

section 5333(b), administered under the Department of Labor's (DOL) Mass Transit Employee Protection Program. These employee protections include the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits under existing collective bargaining agreements, the continuation of collective bargaining rights, the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions related to employment, assurances of employment to employees of acquired mass transportation systems, priority of reemployment, and paid training or retraining. Generally, DOL processes the employee protection certification required under Section 5333(b) in accordance with the procedural guidelines published at 29 C.F.R. 215.3. However, for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, DOL has proposed to apply appropriate protections without referral for Job Access and Reverse Commute grant applications serving populations under 200,000 and to utilize the guidelines for Job Access and Reverse Commute grant applications serving populations of 200,000 or more. FTA will submit the grant application to DOL for certification.

Grant funds will NOT be released without DOL certification. Where there are questions regarding the DOL certification process and/or information needed by DOL to obtain a labor certification, successful applicants must contact the appropriate FTA regional office (See Appendix A). Additionally, guidance is provided on the World Wide Web at [<http://www.fta.dot.gov.wtw/labor.htm>].

Completed Application: All successful applicants must now proceed to complete their grant application by fully documenting all the Job Access and Reverse Commute program requirements that were not fully documented when the application was submitted. FTA regional offices will advise applicants by letter of any remaining outstanding items, as well as stipulations specific to the Job Access and Reverse Commute project which need to be addressed and/or fully documented prior to grant approval.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing by the FTA regional offices with further guidance.

Issued on: October 13, 2000.

Nuria I. Fernandez,
Acting Administrator.

Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices

Region I—

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Richard Doyle, FTA

Regional Administrator, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, (617) 494-2055

Region II—

New York, New Jersey, and Virgin Islands. Letitia Thompson, FTA Regional Administrator, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, (212) 668-2170

Region III—

Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia. Susan Schruth, FTA Regional Administrator, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, (215) 656-7100

Region IV—

Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico. Jerry Franklin, FTA Regional Administrator, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 17T50, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 562-3500

Region V—

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Joel Ettinger, FTA Regional Administrator, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 2410, Chicago, IL 60606-5232, (312) 353-2789

Region VI—

Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Robert Patrick, FTA Regional Administrator, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, (817) 978-0550

Region VII—

Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Regional Administrator, 901 Locust Street, Suite 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 329-3920

Region VIII—

Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota. Lee Waddleton, FTA Regional Administrator, Columbine Place, 216 16th Street, Suite 650, Denver, CO 80202-5120, (303) 844-3242

Region IX—

California, Hawaii, Guam, Arizona, Nevada, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105-1839, (415) 744-3133

Region X—

Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Helen Knoll, FTA Regional Administrator, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, (206) 220-7954

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798]

Criteria for Granting Waivers of Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Vessel Carriage of Certain Export Cargoes

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is hereby giving notice that the closing date for comments in Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798, proposed policy revision relating to the criteria for granting waivers of requirement for exclusive U.S.-flag vessel carriage of certain export cargoes, has been extended to close of business (5:00 p.m. est) November 13, 2000. The notice of application in Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798 was published in the **Federal Register** of August 21, 2000 (65 FR 50732-50740).

Dated: October 16, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 29653 (Sub-No. 8)]

Ferrocarril Mexicano, S.A. de C.V.—Pooling of Car Service Regarding Multilevel Cars

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of filing of application.

SUMMARY: Ferrocarril Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. (Ferromex), has filed an application seeking approval for its participation in an existing railroad agreement for the pooling of services related to multilevel cars used to transport motor vehicles and boxcars used to transport automobile parts. Ferromex is a common carrier engaged in the transportation of property by railroad in Mexico. Its participation in the pooling agreement will be limited to international traffic moving between points in Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

DATES: Any comments on the application must be filed by November 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send an original plus 10 copies of any comments, referring to