

passenger carriers, Westours (MC-118832), Evergreen (MC-107638), Westmark (MC-405618), and Horizon (MC-144339). Under the proposed transaction, HAL is seeking to acquire control of another motor passenger carrier, DAT, and to continue in control of the above four carriers. Applicants state that the annual aggregate gross operating revenues of the four carriers already controlled by HAL exceed the \$2 million jurisdictional threshold of 49 U.S.C. 14303(g).

HAL states that it has decades of experience in operating tour-based services throughout the Pacific Northwest and has created DAT as a new entity to more effectively provide charter bus service in the southeast Alaska tour market, which has specialized service characteristics.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), the Board must approve and authorize a transaction we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) The effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

Applicants have submitted information, as required by 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(7), to demonstrate that the proposed acquisition of control is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b). Applicants state that the proposed transaction will have no impact on the adequacy of transportation services available to the public, that the operations of the carriers involved will remain unchanged, that there are no fixed charges associated with the proposed transaction, and that no carrier employees will be adversely affected by the transaction. In addition, applicants have submitted all of the other statements and certifications required by 49 CFR 1182.2. Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from applicants' representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed acquisition of control is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated, and unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. See 49 CFR 1182.6(c). If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this notice will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed finance transaction is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this notice will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This notice will be effective on May 5, 2008, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: March 17, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for HCTC Program Forms

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 13929, Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)—Paper Check Request, Form 13562, Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)—General Registration Information Form, and Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)—Administrative Change Form.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 20, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 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 R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at: RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)—Paper Check Request, Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)—General Registration Information Form, and Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)—Administrative Change Form.

OMB Number: 1545-XXXX.

Form Number: Form 13929, Form 13562, HCTC Admin. Change Form.

Abstract: These forms are used to help manage the HCTC program. Health plan administrators will use these forms to submit requests of changes to their account information, waivers from the Federal requirement that mandates all payments to be made via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), and to provide the required registration information into the HCTC program.

Current Actions: These are new forms. These forms are being submitted for OMB approval purposes.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations, Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 700.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 875.

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: March 12, 2008.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Notice of Charter Reestablishment

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Reestablishment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65, notice is hereby given that the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's (TAP) charter has been renewed by the Department of the Treasury, for a two-year period. The charter of this advisory committee was filed with the appropriate committees of Congress, the General Services Administration and the Library of Congress on March 17, 2008, and shall expire two years from the original filing date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This charter is prepared and filed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App.). The establishment and the operation of the advisory committee are authorized pursuant to the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the internal revenue laws under section 7801 of the Internal Revenue Code. That authority is delegated to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue. The TAP provides a taxpayer perspective on critical tax administration programs and helps to

identify grass roots tax issues. The TAP will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and its implementing regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard E. Coston, Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel at (404) 338-8408.

Dated: March 13, 2008.

Sandra L. McQuin,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Application and Termination Notice for Municipal Securities Dealer Principal or Representative

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

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 comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on its proposal to extend this information collection.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before May 20, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from John R. Rudolph, (202) 906-6153, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;
- The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Application and Termination Notice for Municipal Securities Dealer Principal or Representative.

OMB Number: 1550-0NEW.

Form Numbers: MSD-4 and MSD-5.

Regulation Requirement: N/A.

Description: The forms are completed by certain FSA employees that act as municipal securities dealer principals or representatives, and are submitted to OTS. OTS reviews the information to monitor registered persons' entry into, and exit from, municipal securities dealer activities. The information contributes to the OTS's understanding of the FSA and helps to facilitate the supervision of the municipal securities dealer activities.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses: 14.

Estimated Frequency of Response:

Form MSD-4 is 1 hour; MSD-5 is 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden: 11 hours.

Clearance Officer: Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision,