

certain technical representatives to be added to the list of persons authorized to ride in the cockpit observer's seat of all-cargo airplanes when those aircraft do not meet the passenger-carrying requirements, except as described in 121.583 (b), (c), and (d).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Deadline for Submission of Application for Airport Grant Funds Under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for Fiscal Year 1997

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces June 30, 1997, as the deadline for having on file with the FAA an acceptable application for airport grant funds under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) For Fiscal Year 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stanley Lou, Manager, Programming Branch, Airports Financial Assistance Division, Office of Airport Planning and Programming, APP-520, on (202) 267-8809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 47105(f) of the Codification of Certain U.S. Transportation Laws as Title 49, United States Code, Public Law No. 103-272, (July 5, 1994), provides that the sponsor of each airport to which entitlement funds are apportioned shall notify the Secretary, by such time and in a form as prescribed by the Secretary, of the sponsors's intent to apply for passenger and cargo entitlement funds. Notification of the sponsor's intent to apply during fiscal year 1997 for any of its entitlement funds, including those unused from prior years, shall be in the form of a project application (SF 424) submitted to the FAA field office no later than June 30, 1997.

This notice is promulgated to expedite and prioritize grants in the final quarter of the fiscal year. Absent an acceptable application by June 30, FAA intends to defer an airport's entitlement funds until the next fiscal year.

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Stan Lou,

Manager, Programming Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[FRA Docket No. RST-97-1]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance; Cant Deficient Passenger Train Operation

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of 49 CFR Part 213: Track Safety Standards.

The purpose of Amtrak's petition is to secure approval from FRA to operate its equipment at curving speeds producing higher cant deficiencies on the route known as the Michigan District between Porter, Indiana, and Kalamazoo, Michigan. Amtrak advises that this territory is currently being upgraded to track class six standards with a projected maximum train speed of 110 mph. Amtrak and the state of Michigan have embarked on a long-term program to reduce trip times between Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan. Amtrak believes that it is important to obtain the waiver for the success of the Michigan High-Speed Project, as it will allow speeds that take full advantage of a FRA-funded state-of-the-art ITCS, Incremental Train Control System, signal system being installed on this section of railroad.

Presently, section 213.57(b) permits a maximum of three inches to be used as the underbalance term (cant deficiency) in the formulation of curve/speed tables by track maintenance engineers defining train speeds for curved track superelevations for any route between two points. Section 213.57 refers to maximum allowable train operating speeds on curves as a function of existing curvature and superelevation and, further, introduces the concept of unbalanced superelevation. The idea of trains negotiating curved track at speeds producing either positive or negative unbalance was discussed previously in the **Federal Register** (52 FR 38035, October 13, 1987).

Amtrak seeks to operate Superliner I, Superliner II, and High-level equipment at curving speeds producing four inches of cant deficiency; and Amfleet I, Amfleet II, Horizon, Heritage, Cab Car, F40 Cab Car (NPCU), MHC, F40PH, P32-BWH, P40-BH, and P42-BH equipment at curving speeds producing up to six inches of cant deficiency.

In its petition, Amtrak states that it successfully operated train equipment at

higher cant deficiencies under several waivers, including a waiver to operate passenger trains at curving speeds producing five inches of cant deficiency between New Haven, Connecticut, and Boston, Massachusetts, on its Northeast Corridor. Amtrak advises that some equipment types in this petition have been successfully tested at up to eight inches of cant deficiency.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number RST-97-1) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Phil Olekszyk,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Waiver Petition Docket Number H-92-3]

Westinghouse Air Brake Company; Public Hearing

On January 15, 1997, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing Westinghouse Air Brake Company's (WABCO) request to amend the conditions of a waiver which had been granted in 1992 for their EPIC microprocessor-based locomotive braking equipment. The current waiver authorizes 1,000 locomotives equipped

with EPIC braking equipment to be exempt from time interval requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 229.29. Specifically, the waiver extends the required time interval for cleaning, testing, and inspecting locomotive air brake valves from 736 calendar days to five years. WABCO requests that the waiver condition which limits the number of locomotives to 1,000, be adjusted to include all locomotives in the United States that are equipped with EPIC 3102 and EPIC II electronic brake equipment. The EPIC 3101 series electronic brake equipment is *not* included in this request.

As a result of the comments received by FRA concerning this waiver petition, FRA has determined that a public hearing is necessary before a final decision is made on this petition. Accordingly, a public hearing is hereby set for 10:00 a.m. on May 12, 1997, in the 9th floor conference room, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at this hearing.

The hearing will be informal and conducted in accordance with Rule 25 of FRA's Rules of Practice (49 CFR part 211.25) by a representative designated by FRA. FRA's representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing, as well as any additional procedures for the conduct of the hearing. The hearing will be a non-adversary proceeding in which all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views regarding this waiver petition, without cross-examination. After all initial statements have been completed, those persons wishing to make a brief rebuttal will be given an opportunity to do so in the same order in which initial statements were made.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 31, 1997.

Phil Olekszyk,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 851

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 851, Affiliations Schedule.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 13, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Affiliations Schedule.

OMB Number: 1545-0025.

Form Number: Form 851.

Abstract: Form 851 is filed by the parent corporation for an affiliated group of corporations that files a consolidated return (Form 1120). Form 851 provides IRS with information on the names and identification numbers of the members of the affiliated group, the taxes paid by each member of the group, and stock ownership, changes in stock ownership and other information to determine that each corporation is a qualified member of the affiliated group as defined in Internal Revenue Code section 1504.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 hr., 13 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 40,840.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long

as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 4, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 712

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 712, Life Insurance Statement.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 13, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.