Yvette White, whose contact information is listed below. Each individual providing oral input is requested to limit his or her comments to five minutes. Requests to be added to the speaker list must be received in writing (letter, e-mail or fax) prior to the close of business on October 12, 2010; written comments from members of the public for distribution at this meeting must reach Ms. White by letter, e-mail or fax by this same date. A member of the public requesting reasonable accommodation should make the request to Ms. White by that same date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


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SUMMENARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nondiscrimination as it Applies to FTA Grant Programs (OMB Number: 2132–0540).

Abstract: All entities receiving federal financial assistance from FTA are prohibited from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, or disability. To ensure that FTA’s equal employment opportunity (EEO) procedures are followed, FTA requires grant recipients to submit written EEO plans to FTA for approval. FTA’s assessment of this requirement shows that formulating, submitting, and implementing EEO programs should minimally increase costs for FTA applicants and recipients.

To determine a grantee’s compliance with applicable laws and requirements, grantee submissions are evaluated and analyzed based on the following criteria. First, an EEO program must include an EEO policy statement issued by the chief executive officer covering all employment practices, including recruitment, selection, promotions, terminations, transfers, layoffs, compensation, training, benefits, and other conditions of employment. Second, the policy must be placed conspicuously so that employees, applicants, and the general public are aware of the agency’s EEO commitment. The data derived from written EEO and affirmative action plans will be used by the Office of Civil Rights in monitoring grantees’ compliance with applicable EEO laws and regulations. This monitoring and enforcement activity will ensure that minorities and women have equitable access to employment opportunities and that recipients of federal funds do not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,416 hours.

Title: Title VI as it Applies to FTA Grant Programs.

Abstract: Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states: “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” This information collection is required by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Title VI Regulation, 28 CFR Part 42, Subpart F (Section 42.406), and DOT Order 1000.12. FTA policies and requirements are designed to clarify and strengthen these regulations. This requirement is applicable to all applicants, recipients, and subrecipients receiving federal financial assistance. Experience has demonstrated that a program requirement at the application stage is necessary to assure that benefits and services are equitably distributed by grant recipients. The requirements prescribed by the Office of Civil Rights accomplish that objective while diminishing possible vestiges of discrimination among FTA grant recipients. FTA’s assessment of this requirement indicated that the formulation and implementation of the Title VI program should occur with a decrease in costs to such applicants and recipients.

All FTA grant applicants, recipients, and subrecipients are required to submit applicable Title VI information to the FTA Office of Civil Rights for review and approval. If FTA did not conduct pre-award reviews, solutions would not be generated in advance and program improvements could not be integrated into projects. FTA’s experience with pre-award reviews for all projects and grants suggests this method contributes to maximum efficiency and cost effectiveness of FTA dollars and has kept post-award complaints to a minimum. Moreover, the objective of the Title VI statute can be more easily attained and beneficiaries of FTA funded programs have a greater likelihood of receiving transit services and related benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,332 hours.

DATE: October 4, 2010.


SUMMARY: PHMSA is providing an additional public comment period regarding a special permit request from Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P., for relief from 49 CFR 192.112 and 192.620. PHMSA had previously provided notice of its intent to consider the special permit request and an opportunity for public comment on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 4296). PHMSA is also providing notice of the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment prepared in relation to this request for a special permit. Also, since the April 23, 2009 Federal Register notice, Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P., has modified its special permit request to reduce the length of its pipeline that would be subject to the request. The request and all pertinent information are available at http://www.Regulations.gov in Docket No. PHMSA–2008–0257. We invite the public and all concerned to review these documents and provide comments.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’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 collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued On: September 13, 2010.

Ann M. Linnertz, Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2008–0257]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit and Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Additional Comment Period on Texas Eastern Transmission Company’s Request for a Special Permit; Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment.

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DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit modification request and Draft Environmental Assessment by October 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit and may be submitted in the following ways:

• E-Gov Web Site: http://www.Regulations.gov. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.
  • Fax: 1–202–493–2251.
  • Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation,