74 FR 48807, at which time a 60-day comment period was announced. The comment period ended November 23, 2009. No comments were received in response to this notice.

Comments are again being solicited on the following proposed information collection concerning: (a) 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; (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 through 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.

DATES: Comments must be received by OMB by January 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be addressed as follows: Attention: Desk Officer for USTDA, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Hum, Attn: PRA, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1600, Arlington, VA 22209-3901; Tel.: (703) 875-4357, Fax: (703) 875-4009, E-mail: chum@ustda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: New collection.
Title: Evaluation of USTDA Performance.

Form Number: USTDA 1000E-2009a.
Frequency of Use: annually for duration of project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies and other entities that participate in USTDA-funded activities.

Reporting Hours: 1000 hours per year.
Number of Responses: 3000 per year.
Federal Cost: \$425,000 per year.

Authority for Information Collection: Government Performance and Results

Act of 1993; 103 Public Law 62; 107 Stat. 285.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): USTDA and contractors will collect information from various stakeholders on USTDA-funded activities regarding developmental impact and/or commercial objectives as well as evaluate success regarding GPRA and OMB PART objectives.

Dated: November 27, 2009.

Carolyn Hum,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA-2009-0142]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Request for public comment.

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 has been 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W46-474, Washington, DC 20590. Docket No. NHTSA-2009-0142.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Roberts, Ph.D., Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI-132), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W46-495, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Roberts' phone number is 202-366-5594 and his e-mail address is Scott.Roberts@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Focus Groups to Develop Strategic Messaging for Distracted Driving Programs.

Type of Request: Emergency clearance.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: 180 days from approval date.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 (23 U.S.C. 101) to carry out a Congressional mandate to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways. In support of this mission, NHTSA proposes to conduct a limited number of focus group sessions with members of the general public to test and refine its strategic messaging.

Affected Public: A maximum of 24 focus group sessions, lasting 90 minutes, will be held with nine participants in each session. Participation by all respondents would be voluntary, and respondents will receive \$75 for their participation.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 324 hours.

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 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.

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)

Jeff Michael,

Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Seeking OMB Approval

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) revision of a current information

collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 8, 2009, vol. 74, no. 172, page 46292. Fractional Ownership is a program that offers increased flexibility in aircraft ownership.

DATES: Please submit comments by January 4, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carla Mauney at Carla.Mauney@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Fractional Aircraft Ownership Programs.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0684.

Form(s): There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

Affected Public: An estimated 11 Respondents.

Frequency: This information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 45 minutes per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 19,609 hours annually.

Abstract: Fractional Ownership is a program that offers increased flexibility in aircraft ownership. Owners purchase shares of an aircraft and agree to share their aircraft with others having an ownership share in that same aircraft. Owners agree to put their aircraft into a "pool" of other shared aircraft and to lease their aircraft to another owner in that pool. The aircraft owners use a common management company to maintain the aircraft and administer the leasing of the aircraft among the owners.

ADDRESSES: 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/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_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.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information

collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 24, 2009.

Carla Mauney,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35323]

Pioneer Railcorp—Continuance in Control Exemption—Georgia Southern Railway Co.

Pioneer Railcorp (Pioneer), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Georgia Southern Railway Co. (GASR), upon GASR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 35322, *Georgia Southern Railway Co.—Lease and Operation Exemption and Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of Georgia Midland Railroad, Inc. and Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc.* In that proceeding, GASR has sought an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 pursuant to an agreement with: (1) The Georgia Midland Railroad, Inc. to assume the lease and operation of approximately 51.9 miles of rail line in Peach, Houston, Crawford, Candler, Bulloch, and Screven Counties, GA; and (2) the Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc. (HOG) to operate, under contract with HOG, approximately 42.4-miles of line currently leased and operated by HOG in Toombs, Treutlen, Emanuel and Jenkins Counties, GA.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on December 16, 2009 (the effective date of this exemption).

Pioneer currently controls 16 Class III rail carriers: West Michigan Railroad Co.; Fort Smith Railroad Co.; Shawnee Terminal Railroad Co., Inc.; Mississippi Central Railroad Co.; Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.; Decatur Junction Railway Co.; Vandalia Railroad Company; Keokuk Junction Railway Co.; Keokuk Union Depot Company; Michigan Southern Railroad Company; Elkhart & Western Railroad Co.; Kendallville Terminal Railroad Co.;

Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.; The Garden City Western Railway, Inc.; Indiana Southwestern Railway Co.; and Gettysburg & Northern Railroad Co. None of these subsidiaries has operations within the State of Georgia.

Pioneer represents that: (1) The rail lines to be operated by GASR do not connect with any other railroads in the Pioneer corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these rail lines with any other railroad in the Pioneer corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail 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. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the verified 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than December 9, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35323, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Daniel A. LaKemper, 1318 S. Johanson Road, Peoria, IL 61607.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: November 24, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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