

from the bottom, correct the docket number to read "FAA-2004-17481".

2. On page 69665, in column 2, under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**, replace "Annette K. Kovite (425-227-1262), Transport Airplane Directorate (ANM-113), Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Ave., SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056;" with "Susan Lender (202-267-8029)".

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Anthony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2004-19456]

Office of Research and Technology Forum; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting/Forum.

SUMMARY: This notice invites you to participate in a forum titled, "FMCSA R&T: Today and Tomorrow", sponsored by FMCSA's Office of Research and Technology (R&T) in conjunction with the 84th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB). The purpose of the forum is to provide insight on some of the research and technology work that FMCSA sponsors in support of its missions of reducing the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crashes and fatalities and enhancing efficiency of CMV operations. Presenters will speak about current FMCSA R&T projects and the status of studies and technologies under consideration as part of the draft R&T 5-Year Strategic Plan. Speaker topics will cover the Crash Causation Study, Electronic On-Board Recorders, the HazMat Operational Test, Vehicle Infrastructure Integration, and Fatigue Management Technologies. The keynote address will feature a trucking association representative who will discuss both safety partnerships between industry and FMCSA and the role that research and technology plays in helping the trucking industry move towards safer, more efficient and secure operations. There will be an opportunity for attendees to talk with FMCSA subject-matter experts in an open question and answer session.

Where and When: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Salon III, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008, on

Sunday, January 9, 2005. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the forum starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Registration: This forum is listed as a session in the TRB Annual Meeting Program, and all registrants are welcome to attend. TRB registration is not required to attend the forum, and it is open to the public at no cost. To register for the TRB Annual Meeting, visit <http://www.trb.org>. To attend the forum only, you can send an e-mail to R&TPartnerships@fmcsa.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Albert Alvarez, Office of Research and Technology (MC-RTR), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024; telephone (202) 385-2387 or e-mail albert.alvarez@fmcsa.dot.gov. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Forum attendees will receive an information packet on current programs of the Office of Research and Technology. While the forum will be open to the public, there is limited space. If you require accommodations (sign, reader, etc.) for a special need, please call Joanie Cole at (202) 334-2287, or e-mail jcole@nas.edu.

Issued on: November 29, 2004.

Annette M. Sandberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-04-19469; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Petition for Waiver; Duke Energy Gas Transmission Company (OH)

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; petition for waiver.

SUMMARY: Duke Energy Gas Transmission Company (DEGT) petitioned the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for a waiver of compliance with provisions of 49 CFR 192.611(a), which requires pipeline operators to confirm or revise the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of their pipelines after a class location change. DEGT proposes an alternative set of risk control activities in lieu of a reduction in pressure or pressure testing of selected

pipeline segments in Ohio that have changed from Class 1 to Class 2.

DATES: Persons interested in submitting written comments on the waiver proposed in this notice must do so by January 6, 2005. Late-filed comments will be considered so far as practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mailing or delivering an original and two copies to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays when the facility is closed. Alternatively, you may submit written comments to the docket electronically at the following Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

All written comments should identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone who wants confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. To file written comments electronically, after logging on to <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Comment/Submissions." You can also read comments and other material in the docket at <http://dms.dot.gov>. General information about our pipeline safety program is available at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Reynolds by phone at 202-366-2786, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at U.S. DOT, Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by e-mail at james.reynolds@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Duke Energy Gas Transmission Company (DEGT) petitioned the Research and Special Programs Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety (RSPA/OPS) for a waiver from compliance with § 192.611(a) for selected gas transmission pipeline segments in Ohio. DEGT asks for a waiver from the requirement to revise the maximum allowable operating

pressure (MAOP) or upgrade pipeline segments after a class location change. DEGT proposes to conduct alternative risk control activities based on the principles and requirements of the integrity management program in lieu of this requirement and asserts that these alternative risk control activities will provide an equal or higher level of safety than that currently provided by the pipeline safety regulations.

The Federal pipeline safety regulations at § 192.609 require a gas pipeline operator to complete a class location change study whenever it believes an increase in population density may have caused a change in class location as defined in § 192.5. If a new class location is confirmed, the operator is required to either reduce pressure or replace the pipe to lower pipe wall stress in compliance with § 192.611(a). Section 192.5(a)(1) defines a "class location unit" as an onshore area extending 220 yards (200 meters) on either side of the centerline of any continuous one-mile length of pipeline. The Class Location for any class location unit is determined according to the following criteria in § 192.5(b):

Class 1—10 or fewer buildings intended for human occupancy;

Class 2—more than 10 but less than 46 buildings intended for human occupancy;

Class 3—46 or more buildings intended for human occupancy, or areas where a pipeline lies within 100 yards (91 meters) of either a building or a small, well-defined outside area (such as a playground, recreation area, outdoor theater, or other place of public assembly) that is occupied by 20 or more persons on at least 5 days a week for 10 weeks in any 12-month period;

Class 4—buildings with four or more stories above ground are prevalent.

The pipeline safety regulations impose more stringent design and operation requirements as the class location increases. When a class location changes to a higher class (e.g., from Class 1 to Class 2) and the hoop stress corresponding to the established MAOP of the segment is not commensurate with the present class location, the MAOP must be confirmed by pressure test or revised using one of the options specified in § 192.611(a). An operator may avoid reducing the pressure if a previous pressure test is adequate to support operation at the existing pressure in the new class location, but the corresponding hoop stress may not exceed 72 percent specified maximum yield strength (SMYS) of the pipe in Class 2 locations, 60 percent SMYS in Class 3 locations, or 50 percent SMYS in Class 4 locations.

Alternatively, the operator may need to reduce the pressure or replace the pipe with new pipe.

On June 29, 2004, RSPA/OPS published a Notice announcing the criteria it will use in considering class location change waiver applications (69 FR 38948). The criteria document has been placed in this docket and is the guideline RSPA/OPS will use to consider requests for waivers from the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611. RSPA/OPS will use these criteria to evaluate waiver applications submitted by natural gas pipeline operators whose pipeline segments have experienced a change in class location.

2. DEGT's Proposed Waiver

DEGT's request for a waiver of the requirements of § 192.611(a) is specific to two parallel line segments on Line 10 and Line 15, which are part of its Texas Eastern Pipeline System in the State of Ohio. These segments are located within DEGT's:

Wheelersburg Compressor Station

Discharge: Milepost (MP) 563.72–620.70

Line 10: MP 568.99–569.13.

Line 15: MP 569.41–569.55.

The pipelines are 30-inch in diameter and the class locations have changed from Class 1 to Class 2. If this waiver is granted, DEGT intends to apply the alternative set of risk reduction strategies to any future sites changing from Class 1 to Class 2 on the same compressor station discharges of Lines 10 and 15, provided these new sites satisfy the technical requirements of the waiver.

Lines 10 and Lines 15 were hydrotested and all welds were X-rayed at installation in 1952 and 1957, respectively, to 100% SMYS. DEGT has internally inspected each of these pipelines. DEGT inspected Line 10 on January 24, 1986, and again on May 13, 1997. DEGT inspected Line 15 on January 27, 1986, and again on May 1, 2002. Both lines were internally inspected using a standard resolution in-line inspection (ILI) tool. All cathodic protection readings on these two pipelines either meet or exceed the minimum requirements of 49 CFR Part 192.

The proposed DEGT waiver segments have changed from Class 1 to Class 2 due to construction of additional buildings intended for human occupancy in the class location units. DEGT believes its alternative to § 192.611(a) will provide a level of safety in excess of that afforded by the pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR Part 192.

3. DEGT's Proposed Alternative

In lieu of compliance with § 192.611(a), DEGT proposes to conduct the following activities to ensure the integrity of the two pipeline segments included in this waiver request and any future sites on the Wheelersburg Compressor Station discharge changing from Class 1 to Class 2:

- All site(s) covered by waiver have been in-line inspected at least twice between 1986 and 2002;
- All actionable anomalies within the site(s) have either been remediated or are scheduled to be investigated, and subsequently remediated, if necessary, as defined in ASME B31.8S and DEGT Pipeline Repair procedures. A schedule of remedial measures to be performed on future waiver sites will be submitted to OPS headquarters and OPS regional offices;
- For future sites covered by this waiver, DEGT will use tools and techniques developed through the activities described in the waiver request for the identification, classification and possible remediation of dents; and
- The site(s) must pass a hydrostatic test to a pressure of at least 125% of the MAOP of the pipeline. DEGT will make available to RSPA/OPS and the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (OH-PUC) a report of all hydrostatic test failures experienced at this test pressure.

