

*New Business*

## C—Energy

C1. Contract with General Electric Company for the manufacture and turnkey installation of new combined-cycle power plant and cogeneration projects for 2003.

C2. Supplement to indefinite quantity Contract No. 00P61-259355-001 with Thomas & Betts Corporation for transmission and substation steel components and structures.

## E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Grant of a permanent easement for a road to the City of Decatur, Alabama, affecting approximately 2.2 acres of land on Wheeler Reservoir in Morgan County, Alabama (Tract No. XTWR-111H).

E2. Grant of a permanent easement for a highway improvement project to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, affecting approximately 3.1 acres of land on Norris Reservoir in Union County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTNR-112H).

## Information Items

1. Approval for TVA to pay the first year of membership dues in the TVA Retirees Association for TVA retirees.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423-632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999. People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632-6000.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

**Edward S. Christenbury,**

*General Counsel and Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of Seven Current Public Collections of Information**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on seven currently approved public information collections which will be submitted to OMB for renewal.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judith Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judith Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA solicits comments on the following seven current collections of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection. Following are short synopses of the information collection activities which will be submitted to OMB for review and renewal:

1. 2120-0045, Bird/Other Wildlife Strike. The data collection is used by the FAA and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to develop standards to cope with bird and other wildlife hazards to aircraft injury to personnel, and for wildlife habitat control methods on or adjacent to airports. The Bird/Other Wildlife-Strike Reports form a statistical base in providing assistance and monitoring of the overall national bird hazard program. The responses are on a voluntary basis from pilots or others seeing bird or other wildlife strikes to aircraft. It is estimated to take 5 minutes or less to complete the form. Based on previous counts, the estimated annual burden is 125 hours.

2. 2120-0557, Passenger Facility Charge. The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508) authorizes airports to impose passenger facility charges (PFC). The final rule (14 CFR 158) implementing this Act was effective June 28, 1991. This program requires public agencies and certain members of the aviation industry to prepare and submit applications and reports to the DOT/FAA. This program provides additional funding for airport development which is needed now and in the future. The respondents are air carriers and public agencies. The total annual burden is estimated to be 25,500 hours.

3. 2120-0559, Aviation Research Grants Program. The FAA Aviation Research and Development Grants Program establishes uniform policies and procedures for the award and administration of research grants to colleges, universities, not for profit organizations, and profit organizations

for security research. The respondents are grantees. The estimated annual burden is 2800 hours.

4. 2120-0563, Part 161—Notice and Approval of Airport Noise and Access Restrictions, Part 161. The Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990, Public Law 101-508, mandates the formulation of a national noise policy. One part of that mandate is the development of a national program to review noise and access restrictions on the operation of Stage 2 and Stage 3 aircraft. Respondents are airport operation of proposing voluntary agreements and/or mandatory restrictions on Stage 2 and Stage 3 aircraft operations and aircraft operators that request reevaluation of a restriction. There are an estimated 18 respondents with an average annual burden of 32,000 hours.

5. 2120-0614, Revised Standards for Cargo or Baggage Compartments in Transport Category Airplanes. This information collection pertains to specific reporting requirements for affected operators under parts 121 and 135. A new paragraph was added to sections 121.314 and 135.169 to require each certificate holder to report, on a quarterly basis, the serial numbers of the airplanes in that holder's fleet in which all Class D compartments have been retrofitted to meet Class C or E requirements, and the serial numbers of airplanes that have Class D compartments yet to be retrofitted. It is estimated that there would be 130 certificate holder respondents for an annual hourly burden of 1000 hours.

6. 2120-0616, Revisions to Digital Flight Data Recorders. This rule requires that certain airplanes be equipped to accommodate additional digital flight data recorder parameters. The revisions follow a series of safety recommendations issued by the NTSB and the FAA's decision that the FDR rules should be revised to upgrade recorder capabilities in most transport airplanes. The revisions require additional information to be collected to enable more thorough accident or incident investigation and to enable industry to predict certain trends and make necessary modifications before an accident or incident occurs. The burden on the public is the cost of retrofitting the remaining aircraft.

7. 2120-0619, Commercial Passenger-Carrying Operations in Single Engine Aircraft Under Instrument Flight Rules. The information and recordkeeping requirements will be used by the operator to ensure that all maintenance performed on the standby vacuum and electrical systems is complete, accurate, and standardized to ensure continued airworthiness. The operator will also

use the information on the engine trend monitoring system to ensure engine reliability by analyzing the trend indicators and performing inspections or replacing engine parts as indicated. The respondents are an estimated 1800 part 135 operators. The estimated annual recordkeeping burden is 10,800 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 2, 2000.

**Steve Hopkins,**

*Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Notice of Availability and Public Hearing of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Buffalo Inner Harbor Project, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearing of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise the public and interested agencies that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) will be available on the Buffalo Inner Harbor Project. This Draft SEIS is in response to a court order and is limited in scope to the issue of historic preservation. The Draft SEIS will address events and information that became available subsequent to the Final EIS (FEIS), which was issued February 12, 1999.

The Draft SEIS was prepared pursuant to an order filed in a civil action filed by Preservation Coalition on October 6, 1999, in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York under civil action number 99-CV-745S against FTA, NFTA, the New York State Thruway Authority, Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The Preservation Coalition challenged the Buffalo Inner Harbor Project on environmental and historic preservation grounds. On March 31, 2000, District Court Judge William M. Skretny ordered that a SEIS be prepared to consider the information learned during archaeological investigations conducted after the FEIS.

The court established a compressed timetable for the public comment period

on the Draft SEIS. In accordance with the order, the Draft SEIS will be available for public comment between May 10, 2000, and May 31, 2000. Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on May 31, 2000. A public hearing on the project will be held on May 24, 2000, from 7 to 9:00 p.m.

**DATES:** Comment due date/time: May 31, 2000, 5:00 PM. Public hearing date/time: May 24, 2000, 7-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments are to be sent to Ruta Dzenis, AICP, Project Director, Empire State Development Corporation, 420 Main Street, Suite 717 Liberty Building, Buffalo, NY 14202. The address of the public hearing is Erie County Community College, Downtown Campus, Main Auditorium, Buffalo, NY 14203. The Auditorium entrance is along the Clinton Street side of the building and is accessible to the disabled. If there is a need for a translator for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations please notify Ms. Mary Coleman, Empire State Development Corporation, at (716) 856-8111 by Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Copies of the Draft SEIS are available by contacting Ms. Coleman. Copies of the draft SEIS are also available for review at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Central Branch, Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14202; the Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305; and the University of Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning Library, Hayes Hall, South Campus, Buffalo NY 14216.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anthony G. Carr, FTA Region II, One Bowling Green, Room 429; New York, NY 10004. Telephone (212) 668-2170.

Following the public comment period, a Final SEIS that responds to the comments will be prepared and made available to the public.

Issued on: May 3, 2000.

**Letitia Thompson,**

*Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-7111]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That all Nonconforming 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL Passenger Car Models Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that all nonconforming 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that all 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** The closing date for comments on the petition is June 8, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to