

requested approval would not result in an additional costs and would allow RTDC to improve efficiency and resource allocation while complying with the OEM's maintenance requirements.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

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Robert C. Lauby,

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2006-25764]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by a letter dated December 21, 2017, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 232. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2006-25764.

UP originally received conditional relief in 2007 from 49 CFR 232.205, *Class I brake test-initial terminal inspection*, and 49 CFR 215 *Freight car safety standards*, for freight cars received in interchange at the United States/Mexico border crossing in Calexico, California, to permit required inspections to be conducted in El Centro, California, 10.1 miles north of Calexico. The original justification for the relief, as stated by UP, included: Inadequate capacity at the yard in Calexico, due to increased rail traffic volume;

- Inability to adjust its infrastructure due to Calexico yard's location in the middle of the city (causing the yard to be effectively "boxed in" by existing development and the locations of highway crossings);
- The need to avoid "bottleneck" delays at Calexico, affecting commerce on both sides of the border; and
- The elimination of choked flow of automobile traffic in Calexico, when trains stop or go very slowly across street crossings for inspections.

UP's relief was extended for an additional five years in a decision letter dated March 26, 2013. In support of its present petition to extend its relief, UP states it has been operating under the requirements set forth in the waiver for the past ten years and no adverse effect on the safety of operations has occurred.

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petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0020]

**Inventory of U.S.-Flag Launch Barges;
 Invitation for Public Comments**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration,
 Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice to U.S.-flag launch barge
 owners and operators.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration
 is updating its inventory of U.S.-flag
 launch barges. Additions, changes and
 comments to the list are requested.
 Launch barge information may be found
 at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ships-and-shipping/domestic-shipping/launch-barge-program/>.

DATES: Submit comments on or before
 March 15, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to
 docket number MARAD-2018-0020.
 Written comments may be submitted by
 hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk,
 U.S. Department of Transportation,
 Docket Operations, M-30, West
 Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,
 Washington, DC 20590. You may also
 send comments electronically via the
 internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
 All comments will become part of this
 docket and will be available for
 inspection and copying at the above
 address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00
 p.m., Monday through Friday, except
 federal holidays. An electronic version
 of this document and all documents
 entered into this docket is available at
<http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of
 Transportation, Maritime
 Administration, 1200 New Jersey
 Avenue SE, Room W23-453,
 Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-
 366-9309, Email Bianca.Carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
 to 46 CFR part 389 (Docket No.
 MARAD-2008-0045) Determination of
 Availability of Coastwise-Qualified
 Vessels for the Transportation of
 Platform Jackets, the Final Rule requires
 that the Maritime Administration
 publish a notice in the **Federal Register**
 requesting that owners or operators (or
 potential owners or operators) of
 coastwise qualified launch barges notify
 us of:

- (1) Their interest in participating in
 the transportation and, if needed, the
 launching or installation of offshore
 platform jackets; (2) the contact
 information for their company; and, (3)
 the specifications of any currently

owned or operated coastwise qualified
 launch barges or plans to construct
 same.

In addition, we are also seeking
 information on non-coastwise qualified
 (U.S.-flag) launch barges as well.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c),
 DOT/MARAD solicits comments from
 the public to better inform its
 rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts
 these comments, without edit, to
www.regulations.gov, as described in
 the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-
 14 FDMS, accessible through
www.dot.gov/privacy. In order to
 facilitate comment tracking and
 response, we encourage commenters to
 provide their name, or the name of their
 organization; however, submission of
 names is completely optional. Whether
 or not commenters identify themselves,
 all timely comments will be fully
 considered. If you wish to provide
 comments containing proprietary or
 confidential information, please contact
 the agency for alternate submission
 instructions.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C.
 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 8, 2018.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

REPORTED U.S.-FLAG LAUNCH BARGES

| Vessel name | Owner | Built | Length (ft.) | Beam (ft.) | DWT (L.T.) | Approx launch capacity (L.T.) | Coastwise qualified |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 455 4 | Crowley Marine Services | 2009 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| 455 5 | Crowley Marine Services | 2009 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| 455 6 | Crowley Marine Services | 2009 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| 455 7 | Crowley Marine Services | 2009 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| 455 8 | Crowley Marine Services | 2010 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| 455 9 | Crowley Marine Services | 2010 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| Barge 400L | Crowley Marine Services | 1997 | 400 | 100 | 19,646 | 19,146 | X |
| Barge 410 | Crowley Marine Services | 1974 | 400 | 99.5 | 12,035 | 11,535 | X |
| Barge 455-3 | Crowley Marine Services | 2008 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| Barge 500-1 | Crowley Marine Services | 1982 | 400 | 105 | 16,397 | 15,897 | X |
| Julie B | Crowley Marine Services | 2008 | 400 | 130 | 23,600 | 23,100 | X |
| Marty J | Crowley Marine Services | 2008 | 400 | 105 | 19,226 | 18,766 | X |
| MWB 403 | HMC Leasing, Inc | 1979 | 400 | 105 | 16,322 | 6,800 | X |
| INTERMAC 600 | J. Ray McDermott, Inc | 1973 | 500 | 120 | 32,290 | 15,600 | |
| McDermott Tidelands 020 | J. Ray McDermott, Inc | 1980 | 240 | 72 | 5,186 | 5,000 | X |
| McDermott Tidelands 021 | J. Ray McDermott, Inc | 1980 | 240 | 72 | 4,700 | 2,200 | X |
| McDermott Tidelands 021 | J. Ray McDermott, Inc | 1981 | 240 | 72 | 5,186 | 5,000 | X |
| McDermott Tidelands No. 012 | J. Ray McDermott, Inc | 1973 | 240 | 72.2 | 4,217 | 4,000 | X |
| McDermott Tidelands No. 014 | J. Ray McDermott, Inc | 1973 | 240 | 72.2 | 4,217 | 4,000 | X |
| MARMAC 11 | McDonough Marine Service | 1994 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 12 | McDonough Marine Service | 1994 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 15 | McDonough Marine Service | 1995 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 16 | McDonough Marine Service | 1995 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 17 | McDonough Marine Service | 1997 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 18 | McDonough Marine Service | 1998 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 19 | McDonough Marine Service | 1999 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 20 | McDonough Marine Service | 1999 | 250 | 72 | 4,743 | 4,200 | X |
| MARMAC 21 | McDonough Marine Service | 2002 | 260 | 72 | 5,163 | 4,500 | X |
| MARMAC 22 | McDonough Marine Service | 2003 | 260 | 72 | 5,082 | 4,500 | X |
| MARMAC 23 | McDonough Marine Service | 2009 | 260 | 72 | 5,082 | 4,500 | X |
| MARMAC 24 | McDonough Marine Service | 2010 | 260 | 72 | 5,082 | 4,500 | X |