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Maritime Administration

[Docket S-932]

OMI Courier Transport, Inc.; OMI Patriot Transport, Inc.; OMI Rover Transport, Inc.; Notice of Application for Extension of the Subsidizable Life of the Patriot, Ranger, and Courier and for Extension or Renewal of Operating-Differential Subsidy Agreements, MA/MSB-167(a), (b), and (c) Using Unused Subsidy Days

By application dated January 31, 1996, OMI Courier Transport, Inc.; OMI Patriot Transport, Inc.; and OMI Rover Transport, Inc. (OMI subsidiaries), recipients of operating-differential subsidy (ODS) pursuant to Operating-Differential Subsidy Agreements (ODSA), MA/MSB-167(a), (b), (c), and (d) request: (1) The extension of the subsidizable life of the Patriot, Ranger, and Courier to the termination date of MA/MSB-167(d) on January 28, 1997, and (2) extension or renewal of ODSAs MA/MSB-167(a), (b), and (c) to permit the OMI subsidiaries to use unused subsidy days for the duration of the period through the termination of MA/MSB-167(d) on January 28, 1997.

The OMI subsidiaries advise that their first request is to extend the subsidizable life of the Patriot, Ranger, and Courier in order to permit these vessels to remain in U.S.-flag service to the fullest extent possible.

The OMI subsidiaries advise that their second request modifies their request of November 15, 1995, to extend or renew the ODSAs sufficiently to permit the full use of the OMI subsidiaries' unused subsidy days. This modification would permit the OMI subsidiaries to use unused subsidy days until the termination of MA/MSB-167(d). The OMI subsidiaries state that their request of November 15, 1995, to use the total number of unused subsidy days remains pending, but in the meantime approval of the more limited request would permit the OMI subsidiaries to plan for the continued operation of these vessels in U.S. flag service for at least another year. The OMI subsidiaries advise that permitting the use of unused subsidy days would preclude the need to establish a subsidy sharing arrangement among the four product tankers listed in the ODSAs and permit each vessel to

take full advantage of any available U.S.-flag market opportunity.

The OMI subsidiaries advise that maintaining the opportunity for these vessels to continue operation in the U.S. merchant marine for the full extent of periods for which OMI subsidiaries can receive ODS would further the purposes and policies of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, and help assure employment for U.S. seafarers for this period of time.

This application may be inspected in the Office of the Secretary, Maritime Administration. Any person, firm or corporation having any interest in such request and desiring to submit comments concerning the application must file written comments in triplicate with the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington D.C. 20590. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 1996. The Maritime Subsidy Board will consider any comments submitted and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 2.804 Operating-Differential Subsidies)

By Order of the Maritime Subsidy Board.

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Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

Control of Drug Use and Alcohol Misuse in Natural Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Operations Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program

ACTION: Notice of Management Information System (MIS) Statistical Data.

SUMMARY: The RSPA has received and evaluated the 1994 Management Information System (MIS) Data Collection forms for the drug testing of pipeline personnel, the first year for collecting such data. The RSPA has determined that the random positive drug testing rate for pipeline industry for the period of January 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994, is 0.8 percent. Since two years of data are required to change the random rate it will remain at 50 percent for 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Catrina M. Pavlik, Office of Pipeline Safety, Compliance and State Programs,

(DPS-23), Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-6199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a final rule published on December 23, 1993 (57 FR 59720), the RSPA announced that it would require operators of gas, hazardous liquid and carbon dioxide pipelines and liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities who are subject to 49 CFR parts 192, 193 and 195 to implement, maintain, and submit an annual report for their drug testing program data. Any operator with 51 or more covered employees had to submit this information on an annual basis. Operators with 50 or fewer covered employees had to maintain this information, and RSPA randomly selected 100 operators in this category to submit their data. The final rule was essential for RSPA to collect the drug testing statistical data and use the data to analyze its current approach to deterring and detecting illegal drug abuse in the pipeline industry, and, as appropriate, plan a more efficient and effective approach. The data collected in 1994, which was the first year that the data was collected, showed that the random positive drug testing rate was 0.8 percent. The data will continue to be collected in the future. Once RSPA has received two consecutive years of MIS Data Collection forms where the positive random testing rate is less than 1 percent industry-wide, then the RSPA Administrator may reduce the random testing rate to 25 percent.

Submission of MIS reports is due to the Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DPS-23, Room 2335, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590 not later than March 15 of each calendar year. Notice of statistical data will be published in the future to report the results of each calendar year's MIS Data Collection. The RSPA will also publish at that time whether or not the random rate will be reduced or increased for the pipeline industry.

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Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Office of Pipeline Safety.

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