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Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. MC-96-32]

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, 3506(c)(2)(A)), the FHWA solicits comment on its intent to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate expired information collections that prove that motor carriers of property and passengers have obtained and have in effect the required minimum levels of financial responsibility.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to HCC-10, Room 4232, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter C. Chandler, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-5763, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance.

OMB Number: 2125-0074.

Background: Sections 29 and 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (codified at 49 U.S.C. 31139) require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate

regulations which establish minimal levels of financial responsibility for motor carriers of property to cover public liability, property damage, and environmental restoration. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Form MCS-90) and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Form MCS-82) contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of property has obtained and has in effect the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in 49 CFR 387.9. The information within these documents is used by the FHWA and the public to verify that a motor carrier of property has obtained and has in effect the required minimum levels of financial responsibility.

Respondents: Insurance and surety companies of motor carriers of property.

Average Burden per Response: 2 minutes to complete the Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability or the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond; 1 minute to file the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond; 1 minute to have either document on board the vehicle (foreign-domiciled motor carriers only).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,555 hours.

Frequency: Upon creation, change, or replacement of an insurance policy or surety bond.

Title: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers of Passengers.

OMB Number: 2125-0518.

Background: Sections 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 (codified at 49 U.S.C. 31138) requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish regulations to require minimal levels of financial responsibility for for-hire motor carriers of passengers to cover public liability and property damage. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Form MCS-90B) and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Form MCS-82B) contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of passengers has obtained and has in effect the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in 49 CFR 387.33. The information within these documents is used by the FHWA and the public to verify that a motor carrier of passengers has obtained and has in effect the required minimum levels of financial responsibility.

Respondents: Insurance and surety companies of motor carriers of property.

Average Burden per Response: 2 minutes to complete the Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability or the Motor Carrier

Public Liability Surety Bond; 1 minute to file the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond; 1 minute to have either document on board the vehicle (foreign-domiciled motor carriers only).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 103 hours.

Frequency: Upon creation, change, or replacement of an insurance policy or surety bond.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 49 CFR 1.48.

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Diana Zeidel,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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[Docket Number MC-96-40]

Motor Carrier Regulatory Relief and Safety Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: With this notice, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to implement a motor carrier regulatory relief and safety demonstration project, as mandated by Congress in section 344 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act). The FHWA is utilizing this project as a means of furthering the objectives of the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative. Through this project, motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) between 10,001 and 26,000 pounds in interstate commerce may qualify for exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) if they exhibit exemplary safety records. Motor carriers participating in this Project would have the opportunity to demonstrate that they can maintain or improve their safety records when they are given greater latitude to select the means by which their safety performance is attained. The FHWA seeks the comments of all interested parties, especially comments aimed at