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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA 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.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0597.

Title: Application for Employment with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Form Numbers: FAA-3330-76.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 9, 2019 (84 FR 32826). Under the provisions of Public Law 104-50, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was given the authority and the responsibility for developing and implementing its own personnel system without regard to most of the provisions of Title 5, United States Code, exceptions being those concerning veteran's preference and various benefits.

The OPM developed a suite of forms for use in automated employment processes: All under a single OMB approval. The FAA AHR has the same OMB approval for its automated application for employment. By automating processes for employment application and the evaluation of candidates, AHR has markedly improved the service it provides to the public as well as its ability to locate and hire the best-qualified applicants. Lastly, via this process, applicants are provided on-line results immediately upon submitting their application questionnaires.

The Agency is requesting certain information necessary to determine basic eligibility for employment and potential eligibility for Veteran's Preference, Veteran's Readjustment Act, and People with Disability appointments. In addition, occupation specific questions assist AHR in determining candidates' qualifications in order that the best-qualified

candidates are hired for the many FAA occupations. The system currently in use for this collection is the Automated Vacancy Information Access Tool for Online Referral (AVIATOR). This system cannot be directly accessed. Applicants are transferred to the AVIATOR system from OPM's USAJOBS website during the application process.

Respondents: Over 180,000 U.S. citizens identified as applicants for employment with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Frequency: On occasion/as interested.
Estimated Average Burden per Response: 180,000 hours.

Approximately 180,000 respondents will complete an application form on as needed basis. Based on this sample size, it will take the average applicant approximately 1 hour to read the instructions and complete the form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total burden is 180,000 hours annually.

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Alpha Woodson-Smith,

Information Technology Project Manager, Finance and Management (AFN), Information and Technology Services (AIT), Enterprise Program Management Service (AEM-320).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0091]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a letter dated November 22, 2019, Montana Rail Link, Inc. (MRL) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to include MRL in a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0091.

Specifically, MRL seeks relief with respect to the application of 49 CFR 232.205(c)(1), *Class I brake test-initial terminal inspection*, and § 232.207(b)(1), *Class IA brake tests—1,000-mile inspection*, for trains operating in distributive power mode. MRL requests to extend the maximum allowable brake pipe air flow from the present regulatory limit of 60 cubic feet per minute (CFM)

to 90 CFM for distributed power-equipped trains under specified operating conditions.

On March 26, 2013, FRA granted a pilot test waiver to the BNSF Railway Company for these same provisions. Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway were added as parties to the test waiver on November 21, 2014, and Union Pacific Railroad was added as a party on March 4, 2015. On May 3, 2017, FRA granted a change in status from a test waiver to a waiver of compliance, and on February 8, 2019, CSX Transportation, Inc. was added to the waiver. MRL requests to be a party to the same waiver. If granted, MRL would be subject to the same conditions as set forth in FRA's May 3, 2017 letter.

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 Ave. 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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by January 27, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our

dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0147]

Deepwater Port Pre-Application Meeting Guidance

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) encourage parties planning to submit an application for a license to own, construct, and operate a deepwater port under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (DWPA) to meet with MARAD and USCG staff at least six months in advance of submitting an application in order to provide an overview of their proposed project, to discuss the details of the federal and state application and licensing process, and to introduce key personnel. As the application is developed, additional status meetings/work sessions prior to submittal are also encouraged to review progress and to address questions. At least two weeks prior to application submittal, the applicant and the USCG selected third party environmental contractor should meet with MARAD and USCG in a final pre-application project kickoff meeting to ensure all parties understand the project, review process, and roles and responsibilities, and are prepared for the application distribution for completeness review and scoping preparation. The contents of this policy notice do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way.

This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding agency policy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Yvette M. Fields, Director, Office of Deepwater Port Licensing and Port Conveyance, Maritime Administration, Telephone: 202-366-0926, Email: Yvette.Fields@dot.gov, Fax: 202-366-6988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The contents of this policy notice do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding agency policy. The purpose of pre-application meetings is to give potential deepwater port license applicants an opportunity to meet with MARAD and USCG to discuss the details of their proposed project prior to filing a license application. During pre-application meetings, applicants will have the opportunity to present an overview of their proposed projects, learn about the application review process, and ask questions about any aspect of the approval process. Pre-application meetings are voluntary. Participation in pre-application meetings will not affect the decision on whether a license application is ultimately approved or denied.

MARAD and USCG encourage potential applicants to meet with the agencies at least six months in advance of submitting a deepwater port license application. Pre-application meetings are helpful in identifying potential deficiencies in proposed applications, enabling applicants to ultimately submit complete applications and minimize potential delays in processing. Multiple pre-application meetings/work sessions are encouraged leading up to the application submittal to review progress and address questions. MARAD and USCG further recommend that prospective applicants intending to use the USCG's third party environmental contract mechanism complete the third party environmental consultant contract process in advance of a final pre-application kick-off meeting at least two weeks prior to submittal of the application, so that the selected third party contractor may attend the pre-application meeting to become familiar with the project. This final pre-application project kickoff meeting is to ensure all parties understand their roles and responsibilities and are ready to initiate application distribution for completeness review and then subsequent full distribution for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping. At a minimum, the pre-

application project kickoff meeting should include a review and discussion of:

- The prospective applicant's proposed final project description, including the offshore and onshore components, pipeline connections, and other related components of the proposed project;
- The statutorily required Federal application review process, NEPA evaluation, and risk assessment process;
- The Federal, state and local agency contacts, elected officials, Non-Governmental Organizations, and affected public;
- The points of contact for communications between the applicant, MARAD, USCG, the third party environmental consultant and other relevant entities;
- The Federal Docket Management System that will serve as a repository of records for the proposed project application, including **Federal Register** notices, public comments, environmental documents, and other project related data and information;
- The prospective applicant's plans for application submittal and distribution to agencies; and
- Preliminary scoping plans for purposes of NEPA and other related laws.

Additional information on the third party environmental contractor process is available at https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/Operating%20and%20Environmental%20Standards/OES-2/DWP/Third%20Party%20Contracting%20Handbook%20-%20Final_February%202015.pdf?ver=2017-07-26-102701-850. Additional information on the licensing process, including project milestones and timelines, is available at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/ports/deepwater-ports-and-licensing/licensing-process>. To schedule a pre-application meeting with MARAD and USCG, please see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above.

(Authority: 33 U.S.C. Chapter 29; 49 CFR 1.93(h).)

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Dated: December 9, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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