

structure, the Exchange will develop orientation and testing content, and the NASD will administer the examination process. This arrangement will result in the elimination of certain third-party related charges. Therefore, as a result of reduced third-party costs incurred by the Exchange, the Exchange proposes to allow separate charges for background investigations (\$125) and fingerprinting (\$35), as applicants may only require these independent services from the Exchange.

#### PCX General Membership Fees— Registration Fee (Termination)

The Exchange proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees and Charges to adopt a Registered Representative Termination Fee of \$30.00. The Exchange represents that the revenue generated by this fee will help to offset the cost of increased regulatory efforts by the Exchange. The Exchange further represents that this fee is comparable to the fee imposed by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. and the American Stock Exchange, LLC.<sup>4</sup>

#### PCX Options Ticket Data Entry Fee

The Exchange currently charges Ticket Data Entry Fees of \$0.25 per firm trade and \$0.50 per Market Maker trade. The Exchange charges the fee for every manual ticket transaction that an Exchange Staff member enters into the PCX's Pacific Options Exchange Trading System for the Market Maker. The Exchange proposes to eliminate this fee because, due to electronic order entry, the Exchange believes this fee for manual handling is inconsequential and no longer necessary.

#### Broker Dealer Surcharge

Currently, the Exchange assesses a \$0.20 per contract side Broker Dealer Auto-Ex surcharge on orders that a Broker Dealer or Market Maker enters and which the Exchange executes on the Exchange's Member Firm Interaction system (without floor broker representation). The Exchange proposes to modify its Schedule of Fees and Charges and apply the same \$0.20 per contract rate to comparable PCX Plus transactions. That is, under the PCX Plus, Broker Dealer and Market Maker orders that are routed electronically and executed without a floor broker will also be subject to the \$0.20 per contract surcharge.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 46266 (July 25, 2002), 67 FR 49969 (August 1, 2002) (SR-CBOE-2002-37) and 44286 (May 9, 2001), 66 FR 27187 (May 16, 2001) (SR-Amex-2001-22). Both Exchanges have a \$30 registered representative termination fee.

#### PCX Options Floor, Market Maker and Remote Market Maker Fees

In connection with PCX Plus, the Exchange has created a new category of member known as Remote Market Makers ("RMMs").<sup>5</sup> The Exchange currently charges a \$130 per month Options Floor Access Fee for all registered floor members and personnel. The PCX proposes to modify its rate schedule to add an RMM Access Fee in the amount of \$130 per month to be assessed on those RMMs who do not pay a floor access fee. The Exchange believes that it is appropriate to assess the same fee on those members who choose to access PCX markets electronically rather than through a physical presence on the floor.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

#### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>9</sup> because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange. At any time within 60 days after the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47838 (May 13, 2003), 68 FR 27129 (May 19, 2003) (SR-PCX 2002-36).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PCX-2003-57 and should be submitted by November 5, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ATSRAC).

**DATES:** The ATSRAC will meet October 22 and 23, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA-AANC NDI, Validation Center, 3260 University Blvd., SE., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87106.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley Stroman, Office of Rulemaking,

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

ARM-208, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470; fax (202) 267-5075; or e-mail [shirley.stroman@faa.gov](mailto:shirley.stroman@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces a meeting of the Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The FAA will hold the meeting at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** heading of this notice. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the status of the three new tasks the FAA assigned to the ATSRAC (68 FR 31741, May 28, 2003). These tasks include:

- Providing recommendations about aging airplane wiring issues such as alternatives to rulemaking, providing technical and economic data, and helping to disposition comments to rulemakings;
- Helping to develop strategies for technology transfer of aviation-related research and development products to the aviation community in a manner that optimizes their transfer and optimizes the benefits resulting from their transfer; and
- Setting up criteria for upgrading and developing enhanced wiring inspection procedures for use by manufacturers of small transport airplanes.

The meeting is open to the public; however, attendance will be limited by the size of the meeting room. The FAA will make the following services available if you request them by October 17, 2003:

- Teleconferencing;
- Sign and oral interpretation; and
- A listening device.

Individuals using the teleconferencing service and calling from outside the Washington, DC, metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges. To arrange for any of these services, contact the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading of this notice.

The public may present written statements to the Committee by providing 20 copies to the Committee's Executive Director or by bringing the copies to the meeting. Public statements will be considered if time allows.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 8, 2003.

**Tony F. Fazio,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2003-16299]

#### Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection:

Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before December 15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements*—Pat Simpich, Office of Program Management (202) 366-1645.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

*Title:* Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements (*OMB Number:* 2132-0544)

*Background:* Under the Federal Transit Laws, at 49 U.S.C. 5323(l), grantees must certify that pre-award and post-delivery reviews will be conducted when using FTA funds to purchase

revenue service vehicles. FTA regulation 49 CFR part 663 implements this law by specifying the actual certificates that must be submitted by each bidder to assure compliance with the Buy America, contract specification, and vehicle safety requirements for rolling stock. The information collected on the certification forms is necessary for FTA grantees to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(l).

*Respondents:* State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

*Estimated Annual Burden on*

*Respondents:* 4.32 hours for each of the 700 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*

3,024 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.

Issued: September 17, 2003.

**Rita L. Wells,**

*Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Island Rail Road Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch Yard

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyzing alternatives to meet LIRR's need to store electric train cars on the railroad's Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch in Suffolk County, New York. As required by the Record of Decision issued by the FTA on May 21, 2001, for the MTA LIRR East Side Access Project, the EIS will be tiered from the Final EIS issued for the East Side Access Project in March 2001. As stated in the Final EIS for the East Side Access project, under a tiered NEPA EIS approach, the lead agency focuses on the issues that are ripe for decision in the first-tier document and prepares further environmental analyses as elements of the subsequent actions become adequately defined.

FTA and MTA/LIRR are notifying interested parties of the intent to