

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0081]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel THE PHANTOM GINGER; Invitation for Public Comments****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 25, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2018-0081. 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: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel THE PHANTOM GINGER is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “We intend to use this vessel with our Killer Shrimp brunch, lunch, and dinner cruises for 6 passengers and as a option bareboat charter available for coastal cruises around the Santa Monica Bay, to Malibu, and to Catalina Island.”

—*Geographic Region:* “California”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2018-0081 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested

parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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: May 22, 2018.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****Meeting Notice—U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a public meeting

of the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC) to discuss advice and recommendations for the U.S. Department of Transportation on issues related to the marine transportation system.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Training Center, 1310 N Courthouse Road, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-2508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Flumignan, Designated Federal Officer, at MTSNAC@dot.gov or at (212) 668-2064. Please visit the MTSNAC website at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ports/marine-transportation-system-mts/marine-transportation-system-national-advisory-committee-mtsnac/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MTSNAC is a Federal advisory committee that advises the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Maritime Administrator on issues related to the marine transportation system. The MTSNAC was originally established in 1999 and mandated in 2007 by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The MTSNAC operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Agenda

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions; (2) brief remarks by the Maritime Administrator or Deputy Maritime Administrator; (3) updates to the Committee on subcommittee work; (4) development of work plans and proposed recommendations; (5) administrative items; and (6) public comments.

Meeting Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to MTSNAC@dot.gov with your name and affiliation no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on May 25, 2018, in order to facilitate entry. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Services for Individuals with Disabilities: The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids are

asked to notify Jeffrey Flumignan at (212) 668-2064 or MTSNAC@dot.gov five (5) business days before the meeting.

Public Comments: A public comment period will commence at approximately 11:45 a.m. on June 11, 2018. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact the Designated Federal Officer via email: MTSNAC@dot.gov. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting or preferably emailed to MTSNAC@dot.gov. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed as indicated below.

Written comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee must email MTSNAC@dot.gov, or send them to MTSNAC Designated Federal Officers via email: MTSNAC@dot.gov, Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W21-307, Washington, DC 20590 no later than June 4, 2018, to provide sufficient time for review.

(Authority: 49 CFR part 1.93(a); 5 U.S.C. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102-3; 5 U.S.C. app. Sections 1-16)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 22, 2018.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0155]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit—Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to seek public comments on a request for special permit, seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of

the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by June 25, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov website:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Note: Privacy Act Statement: DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. 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 www.dot.gov/privacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Mr. Joshua Johnson by telephone at 816-329-3825, or email at joshua.johnson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 13, 2017, PHMSA received a special permit request from the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., (HECO), a hazardous liquid pipeline operator seeking permission to deviate from the pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR 195.571, regarding the criteria that must be used to determine cathodic protection of a pipeline.

On January 9, 2018, PHMSA issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (NOPS) mandating that HECO adopt certain corrective measures for the Waiiau pipeline while the special permit request was being reviewed and determined. After issuance of the NOPS, a situation occurred where the Waiiau pipeline leaked for over six hours. The preliminary cause of the spill appears to be external corrosion due to ineffective cathodic protection, as described in the NOPS.

The Waiiau pipeline is a 13-mile onshore intrastate pipeline located within the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii. It begins at the Hawaiian Electric Barbers Tank Farm in Kapolei, Oahu, and ends at the Waiiau Power Plant in Pearl City, Oahu, Hawaii. The pipeline was constructed in 2004 using fusion bond epoxy coating with 2 inches of urethane foam insulation, and 80-millimeter, high density polyurethane (HDPE) jacket. The thermal insulation and PE jacketing has high electrical resistance properties that inhibit the cathodic protection current flow to areas where water migration and corrosion may occur. Although annual cathodic protection inspections confirm that the Waiiau pipeline experiences adequate levels of cathodic protection, cathodic protection is expected to be an ineffective corrosion control method for thermally insulated pipe. The maximum operating pressure of this pipeline is 1,350 psig. The pipeline runs through areas of mixed high population and other populated areas and is located entirely in an ecologically unusually sensitive area.

For additional protection and integrity of the pipeline, HECO proposes to conduct, among other measures, alternative in-line inspection technology every four years, rotating between Axial or Circumferential and Ultrasonic testing. HECO claims that the proposed measures will provide a safer alternative than required by the regulations and better capabilities to detect corrosion clusters that may appear invisible if they were to align with the inspection tool magnetic fields.

A draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) is provided in the respective docket at <http://www.Regulations.gov>, for each special permit request. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing the special permit request and DEA at <http://www.Regulations.gov>, and by submitting written comments, data, or other views. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will