Dated: November 24, 2009.

Steven J. Rodriguez,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Operations, Bureau of Administration, U.S. Department of State.

STATE-71

SYSTEM NAME:

Post Capabilities Database (PCD).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State, Office of Medical Services, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

U.S. Government employees and local health care providers and facilities who might care for U.S. Government employees, both domestically and overseas.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Includes full name, professional degree, address to include post/city location, email and phone numbers for U.S. Government medical staff. The record includes a listing and assessment of medical services and capabilities of local non-U.S. Government facilities.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Foreign Service Act of 1980, § 904 (22 U.S.C. 4804).

PURPOSE:

These records are utilized and reviewed by medical and administrative personnel of the Office of Medical Services (MED) for making clearance decisions for individuals eligible to participate in the health care program and as a reference for local medical capabilities. It is also used as a directory of MED employees working overseas.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Information in this database may be disclosed to other federal agencies with personnel posted overseas as a reference for medical facilities and capabilities at overseas posts. The contact information portion of the database may be shared with private sector entities when required as part of U.S. Embassy services or the operations of the State Department Medical Program.

The Department of State periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** its standard routine uses that apply to all its Privacy Act systems of records. These notices appear in the form of a Prefatory Statement. These standard routine uses apply to the Post Capabilities Database, State-71.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By individual name, or by post location.

SAFEGUARDS:

All State Department users are given information system security awareness training, including the procedures for handling Sensitive But Unclassified information and personally identifiable information. Annual refresher training is mandatory. Before being granted access to the PCD, a user must first be granted access to the Department of State computer system.

Remote access to the Department of State network from non-Department owned systems is only authorized through Department approved access program. Remote access to the network is in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M–07–16 security requirements of two factor authentication and time out function.

All U.S. Government employees and contractors with authorized access have undergone a thorough background security investigation. Access to the Department of State, its annexes and posts overseas is controlled by security guards and admission is limited to those individuals possessing a valid identification card or individuals under proper escort. Access to computerized files is password-protected and under the direct supervision of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular and ad hoc monitoring of computer usage.

When it is determined that a user no longer needs access, the user account is disabled.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are revised and updated frequently. More specific information may be obtained by writing the Director of Informatics, Office of Medical Services, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Executive Officer, Medical Services, Room 2270, Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals who have cause to believe that the Office of Medical Services might have records pertaining to them should write to MED/Informatics, Office of Medical Services, Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522. The individual must include: Name; current mailing address and zip code; signature; and the location of practice overseas.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to receive copies of records pertaining to them should write to the Director of Informatics (Address above).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

(See Record access procedure, above.)

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in these records comes from the individual subjects and from medical professionals employed by the Department of State.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6840]

Privacy Act; Systems of Records; State-65, Speaker/Specialist Program Records

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State proposes to alter an existing system of records, Speaker/Specialist Program Records, State-65, pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I. The Department's report was filed with the Office of Management and Budget on November 25, 2009. It is proposed that the current system will retain the name "Speaker/Specialist Program Records." It is also proposed the altered system description will include revisions and/or additions to the following sections: Categories of Records in the System, Purpose, Authority for Maintenance of the System, Routine Uses of Records Maintenance in the System, Safeguards and Retrievability as well as other administrative updates.

Any persons interested in commenting on the altered system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to Margaret P. Grafeld, Director; Office of Information Programs and Services; A/GIS/IPS; Department of State, SA–2; 515 22nd Street, Washington, DC 20522–8001. This system of records will be effective

40 days from the date of publication, unless we receive comments that will result in a contrary determination.

The altered system description, "Speaker/Specialist Program Records, State-65," will read as set forth below.

Dated: November 24, 2009.

Steven J. Rodriguez,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Operations, Bureau of Administration, U.S. Department of tate.

