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Docket Number: OST-2003-14579.

Date Filed: May 18, 2007.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 8, 2007.

Description: Application of Republic Airline Inc. d/b/a Republic Airlines ("Republic") requesting an amendment of its certificate of public convenience and necessity to remove Condition 4, which limits Republic's scheduled passenger authority to operations conducted under fee-for-service agreements with major U.S. air carriers.

Renee V. Wright,

*Program Manager, Docket Operations,
Federal Register Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in New Hampshire

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions of FHWA and other Federal agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are found within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). These actions relate to a proposed highway project, Interstate 93 beginning at the Massachusetts State Line in Salem, and proceeding northerly 19.8 miles to the junction of I-293 in Manchester in Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties, State of New Hampshire. These actions grant licenses, permits, and approval of the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before November 26, 2007. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Kathleen O. Laffey, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 19 Chenell Dr. Suite One, Concord, NH, 03301, Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (603) 228-0417, e-mail:

NewHampshire.FHWA@fhwa.dot.gov.

For USACE: Christine A. Godfrey, Chief, Regulatory Division, NE District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA, 01742-2751, Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., (978) 318-8335, e-mail:

christine.a.godfrey@usace.army.mil. For NHDOT: William J. Cass, P.E., Assistant Director of Project Development, NH Department of Transportation, 1 Hazen Drive, PO Box 483, Concord, NH, 03302, Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., (603) 271-6152, *bcass@dot.state.nh.us.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing permits and approvals for the following highway project in the State of New Hampshire: Improvements to the Interstate 93 corridor between Salem and Manchester, New Hampshire, to improve the transportation efficiency and reduce safety problems associated with this approximately 19.8-mile segment of highway. The existing four-lane Interstate highway will be increased to eight lanes, improvements will be made at each of the five interchange locations along this segment of highway, and existing geometric deficiencies will be addressed. The FHWA project number is IM-IR-93-1(174)0, while the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) project number is 10418-C. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project, approved on April 28, 2004, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on June 28, 2005, and in other documents in the administrative record. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the Federal administrative record file are available by contacting the FHWA or the NHDOT at the addresses provided above. The FHWA FEIS and ROD can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at: <http://www.rebuildingI93.com/content/overview>. The USACE decision and permit (USACE Permit No. 199201232/NAE-2004-233) are available by contacting USACE at the address provided above.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which

such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351].

2. Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

3. Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q).

4. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

5. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)].

6. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*].

7. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].

8. Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

9. Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251-1377 (Section 404, Section 401).

10. E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands.

11. E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management.

12. E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(1)(1)

Issued on: May 23, 2007.

Kathleen O. Laffey,

Division Administrator, Concord, NH.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2007-28090]

Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers; American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) Application for an Exemption From the 14-Hour Rule During Independence Day Celebrations

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

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requests public comment on the American Pyrotechnics Association's

(APA) application for an exemption from the prohibition against driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) after the 14th hour of coming on duty. The exemption for nine motor carriers would be applicable for a period beginning 7 days prior to, and 2 days immediately following Independence Day in 2007 and 2008. Fireworks personnel who operate CMVs in conjunction with fireworks shows celebrating Independence Day would be allowed to exclude off-duty and sleeper-berth time of any length in the calculation of the 14 hours. Drivers would not be allowed to drive after accumulating a total of 14 hours of on-duty time, following 10 consecutive hours off duty, and would continue to be subject to the 11-hour driving time limit, and the 60- and 70-hour weekly limits. APA believes the exemption would achieve a level of safety equivalent to what would be provided by compliance with the 14-hour rule as it applies to other drivers of property-carrying vehicles.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 14, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to the DOT Docket Management System (DMS), referencing Docket Number FMCSA-2007-28090, using any of the following methods:

- *Web Site:* <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Room W12-140, Ground Floor of West Building, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or Room W12-140, Ground Floor of West Building, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, or other entity). You may review the Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477; Apr. 11, 2000). This statement is also available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, MC-PSD, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. *Telephone:* 202-366-4009. *E-mail:* MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 107) amended 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to provide authority to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to grant exemptions from the motor carrier safety regulations. The FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The FMCSA must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted, and it must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The FMCSA reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The FMCSA's decision must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If FMCSA denies the application, it must state the reason for doing so. If FMCSA grants the exemption, the notice must specify the

person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which exemption is being granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption.

Application for an Exemption

The American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) has requested an exemption for nine member companies from FMCSA's prohibition against drivers of property-carrying CMVs operating such vehicles after the 14th hour of coming on duty (49 CFR 395.3(a)(2)). Fireworks personnel covered by the exemption would be allowed to exclude off-duty and sleeper-berth time of any length from the calculation of the 14-hour rule. Drivers would not be allowed to drive after the accumulation of 14 hours of on-duty time following 10 consecutive hours off duty. This exemption would be applicable to approximately 100 new drivers employed by the motor carriers identified in the appendix to this notice. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

On July 1, 2005, FMCSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** granting a similar exemption to APA for 72 member companies. The original exemption expired on July 7, 2006, and APA has requested a renewal for those original companies. That application for renewal is being evaluated separately by FMCSA, and notice of it is published elsewhere in today's edition of the **Federal Register**.

