

emissions, increase fuel economy, and lower costs of Marine Highway

transportation and increase the efficiency of intermodal transfers.

Appendix to Part 393—Criteria for Initial Assessment of Marine Highway Project Applications

Criteria for Initial Assessment of Marine Highway Project Applications

1. Evaluate each application as strong, medium, or weak in reference to the criteria listed below.
2. Collapse the criteria-specific ratings into a single "initial assessment rating" — strong, medium or weak.

Criteria	Central Question	Areas to Consider
Overall Benefit of Project:		
<i>Scope</i>	How much freight or passenger traffic would be affected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many truck/rail car miles are likely to be saved? - How many passenger vehicle miles will be saved?
<i>Impact</i>	Are the reductions in critical areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miles saved in urban areas? - Miles saved in rural areas? - Does the project represent a segment of a Marine Highway Corridor or include an area designated in DOT's Urban Partnership Program? - Does it support another DOT project or initiative?
<i>Public benefit</i>	What are the benefits to the public in the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congestion Reduction - Energy Savings - Reduced Emissions - Safety Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of urban and rural miles saved - Energy consumption between vessel & truck or rail - Using available data, emission reductions (SOX/NOX/Particulates) - What is the statistical savings in highway/rail accidents
Return on Investment/Feasibility		
<i>Offsetting Costs</i>	What publicly funded expenses does this project alleviate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Repair due to wear and tear - Construction/Expansion of existing Roads/Rail lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Utilize a formula of trucks/cars per dollar of maintenance - Does the proposed project delay or eliminate need for new construction?
<i>Feasibility</i>	Is the project likely to achieve self-sustaining operation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify current/future impediments to successful operation - Is the business model feasible? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there adequate freight/passenger load? - Is the cost difference between modes minimal? - What variables will influence success? - Is it likely to begin/expand on time?
<i>Cost Effectiveness (Government)</i>	What is the cost to the Government to support the project?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there is a Federal cost, what is the return against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offsetting costs? - Public benefit received?

By Order of the Secretary.

Dated: October 2, 2008.

Leonard Sutter,

Maritime Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 12

[EB Docket No. 06-119; WC Docket No. 06-63; FCC 07-107]

Recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: On August 12, 2008, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection contained in § 12.3 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, regarding 911 and E911 analyses and reports, as adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) in its Order addressing the report and recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks. 72 FR

37655, July 11, 2007. The effective date for § 12.3 of the Commission's rules was deferred until OMB approved this information collection. In this document, the Commission provides notice that § 12.3 of the Commission's rules is effective on October 9, 2008.

DATES: Section 12.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 12.3, (72 FR 37655, July 11, 2007) is effective on October 9, 2008. Respondents are required to submit their reports by February 6, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Entities required to file reports through the E911 Architecture Information System should obtain login identifications, passwords and the URL for the system from John Healy in the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at 202-418-2448 or John.Healy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about this information collection contact Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission at 202-418-1096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the report and recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks, the Commission took a number of steps to improve the reliability and resiliency of communications networks. Among the

actions taken by the Commission was the adoption of § 12.3 of the Commission's rules, which requires local exchange carriers (LECs), commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers required to comply with § 20.18 of the Commission's rules, and interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers to analyze their 911 and E911 networks and/or systems and provide reports addressing the redundancy, resiliency and reliability of those networks and/or systems. The Commission exempts the following entities from this rule: (1) LECs that meet the definition of a Class B company set forth in § 32.11(b)(2) of the Commission's rules; (2) non-nationwide CMRS providers with no more than 500,000 subscribers at the end of 2001; and (3) interconnected VoIP service providers with annual revenues below the revenue threshold established pursuant to § 32.11 of the Commission's rules. The effective date for § 12.3 of the Commission's rules was deferred until OMB approved the information collection. 72 FR 37655, July 11, 2007. On August 12, 2008, the Office of Management and Budget approved this information collection. 73 FR 50012, August 25, 2008. (OMB Control Number: 3060-1119.) The details of this information collection were set forth in a previous notice. 73 FR 39305, July 9, 2008. Section 12.3 of

the Commission's rules is effective on October 9, 2008.

The Commission delegated authority to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) to implement and activate a process through which these reports would be submitted. The Bureau has since created an electronic system, the E911 Architecture Information System, which will be activated upon release of this document on October 9, 2008. Respondent LECs, CMRS providers, and interconnected VoIP service providers are required to submit their reports through the E911 Architecture Information System by February 6, 2009.

Entities required to file reports through the E911 Architecture Information System should obtain login identifications and passwords from John Healy at 202-418-2448 or John.Healy@fcc.gov. Once this contact has been made, Mr. Healy will provide the URL for the E911 Architecture Information System where entities should download the reporting form and submit the completed form by February 6, 2009.

As stated in § 12.3 of the Commission's rules, these reports will be afforded confidential treatment. The reports will be shared pursuant to a protective order with only the following three entities, if the entities file a request for the reports: (1) The National Emergency Number Association; (2) The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials; and (3) The National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators. Such entities should submit requests for these reports to Jean Ann Collins, Deputy Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 7-A363, Washington, DC 20554 or JeanAnn.Collins@fcc.gov. All other access to these reports must be sought pursuant to procedures set forth in § 0.461 of the Commission's rules. Notice of any requests for inspection of these reports will be provided to the filers of the reports pursuant to § 0.461(d)(3) of the Commission's rules. Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

49 CFR Part 1

[OST Docket No. DOT-OST-1999-6189]

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Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties Delegations to the Maritime Administrator

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is delegating to the Maritime Administrator the authorities of the Secretary under title XI, subtitle C of Public Law 110-140 dated December 19, 2007; and entitled Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 9, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Weaver, Director, Office of Management and Administrative Services, Maritime Administration, MAR-390, Room W28-302, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, Phone: (202) 366-2811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary is delegating this authority under title XI, subtitle C of Public Law 110-140 to the Maritime Administrator. The delegation authorizes the Maritime Administrator to carry out certain responsibilities of the Secretary prescribed in sections 1122, Short Sea Shipping Eligibility for Capital Construction Fund; and 1123, Short Sea Transportation Report.

The Secretary is delegating this authority to the Maritime Administrator because it falls within the purview of the Maritime Administration's statutory mission to maintain and improve the maritime industry.

This final rule adds paragraph (ii) to 49 CFR 1.66 to reflect the Secretary of Transportation's delegation of these authorities. Since this rulemaking relates to departmental organization, procedure and practice, notice and comment is unnecessary under 5 U.S.C. 553(b). Further, since the rulemaking expedites the Maritime Administration's ability to meet the statutory intent of the applicable laws and regulations covered by this delegation, the Secretary finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) for this final rule to be effective on the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1

Authority delegations (Government agencies), Organization and functions (Government agencies).

■ In consideration of the foregoing, Part 1 of Title 49, Code of Federal

Regulations, is amended, effective upon publication, to read as follows:

PART 1—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 1 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322; 46 U.S.C. 2104(a); 28 U.S.C. 2672; 31 U.S.C. 3711(a)(2); Pub. L. 101-552, 104 Stat. 2736; Pub. L. 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748; Pub. L. 107-71, 115 Stat. 597; Pub. L. 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064; Pub. L. 108-136, 117 Stat. 1392; Pub. L. 101-115, 103 Stat. 691; Pub. L. 108-293, 118 Stat. 1028; Pub. L. 109-364, 120 Stat. 2083; Pub. L. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492. 2. Section 1.66 is amended by adding paragraph (ii) to read as follows:

§ 1.66 Delegations to Maritime Administrator.

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(ii) Carry out the functions and exercise the authorities vested in the Secretary of Transportation under Title 46, Chapter 556, of the United States Code, except for those found in 46 U.S.C. 55601(c) and (d).

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Mary E. Peters,

Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2008 total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock for Statistical Area 610 in the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 6, 2008, through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Obren Davis, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the