DEGT has already satisfied the above criteria for the current pipeline segments proposed in this waiver request. DEGT commits to provide the OPS's Central Region and the OH-PUC with sufficient notice to enable RSPA/OPS and OH-PUC staff to attend and participate in all risk assessment activities.

In addition, DEGT has proposed the following schedule of near-term and long-term activities to help maintain pipeline integrity on the proposed waiver segments.

In 2004—

- Review the 2002 ILI results for Line 15 for any remaining actionable anomalies. Schedule these anomalies for investigation/remediation as defined in 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart O, ASME B31.8S, and DEGT Pipeline Repair Procedures.

- Depth of cover survey to be conducted in the waiver sites.

In 2005—

- Perform an in-line inspection using a high-resolution magnetic flux leakage tool and a geometry tool on Line 10. All actionable anomalies found through the in-line inspection will be investigated/remediated on as defined in 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart O, ASME B31.8S, and DEGT Pipeline Repair Procedures.

- Perform external corrosion direct assessment (ECDA) on the waiver sites of both lines. A minimum of one direct examination of each line will be performed.

- Perform stress corrosion cracking direct assessment on any pipe exposed as part of the work in support of this waiver.

Beyond 2005—

- Perform system integrity re-inspections in accordance with 49 CFR Part 192 Subpart O requirements.

4. Additional Considerations

In an October 7 letter, the Office of Pipeline Safety's Central Region office requested additional information to assist in evaluation of DEGT's waiver request:

Information on the timing of the class location change;

- Information demonstrating the condition of the pipeline coating;
- The results of depth of cover surveys;
- Description of any failures that occurred during hydrostatic testing;
- The results of in-line inspections; and
- Activities to address potential integrity issues associated with the hydrogen induced damage at hard spots after the November 2, 2003, failure on Line 15 in Kentucky.

This letter and any responses from DEGT will be placed in the docket for this Federal waiver request.

In addition, as part of its consideration of DEGT's waiver request, RSPA/OPS will also consider the cause(s) and contributing factor(s) to the November 2, 2003, failure of DEGT's Line 15 near the Owingsville Compressor Station in Bath County, Kentucky. The pipe used in Line 15 in Bath County, Kentucky and Line 15 in Scioto County, Ohio, were both manufactured by A.O. Smith and are of the same vintage.

5. Opportunity for Public Comments

This notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the DEGT waiver proposal. Comments should address whether or not DEGT's proposal complies with the criteria for consideration of waiver applications and any other issues regarding DEGT's proposed waiver.

After the comment period has ended, RSPA/OPS will evaluate the DEGT proposal and will consider all comments received by the deadline. RSPA/OPS will publish a subsequent **Federal Register** notice granting or denying DEGT's proposed waiver of § 192.611(a).

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60118(c) and 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2004.

Theodore L. Willke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1065-B and Schedule K-1

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 1065-B, U.S. Return of Income for Electing Large Partnerships, and Schedule K-1, Partner's Share of Income (Loss) From an Electing Large Partnership.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 7, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6515, 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 Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Return of Income for Electing Large Partnerships (Form 1065-B), and Partner's Share of Income (Loss) From an Electing Large Partnership (Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B)).

OMB Number: 1545-1626.

Form Number: Form 1065-B and Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B).

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code Section 6031 and Regulation section

1.6031-1 requires partnerships to file a return. Internal Revenue Code sections 771-777, enacted by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, allow large partnerships to elect to file a simplified return which requires fewer items to be reported to partners. Form 1065-B is used for this purpose.

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: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 470,332.

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: December 2, 2004.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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