

Originating Office: CA/VO/F/P.

Title of Information Collection:

Petition to Classify Special Immigrants Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employer or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad.

Frequency: 500.

Form Number: DS-1884.

Respondents: Foreign Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Average Hours Per Response: .5 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 250 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Jeff Abasolo, 2401 E ST NW, RM L-703, Tel: 202-663-1164, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

Dated: June 29, 1999.

Mildred Patterson,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3094]

Proposed Unidroit Convention on International Equipment Finance and a Protocol on Aircraft Transactions; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: The International Commercial Finance Study Group of the Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law will hold its next meeting in Washington, DC at the Department of Transportation on Friday, July 23 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The subject will be international efforts to enhance through a new treaty system to enhance the use of secured financing for mobile equipment, with a particular

focus at this stage on the air transportation industry.

Agenda

The agenda, subject to available time, will include: a review of the purpose of the proposed UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment; the results of the first intergovernmental meeting in February 1999 at Rome co-sponsored by UNIDROIT and ICAO, and issues expected to be on the table at the second intergovernmental meeting scheduled for August at Montreal; proposals for establishment of an internationally-linked registry system for finance interests; the proposed treaty structure and its intersection with national commercial and civil aviation laws and the Chicago and Geneva Conventions on civil aviation; and time permitting, possible future treaty protocols on railway rolling stock, space equipment and satellites, and possibly other types of equipment.

Background

The United States has been participating with other countries in preliminary negotiations on a proposed multilateral convention (UNIDROIT Convention) to protect international secured interests in mobile equipment, including aircraft, space and satellite equipment, railroad rolling stock, cargo containers, etc. Other international organizations participate as co-sponsors as appropriate, such as ICAO with respect to aircraft and airline issues. The first intergovernmental meeting was held in Rome in February, 1999. Completion of the basic convention, as well as the first equipment protocol concerning aircraft, is expected by the end of year 2000.

The proposed Convention and Aircraft Equipment Protocol together, when and if adopted and enacted into law by contracting states would provide a comprehensive international system to protect leasing and financing interests and stimulate the development of airline industries in countries in all world regions.

Significant features are expected to include parties' ability to create internationally enforceable interests pursuant to the Convention; default remedies, priorities, and establishment of an international registration system to record international consensual interests; treatment of non-consensual interests; assignments, prospective assignments, and subordinations; and optional provisions on key finance issues such as timeliness of remedies, relation to insolvency, etc. It is

anticipated that an international registration system would be primarily an electronic notice system, and would not interfere with countries' national registration and recordation systems under existing civil aviation treaties.

Attendance

The meeting will be held in Conference Room 3202 at the Department of Transportation, 301 7th Street, SW Washington, DC, and is open to the public. Persons wishing to attend should contact Peter Bloch, Department of Transportation, Office of General Counsel at 202-366-9183, fax 366-9188, or Harold Burman, Department of State, Office of Legal Adviser, at 202-776-8421, fax 776-8482. Copies of relevant documents will be provided free of charge by contacting Mr. Burman at the above numbers.

Harold S. Burman,

Executive Director, Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3095]

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities

Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit for Pipeline Facilities To Be Constructed and Maintained on the Border of the United States

AGENCY: Department of State.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has received an application from Dakota Gasification Company requesting a Presidential permit, pursuant to Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, authorizing Dakota Gasification Company to construct, connect, operate, and maintain a carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipeline crossing the international boundary between North Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada at a point approximately 7 miles northeast of Crosby, North Dakota at T164N, R97W, S25. The project consists of one pipeline approximately 167 miles in length.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit, in duplicate, comments relative to this proposal on or before August 9, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew McManus, Division Chief, Energy Producer Country Affairs,