STATE-65

SYSTEM NAME:

Speaker/Specialist Program Records.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State, SA–5, C1, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

American experts who have participated or been considered for participation in the Speaker/Specialist Program sponsored by the Bureau of International Information Programs. Speakers/Specialists are recruited for their expertise in addressing foreign audiences in U.S. policies and practices in any of five thematic areas: Economic Security, Political Security, Democracy and Human Rights, Global Issues and Communications, and U.S. Society and Values.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records contain biographic information about the speaker/specialist including names, social security and passport numbers, contact information, education and professional experience, financial information, correspondence between the subject, the Department and overseas posts regarding the subjects participation in the program; travel itineraries and visa documentation; grant authorization numbers and types; copies of the grant documents; cost and fiscal data; payment vouchers; country clearance telegrams; and, when available, program evaluations and speaker reports.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301 (Management of the Department of State); 22 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.* (Smith-Mundt United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended); 22 U.S.C. 2651a (Organization of the Department of State); and 22 U.S.C. 3921 (Management of the Foreign Service).

PURPOSE(S):

The information contained in the Speaker/Specialist Program Records is

collected and maintained by the Bureau of International Information Programs in the administration of its responsibility to manage the Department's Speaker/Specialist Program as provided for in the Smith-Mundt Act.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Information in the Speaker/Specialist Program Records is used as follows:

—To generate periodic and ad hoc statistical reports (e.g., the number of speakers addressing a specific issue; or the number of speakers from historically ethnic colleges and universities) in response to requests from Congress, the White House and other U.S. Government entities;

—To service agencies in order to process and prepare the necessary documents for overseas travel; and

—To disclose information to officials of foreign governments and organizations before a participant is sent to that country in order to facilitate participation in programs and events.

The Department of State periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** its standard routine uses that apply to all its Privacy Act systems of records. These notices appear in the form of a Prefatory Statement. These standard routine uses apply to the Office of the Speaker/Specialist Program Records, State-65.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE

Hard copy; electronic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Individual name.

SAFEGUARDS:

All Department of State employees and contractors with authorized access have undergone a thorough background security investigation. All users are given information system security awareness training, including the procedures for handling Sensitive But Unclassified information and personally identifiable information. Annual refresher training is mandatory. Before being granted access to Speaker/ Specialist Program Records, a user must first be granted access to Department of State computer systems. Remote access to the Department of State network from non-Department owned systems is only authorized through a Departmentapproved access program. Remote access to the network is in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-07-16 security

requirements of two factor authentication and time-out functions. Access to the Department and its annexes is controlled by security guards and admission is limited to those individuals possessing a valid identification card or individuals under proper escort. All records containing personal information are maintained in secured filing cabinets or in restricted areas, access to which is limited to authorized personnel. Servers are stored in Department of State secured facilities in cipher locked server rooms. Access to electronic files is password-protected and under the direct supervision of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular and ad hoc monitoring of computer usage.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be destroyed or retired in accordance with published record schedules of the Department of State and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration. More specific information may be obtained by writing to the Director; Office of Information Programs and Services, Department of State, SA–2, 515 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522–8001.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Managing Director, Bureau of International Information and Programs, IIP–ECA/IT, SA–5, C1, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0581.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals who have reason to believe that the Bureau of International Information Programs might have records pertaining to themselves should write to the Director, Office of Information Programs and Services, Department of State, SA-2, 515 22nd Street NW., Washington, DC 20522-8001. The individual must specify that he/she wishes the Speaker/Specialist Program Records to be checked. At a minimum, the individual should include: Name; date and place of birth; current mailing address and zip code; signature; a brief description of the circumstances that caused the creation of the record; and the approximate dates which give the individual cause to believe that the Bureau of International Information Programs has records pertaining to him/her.

RECORD ACCESS AND AMENDMENT PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to gain access to or amend records pertaining to

themselves should write to the Director, Office of Information Programs and Services (address above).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

These records contain information obtained primarily from the individual who is the subject of these records.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35312]

