

and Whitman Counties in Washington, and Multnomah and Hood River Counties in Oregon. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is March 18, 1997, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is October 17, 1997. The economic injury number for the State of Oregon is 935600.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: January 30, 1997.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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First Interstate Equity Corporation (License No. 09/09-0397); Notice of Surrender of License

Notice is hereby given that First Interstate Equity Corporation (First Interstate), 100 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, has surrendered their license to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the Act). First Interstate was licensed by the Small Business Administration on February 1, 1989.

Under the authority vested by the Act and pursuant to the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the surrender was accepted on this date, and accordingly, all rights, privileges, and franchises derived therefrom have been terminated.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.11, Small Business Investment Companies.)

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Donald A. Christensen,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and

its implementing regulations, the Department of Transportation (DOT) announces in this notice that the 11 previously approved information collection activities and 5 currently approved information collection activities have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Each summary of the 16 information collection requests (ICRs) identified below describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a 60-day notice that was published in the Federal Register on December 2, 1996, inviting the regulated community to comment on these ICRs. 61 FR 63917, Dec. 2, 1996. This notice further informs all interested parties that they have 30 days to submit comments to these paperwork packages before OMB renders a decision.

DATES: Comments must be submitted no later than March 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for FRA. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. DOT suggests that all interested respondents submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure of having their full effect.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gloria Eutsler, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 632-3318). (This telephone number is not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On December 2, 1996, FRA published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register soliciting comment on 16 ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval for reinstatement or renewal. 61 FR 63917, Dec. 2, 1996. FRA received no comments after issuing this notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been

reevaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure of having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

Specifically, DOT and OMB invite interested parties to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) (i)-(iv). DOT believes that soliciting public comment will promote FRA's efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, DOT reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that the agency organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501. Below are brief summaries of 11 previously approved information collection activities and 5 currently