

procedures on each vehicle; (2) inspection, maintenance, marking, and testing requirements for the cargo tank discharge system, including delivery hose assemblies; and (3) requirements for emergency discharge control equipment on certain cargo tank motor vehicles transporting liquefied compressed gases that must be installed and certified by a Registered Inspector.

*Affected Public:* Carriers in liquefied compressed gas service, manufacturers and repairers.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 6,958.

*Total Annual Responses:* 920,538.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 200,914.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

*Title:* Inspection and Testing of Meter Provers.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0620.

*Summary:* This information collection and recordkeeping burden results from the requirements pertaining to the use, inspection, and maintenance of mechanical displacement meter provers (meter provers) used to check the accurate flow of liquid hazardous materials into bulk packagings, such as portable tanks and cargo tank motor vehicles, under the HMR. These meter provers are used to ensure that the proper amount of liquid hazardous materials is being loaded and unloaded involving bulk packagings, such as cargo tanks and portable tanks. These meter provers consist of a gauge and several pipes that always contain small amounts of the liquid hazardous material in the pipes as residual material, and, therefore, must be inspected and maintained in accordance with the HMR to ensure they are in proper calibration and working order. These meter provers are not subject to the specification testing and inspection requirements in part 178. However, these meter provers must be visually inspected annually and hydrostatic pressure tested every five years in order to ensure they are properly working as specified in § 173.5a of the HMR. Therefore, this information collection requires that:

(1) Each meter prover must undergo and pass an external visual inspection annually to ensure that the meter provers used in the flow of liquid hazardous materials into bulk packagings are accurate and in conformance with the performance standards in the HMR.

(2) Each meter prover must undergo and pass a hydrostatic pressure test at least every five years to ensure that the meter provers used in the flow of liquid hazardous materials into bulk packagings are accurate and in

conformance with the performance standards in the HMR.

(3) Each meter prover must successfully complete the test and inspection and must be marked in accordance with §§ 180.415(b) and 173.5a.

(4) Each owner must retain a record of the most recent visual inspection and pressure test until the meter prover is requalified.

*Affected Public:* Owners of meter provers used to measure liquid hazardous materials flow into bulk packagings such as cargo tanks and portable tanks.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Total Annual Responses:* 250.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 175.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 18, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0023]

#### Extension of a Previously Approved Collection: Public Charters

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Department of Transportation (DOT) invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on Public Charters, 14 CFR part 380. The pre-existing information collection request was previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by May 23, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Reather Flemmings (202-366-1865) and Mr. Brett Kruger (202-366-8025), Office of the Secretary, Office of International Aviation, Special Authorities Division-X46, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by DOT-DMS Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0023] through one of the following methods:

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

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 2106-0005.

*Title:* Public Charters, 14 CFR part 380.

*Form Numbers:* 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a Previously Approved Collection: The current OMB inventory has not changed.

*Abstract:* 14 CFR part 380 establishes regulations embodying the Department's terms and conditions for Public Charter operators to conduct air transportation using direct air carriers. Public Charter operators arrange transportation for groups of people on chartered aircraft. This arrangement is often less expensive for the travelers than individually buying a ticket. Part 380 exempts charter operators from certain provisions of the U.S. code in order that they may provide this service. A primary goal of Part 380 is to seek protection for the consumer. Accordingly, the rule stipulates that the charter operator must file evidence (a prospectus—consisting of OST Forms 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535, and supporting financial documents) with the Department for each charter program certifying that it has entered into a binding contract with a direct air carrier to provide air transportation and that it has also entered into agreements with Department-approved financial institutions for the protection of charter participants' funds. The prospectus must be approved by the Department prior to the operator's advertising, selling or operating the charter. If the prospectus information were not collected it would be extremely difficult to assure compliance with agency rules and to assure that public security and other consumer protection requirements were in place for the traveling public. The information collected is available for public inspection (*unless the respondent specifically requests confidential treatment*). Part 380 does not provide any assurances of confidentiality.

As an additional matter, the Department's Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings has the authority to pursue or not to pursue enforcement action against airlines or other sellers of air transportation with respect to air travel consumer

protection. As a matter of enforcement policy, the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings will not take action against Public Charter applicants (including public charter operators, direct air carriers and securers) that do not submit an original and two copies of a charter prospectus so long as (1) the Public Charter applicant submits fully completed and signed electronic copies of the original documents of OST Forms 4532, 4533, 4534, and, if applicable, 4535 (including signatures); and (2) the Public Charter applicant continues to submit original financial documents such as Letters of Credit, Surety Trust Agreements, and Surety Bonds.

**Burden Statement:** Completion of all forms in a prospectus can be accomplished in approximately two hours (30 minutes per form) for new filers and one hour for amendments (existing filings). The forms are simplified and request only basic information about the proposed programs and the private sector filer. The respondent can submit a filing to operate for up to one year and include as many flights as desired, in most cases. If an operator chooses to make changes to a previously approved charter operation, then the operator is required by regulations to file revisions to its original prospectus.

**Respondents:** Private Sector: Air carriers; tour operators; the general public (including groups and individuals, corporations and Universities or Colleges, etc.).

**Number of Respondents:** 245.

**Number of Responses:** 1,782.

**Total Annual Burden:** 891.

#### Frequency of Responses

245 (respondents)  $\times$  4 = 980

401 (amendments from the same respondents)  $\times$  2 = 802

Total estimated responses: 980 + 802 = 1,782

The frequency of response is dependent upon whether the operator is requesting a new program or amending an existing prospectus. Variations occur due to the respondents' criteria. On average four responses (forms 4532, 4533, 4534 and/or 4535) are required for filing new prospectuses and two of the responses (forms) are required for amendments. The separate hour burden estimate is as follows:

**Total Annual Burden:** 891 hours.

Approximately 1,782 (responses)  $\times$  0.50 (per form) = 891

**Public Comments Invited:** (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department,

including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, by the use of electronic means, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-0271]

### Agency Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Prioritization and Allocation Authority Exercised by the Secretary of Transportation Under the Defense Production Act

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves information required in an application to request Special Priorities Assistance. The information to be collected is necessary to facilitate the supply of civil transportation resources to promote the national defense. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on January 26, 2016 (81 FR 4364). No comments were received.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by April 25, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments should be identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-0271 and may be submitted through one of the following methods:

- *Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of*

*Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.*

- *email: oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov.*

- *Fax: (202) 395-5806. Attention: DOT/OST Desk Officer.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Hinz, 202-366-6945, Office of Intelligence, Security and Emergency Response, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**OMB Control Number:** 2105-0567.

**Title:** Prioritization and Allocation Authority Exercised by the Secretary of Transportation Under the Defense Production Act.

**Form Numbers:** OST F 1254.

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

**Background:** The Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-67, September 30, 2009) requires each Federal agency with delegated authority under section 101 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. § 2061 *et seq.*) to issue final rules establishing standards and procedures by which the priorities and allocations authority is used to promote the national defense. The Secretary of Transportation has the delegated authority for all forms of civil transportation. DOT's final rule, Transportation Priorities and Allocations System (TPAS), published October 2012, requires this information collection. Form OST F 1254, Request for Special Priorities Assistance, would be filled out by private sector applicants, such as transportation companies or organizations. The private sector applicant must submit company information, the services or items for which the assistance is requested, and specific information about those services or items.

**Respondents:** Private sector applicants, such as transportation companies or organizations.

**Number of Respondents:** We estimate 6 respondents.

**Total Annual Burden:** We estimate an average burden of 30 minutes per respondent for an estimated total annual burden of 3 hours.

**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)