Massachusetts Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Certain Assets of CSX Transportation, Inc.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) certain physical assets of railroad lines and associated rights-of-way in Massachusetts, including: (1) Portions of the Grand Junction Branch, extending 4.87 miles between milepost QBG 0.00 and milepost QBG 2.70, and between milepost QBG 5.70 and milepost QBG 7.87; (2) a portion of the Boston Terminal Running Track, extending 1.10 miles between milepost QBB 0.00 and milepost QBB 1.10; (3) the New Bedford Secondary, extending 18.48 miles between milepost QN 13.40 (at Cotley Junction) and milepost QN 31.80 (at New Bedford), including CSXT's property interests in the right-of-way and track assets of the North Dartmouth Industrial Track (also known as the Watuppa Branch) between milepost QND 0.0 and milepost QND 0.08 and CSXT's property interests in the rightof-way but not the track assets between milepost QND 0.08 and milepost QND 6.0; 1 (4) the Fall River Secondary,

extending 14.20 miles between milepost QNF 0.00 (at Myricks) and milepost QNF 14.2 (at Fall River,

Massachusetts—Rhode Island state line); (5) the Framingham to Worcester segment of the Boston Main Line (the BML-West), extending approximately 22.92 miles between milepost QB 21.38 (at Framingham) and milepost QB 44.30 (at Worcester); and (6) the track assets, but not the underlying real estate, constituting the 9.71-mile rail line between milepost QB 1.12 (at CP Cove) and milepost QB 10.83 (at Newton/ Riverside) (the BML-East). These properties, which include approximately 71.28 miles of rail line, will be referred to collectively as "the Railroad Assets." 2

The transaction is scheduled to take place in two stages, pursuant to two separate closings later than the December 24, 2009 effective date of the exemption. One closing is scheduled to take place on May 14, 2010,³ and the second is scheduled to take place after the first closing but on or before September 15, 2012.⁴

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio.*⁵ Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to

miles of the Watuppa Branch west of milepost QND 0.08, and MassDOT will acquire only the real estate underlying this section of the branch. Because of BCLR's interest in 5.92 miles of the Watuppa Branch, those 5.92 miles have been excluded here from the mileage total for the New Bedford Secondary.

revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 17, 1009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35312, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Keith G. O'Brien, Baker & Miller, PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

Decided: December 7, 2009. By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2009 0146]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before February 8, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Yarrington, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–1915 or e-mail: Michael.varrington@dot.gov.

Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Procedures for Determining Vessel Services Categories for Purposes of the Cargo Preference Act

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0540. *Form Numbers:* None.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

¹CSXT previously sold the track and material, and leased the underlying real estate, on the Watuppa Branch between mileposts QND 0.08 and QND 6.0 to the Bay Colony Railroad Corporation (BCLR). See Bay Colony Railroad Corporation-Acquisition and Operation Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc., as Operator for New York Central Lines, LLC, STB Finance Docket No. 34446 (STB served Jan. 16, 2004). CSXT states that, in this transaction, it will convey the full scope of its ownership interest in the Watuppa Branch to MassDOT, subject to BCLR's rights and interests and CSXT's retained easement over the first 0.08 miles of the branch. Pursuant to an agreement between CSXT and MassDOT, BCLR will continue to provide common carrier service over the 5.92

² In the transaction, CSXT states that it will not transfer to MassDOT the right or obligation to conduct common carrier freight operations. According to CSXT, pursuant to its retained easements, it will have the exclusive right and ability to provide rail freight service on the Railroad Assets.

³ The first closing will encompass the sale of the Grand Junction Branch, the Boston Terminal Running Track Assets, the New Bedford Secondary (including CSXT's interests in the Watuppa Branch), and the Fall River Secondary. At the time that MassDOT and CSXT close on the sale of the New Bedford Secondary (including CSXT's interests in the Watuppa Branch) and the Fall River Secondary (collectively, the South Coast Assets) CSXT simultaneously will convey its retained permanent freight easement rights over the South Coast Assets (excluding the 5.92 miles of the Watuppa Branch, over which CSXT does not now possess such rights) to the Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC (Mass Coastal), a Class III rail carrier, pursuant to a separate proceeding, STB Finance Docket No. 35314, Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC—Acquisition—CSX Transportation, Inc. Upon consummation of the easement sale at issue in that proceeding, if approved, Mass Coastal will assume freight service operations on the South Coast Assets.

 $^{^4\,\}mathrm{The}$ second closing will encompass the sale of the BML-West and BML-East assets.

⁵ A motion to dismiss has been filed in this proceeding. The motion will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.