APA, a trade association representing the domestic fireworks industry, asserts that full compliance with the current hours-of-service (HOS) regulations during the brief period surrounding Independence Day imposes a substantial economic hardship on its members that operate fireworks for the public. This period is the busiest time of the year for these companies. APA members are engaged to stage multiple shows in celebration of Independence Day, during a compressed timeframe.

The member-company drivers that would be covered by the exemption are trained pyrotechnicians, each holding a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials (HM) endorsement. These drivers transport fireworks and equipment to remote locations under demanding schedules. During the week before Independence Day, these companies are engaged to stage multiple shows in a very compressed period of time. To meet the press of business in this 1-week period under the current

HOS rules, companies would be required to hire a second driver for most trips. This would result in a substantial increase in the cost of these shows, and as a result, many shows would be cancelled. Alternatively, APA members would be forced to significantly decrease their engagements. In either case, these companies would have to decrease the number of shows they provide, thereby denying many Americans a primary component of their Independence Day celebration.

Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety

APA believes that the exemption will not adversely affect the safety of the motor carrier transportation provided by their member companies. Many APA member companies operated under the prior exemption for two years with no

reports of incidents of any kind. Moreover, according to the APA, the exemption will enhance safety by decreasing the number of CMVs stationed with HM Division 1.3 and 1.4 products aboard at locations throughout the country. Under the exemption, CMVs will be able to return to their home base, which is a secured area for these types of products.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comments on APA's application for an exemption from the requirements of 49 CFR 395.3(a)(2) for these nine companies. FMCSA will consider all comments received by close of business on June 14, 2007. Comments will be available for examination in the docket listed at the beginning of this notice.

The FMCSA will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket and will consider them to extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file in the public docket other relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

Issued on: May 23, 2007.

Larry W. Minor,

Acting Associate Administrator, Policy and Program Development.

Appendix to Notice of Application for Exemption by American Pyrotechnics Association From the 14-Hour Rule During 2007 and 2008 Independence Day Celebrations

APA MEMBERS TO BE COVERED BY EXEMPTION FROM 14 HOUR RULE IN HOURS OF SERVICE FOR DRIVERS REGULATION

| Company name | Address | City, State, ZIP | DOT No. |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Alpha-Lee Enterprises, Inc. | 4111 FM 2351 | Friendswood, TX 77546. | 1324580 |
| American Fireworks Company | 7041 Darrow Road | Hudson, OH 44236 | 103972 |
| Cartwright Fireworks, Inc. | 1608 Keely Road | Franklin, PA 16323 | 882283 |
| Entertainment Fireworks, Inc. | P.O. Box 7160 | Olympia, WA 98507-7160. | 680942 |
| Fireworks Productions of Arizona, Ltd | 17034 S. 54th Street | Chandler, AZ 85226 ... | 948780 |
| Great Lakes Fireworks | 24805 Marine | Eastpointe, MI 48021 | 1011216 |
| Rainbow Fireworks, Inc. | 76 Plum Ave. | Inman, KS 67546 | 1139643 |
| Skyworks, Ltd. | 13513 W. Carrier Road | Carrier, OK 73727 | 1421047 |
| Stellar Fireworks, Inc. | 4440 Southeast Blvd. | Wichita, KS 67210 | 1349562 |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Limitation on Claims Against a Proposed Public Transportation Project

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a final agency action taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, a public transportation project in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The purpose of this notice is to announce the decision by FTA not to perform supplemental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the subject project and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge this final agency action. This notice does not alter or extend the limitation period of 180 days for

challenges of project decisions subject to a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2006.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of a final agency action subject to Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 139(l). Any claim seeking judicial review of the FTA action announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before November 26, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Bausch, Office of Planning and Environment, 202-366-1626, or Christopher Van Wyk, Office of Chief Counsel, 202-366-1733. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken a final agency action for the public transportation project listed below. This notice describes the action taken for which the 180-day statute of limitations will apply. Nothing in this notice affects the FTA's previous decisions, or notice

thereof, for this project. More specifically, the statute of limitations for the approvals documented in the project's November 17, 2006, amended Record of Decision and the environmental documents on which it is based will still expire on June 4, 2007, as noticed in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70449). This notice only applies to the discrete action taken by FTA at this time that is described below.

The project and action subject to this notice are:

Project name and location: Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project; metropolitan Washington, DC. *Project sponsor:* Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. *Project description:* The project is an extension of the Washington regional Metrorail system in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, Virginia. It will include approximately 23 miles of electrically-powered rapid rail transit operating in exclusive right-of-way with at-grade, aerial, and subway sections, 11 new