Interim Trail Use (NITU) or Certificate

of Interim Trail Use (CITU). The CITU/ NITU permits parties, for 180 days, to negotiate for an interim trail use/ railbanking agreement for the rail line. If parties reach an agreement, the CITU/ NITU automatically authorizes interim trail use/railbanking, and the parties must notify the Board that they have reached an agreement. The interim trails use/railbanking preserves the rail corridor for possible future use as an active rail line again. If no agreement is reached, then upon expiration of the negotiation period, the CITU/NITU authorizes the railroad to exercise its option to fully abandon the line without further action by the Board.

The collection by the Board of these offers, requests, and applications, and the railroad’s replies (when required), enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the referenced rail transactions.

**Description of Collection 2**

**Title:** Notifications of Trails Act Agreement and Substitute Sponsorship.

**OMB Control Number:** 2140–0017.

**STB Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Merger.

**Respondents:** Rail carriers; parties to an interim trail use agreement; substitute trail sponsors; and state and local governments.

**Number of Respondents:** 40.

**Estimated Time per Response:** One hour.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents):** 40 hours.

**Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost:** None identified. Filings may be submitted electronically to the Board.

**Needs and Uses:** Under Interstate Commerce Act, amended by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), amended by the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015, Public Law 114–110 (2015), and under Section 8(d) of the Trails Act, and the related regulations, persons seeking to preserve rail service over a rail line that is in the process of being abandoned may file pleadings before the Board to acquire a rail line for continued service, or to impose what is known as a trail use/railbanking or public use condition.

First, under 49 U.S.C. 10904, the filing of an “Offer of Financial Assistance” (OFA) starts a process of negotiations to define the financial assistance needed to purchase or subsidize the rail line sought for abandonment. Once the OFA is filed, the offeror may request additional information from the railroad, which the railroad must provide. If the parties cannot agree to the sale or subsidy, either party also may file a request for the Board to set the terms and conditions of the financial assistance. Or, under section 10905, a public use request allows the Board to impose a 180-day public use condition on the abandonment of a rail line, permitting the parties to negotiate a public use for the rail line. Alternatively, under section 10907, a feeder line application provides the basis for authorizing an involuntary sale of a rail line.

Finally, under the Trails Act, a trail use request, if agreed upon by the abandoning carrier, requires the Board to condition the abandonment by issuing what is known as a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) or Certificate of Interim Trail Use (CITU).
of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at http://www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel KAT ATOMIC is:
—**Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:** “Taking small charter groups of 6 people in and around Marina Del Rey CA. Usually 4 hour charters that can be extended by one or two hours”
—**Geographic Region:** “California”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2018–0102 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 solicit 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.


By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[DOCKET NO. MARAD–2018–0099]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel MISS SANDY RITA; 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 July 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2018–0099. 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 be 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel MISS SANDY RITA is:
—**Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:** “Sunset charters and day charters”
—**Geographic Region:** “Florida”

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[DOCKET NO. MARAD–2018–0101]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PRIVATE RESERVE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

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.