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**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 23, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT–MARAD–2014–0062] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Jackson, 202–366–0615, Office of Management and Administrative Services, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 2133–0543.

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Background:* This collection of information is necessary to enable the Agency to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with our commitment to improving service delivery. The information collected from our customers and stakeholders will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience with the Agency's programs. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

*Respondents:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 8696.

Frequency: Once per request.

Number of Responses: 8696.

Total Annual Burden: 1449.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.

Date: April 15, 2014.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket Number MARAD–2014–0052]

**Ship Disposal: Ex-USNS COMET**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice: Ship Disposal Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) plans to dispose of an obsolete vessel the ex-USNS COMET, which is currently located at its Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet in Benicia, California. This action constitutes an undertaking as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*). Section 106 requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and afford the public a reasonable opportunity to comment. The historic preservation review process mandated by Section 106 is outlined in 36 CFR Part 800 "Protection of Historic Properties" issued by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Pursuant to 32 CFR Part 800.2(d)(2), agencies must provide the public with information about an undertaking and its effects on historic properties and seek public comment and input. If you have comments about the disposal of this vessel, please submit your comments as described in this notice.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before July 22, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2014–0052 by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2014–0052 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Email: [MARAD.History@dot.gov](mailto:MARAD.History@dot.gov).

Include docket number and/or RIN number 2014–0052 in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. If you would like to know that your comments reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Management Facility is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand deliver your comment we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. If you submit your comment by mail or hand delivery, submit the comment in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the section below entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information about the ex-USNS COMET, please visit: [http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/Comet\\_HAER\\_Report.pdf](http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/Comet_HAER_Report.pdf); [http://www.marad.dot.gov/ships\\_shipping\\_landing\\_page/Ships\\_History/Comet.htm](http://www.marad.dot.gov/ships_shipping_landing_page/Ships_History/Comet.htm); and [http://www.marad.dot.gov/Assets/html/usns\\_comet\\_main.html](http://www.marad.dot.gov/Assets/html/usns_comet_main.html). You may contact Barbara Voulgaris, Maritime Administration, at (202) 366–0866, for questions relating to this vessel and the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have questions on viewing the Docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program

Manager, Docket Operations, telephone: (800) 647-5527.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

MARAD, in consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer, determined that the ex-USNS COMET is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion c. The ex-USNS COMET is considered to be the first purpose-built oceangoing “roll-on/roll-off” vessel. Roll-on/roll-off, or Ro/Ro, describes how wheeled-vehicular cargo is loaded and unloaded. This method was first developed during WWII for amphibious assault operations using short range landing craft. In the postwar period, the concept was refined and expanded beyond the assault class to include the rapid delivery by ship of vehicles carrying military supplies and equipment that could be immediately driven into forward staging areas. This eventually led to the development of the commercial Ro/Ro trade, particularly for cars and light trucks. The ex-USNS COMET has been nicknamed the “Mother of All Ro/Ros” in honor of its pioneering design.

**Public Participation**

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are correctly filed in the Docket, please include the docket number in your comments. MARAD encourages you to provide concise comments. However, you may attach necessary additional documents to your comments. There is no limit on the length of the attachments. Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**.

If you wish to submit any information under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. When you send comments containing information claimed to be confidential information, you should include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim.

MARAD will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under **DATES**. MARAD will not consider comments received after that date.

For access to the docket to read background documents, including those referenced in this document, or to submit or read comments received, please go to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Management Facility is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To review documents, read comments or to submit comments, the docket is also available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2014-0052.

Please note that even after the comment period has closed, MARAD will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Accordingly, MARAD recommends that you periodically check the Docket for new material.

**Privacy Act**

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT Privacy Act system of records notice for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) in the **Federal Register** published on January 17, 2008, (73 FR 3316) at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

**Regulation Identifier Number (RIN)**

A regulation identifier number (RIN) is assigned to each regulatory action listed in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. The Regulatory Information Service Center publishes the Unified Agenda in April and October of each year. The RIN number contained in the heading of this document can be used to cross-reference this action with the Unified Agenda.

**Authority:** The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, § 3512 of Public Law 108-136 and the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 1, 2014.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35816]

**Chai Trust Company, LLC, EGI-Fund (14-16) Investors, L.L.C., and EGI-IPH Investors, L.L.C.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC and Permian Basin Railways, Inc.**

Chai Trust Company, LLC (Chai Trust), EGI-Fund (14-16) Investors, L.L.C. (EGI-Fund), and EGI-IPH Investors, L.L.C. (EGI-IPH) (collectively, Chai-EGI), all noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire control of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC (IPH), which directly and indirectly controls 10 Class III rail carriers.<sup>1</sup>

According to Chai-EGI, Chai Trust controls EGI Fund, which controls EGI-IPH, a noncarrier holding company that was formed to acquire a controlling share of the membership interests of IPH. IPH is a noncarrier short line railroad holding company that owns 100% of Permian Basin Railways, Inc. (PBR), another noncarrier short line railroad holding company. Through PBR, IPH indirectly controls nine common carrier short line railroads.<sup>2</sup> In addition, IPH directly controls Rusk, Palestine & Pacific Railroad, LLC and Pullman.

Chai-EGI will, pursuant to an agreement,<sup>3</sup> purchase approximately 80% of IPH's membership interests. The remaining approximately 20% of the membership interests will be retained by certain existing IPH members who constitute IPH's senior management. Chai-EGI intends to consummate the transaction on or about May 8, 2014 (the effective date of the exemption is May 7, 2014, 30 days after the verified notice

<sup>1</sup> In addition, according to Chai-EGI, IPH directly controls The Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC (Pullman), which is awaiting a determination as to its legal/regulatory status as a rail carrier in *The Pullman Sleeping Car Company—Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV*, Docket No. FD 35738. Chai-EGI states that it is including Pullman in the scope of this notice of exemption out of an abundance of caution.

<sup>2</sup> Those nine railroads are: (1) Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company, Inc., operating as the Texas-New Mexico Railroad; (2) Chicago Terminal Railroad; (3) Mount Hood Railroad; (4) San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad Company, Inc.; (5) Saratoga & North Creek Railway, LLC; (6) West Texas & Lubbock Railway Company, Inc.; (7) West Texas & Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc.; (8) Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC; and (9) Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company.

<sup>3</sup> A copy of a draft of the agreement was submitted under seal along with a motion for protective order pursuant to 49 CFR 1104.14(b). That motion will be addressed in a separate decision.