

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Interest Rates**

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 3.125 (3 $\frac{1}{8}$) percent for the January–March quarter of FY 2014.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Linda S. Rusche,

Director, Office of Financial Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA–2013–0068]

Rate for Assessment on Direct Payment of Fees to Representatives in 2014

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing that the assessment percentage rate under sections 206(d) and 1631(d)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. 406(d) and 1383(d)(2)(C), is 6.3 percent for 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey C. Blair, Associate General Counsel for Program Law, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401. Phone: (410) 965–3157, email Jeff.Blair@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Individuals claiming Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income payments may choose to hire representatives to assist them with their claims. If the claim is successful and the individual was represented either by an attorney or by a non-attorney representative who has met certain prerequisites, the Act provides that we

may withhold up to 25 percent of the past-due benefits on the claim and use that money to pay the representative's approved fee directly to the representative.

When we pay the representative's fee directly to the representative, we must collect from that fee payment an assessment to recover the costs we incur in determining and paying representatives' fees. The Act provides that the assessment we collect will be the lesser of two amounts: A specified dollar limit; or the amount determined by multiplying the fee we are paying by the assessment percentage rate. (Sections 206(d), 206(e), and 1631(d)(2) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d), 406(e), and 1383(d)(2).)

The Act initially set the dollar limit at \$75 in 2004 and provides that the limit will be adjusted annually based on changes in the cost-of-living. (Sections 206(d)(2)(A) and 1631(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d)(2)(A) and 1383(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I).) The maximum dollar limit for the assessment currently is \$89, as we announced in the **Federal Register** on November 05, 2013 (78 FR 66413).

The Act requires us each year to set the assessment percentage rate at the lesser of 6.3 percent or the percentage rate necessary to achieve full recovery of the costs we incur to determine and pay representatives' fees. (Sections 206(d)(2)(B)(ii) and 1631(d)(2)(C)(ii)(II) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d)(2)(B)(ii) and 1383(d)(2)(C)(ii)(II).)

Based on the best available data, we have determined that the current rate of 6.3 percent will continue for 2014. We will continue to review our costs for these services on a yearly basis.

Dated: December 26, 2013.

Pete Spencer,

Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance, Quality, and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE–2013–08]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR.

The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before January 22, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2013–0810 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; email: sandra.long@faa.gov; (202) 493-5245.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on December 27, 2013.

Lirio Liu,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2013-0810.

Petitioner: Embraer.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR § 25.562(b), at Amendment 64; § 25.785(b) at Amendment 88; and Special Conditions 25-495-SC, number 2(e).

Description of Relief Sought: The Petitioner request relief from the regulatory requirements and special conditions, to allow for the installation of lateral single and multiple side-facing seats in the initial 55 production EMB-550 airplanes without meeting the new criteria for side-facing seats.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Announcement To Amend the Outdoor Advertising Federal/State Agreements

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the process for amending the outdoor advertising agreements between the States and the Secretary of Transportation acting by and through the Federal Highway Administrator, commonly known as the Federal/State Agreements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about the program discussed herein, contact Dawn Horan, FHWA Office of Real Estate Services, (202) 366-4842, or via email at Dawn.M.Horan@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Bob Black, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1359, or via email at Robert.Black@dot.gov. Business hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may retrieve a copy of the notice through the Federal eRulemaking portal

at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. The Web site is available 24 hours each day, every day of the year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site.

An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from Office of the Federal Register's home page at: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register and the Government Printing Office's Web page at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>.

Background

Congress enacted the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 (HBA) to control the erection and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs adjacent to certain Federal-aid highways in order to protect the public investment in such highways, promote the safety and recreational value of public travel, and preserve natural beauty (23 U.S.C. 131). 23 U.S.C. 131 required each State to enter into a Federal/State Agreement that includes specific outdoor advertising parameters that States must adhere to. These Federal/State Agreements were written in the late 1960's and early 1970's and most have not been amended since the original agreements were executed. Accordingly, we believe it is timely to review whether these Federal/State Agreements are consistent with the State's current outdoor advertising objectives and address the evolving technology being used or that could be used in the future by the outdoor advertising industry.

Purpose of This Notice

The purpose of this notice is twofold: (1) To encourage States to work with their FHWA Division Offices to amend their Federal/State Agreements, and (2) to describe the next steps in the Federal/State Agreement amendment process.

Planned Process

The following is the proposed process to amend the Federal/State Agreements. Key milestones include:

1. State initiates Federal/State Agreement amendment process by notifying their FHWA Division Office they would like to begin this process.
2. State works with their FHWA Division Office to outline the methods for public and stakeholder outreach and participation, including any State requirements, during the process to amend the Federal/State Agreement.
3. State works with their FHWA Division Office to draft an amended Federal/State Agreement.
4. State submits the Federal/State Amendment modification proposal in writing, including full justification for

all changes, to the FHWA Division Offices.

5. State works with their FHWA Division Office to fulfill the public process outlined as well as consider all comments submitted.

6. State submits Final Draft Federal/State Agreement for FHWA Division Office and FHWA Headquarters review.

7. Amended Federal/State Agreement executed between the State and the Secretary of Transportation acting by and through the Federal Highway Administrator.

Issued on: December 20, 2013.

Victor M. Mendez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for projects in the following locations: Mesa, AZ; Azusa, CA; San Francisco, CA; and New York, NY. The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decisions by FTA on the subject projects and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to Section 139(l) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before June 2, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353-2577 or Terence Plaskon, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Human and Natural Environment, (202) 366-0442. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation