

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from approval date.

*Abstract:* The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), enacted in December 2007, included a requirement that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) develop a consumer information and education campaign to improve consumer understanding of automobile performance with regard to fuel economy, Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emissions and other pollutant emissions; of automobile use of alternative fuels; and of thermal management technologies used on automobiles to save fuel. In order to effectively achieve the objectives of the consumer education program and fulfill its statutory obligations, NHTSA proposes a multi-phased research project to gather the data and apply analyses and results from the project to develop the consumer information program and education campaign. NHTSA has conducted qualitative research and is now requesting to conduct follow-up quantitative research with consumers to assess current levels of knowledge surrounding these issues, explore current available fuel economy-related content for clarity and understanding, evaluate potential consumer-facing messages and their potential to encourage consumers to seek more fuel economy-related information from NHTSA, and explore communications channels in which these messages should be present. The research will allow NHTSA to refine the fuel economy-related content and consumer-facing messaging that will be used throughout the consumer education campaign by identifying what relevant issues consumers care more about and what information they still need to make more informed purchase and driver behavior decisions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,333.33 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

NHTSA proposed to conduct two research phases. For the first phase, NHTSA conducted one type of qualitative research consisting of two (2) focus groups in each of four (4) cities. The results of that research phase were used to inform the quantitative phase of research which this notice addresses. This quantitative research will consist of an online survey that will require approximately 20 minutes for each respondent to complete, and will require 4,000 participants. NHTSA plans to administer this study one time.

The estimated annual burden hour for the second phase of research is 1,333.33 hours (20 minutes × 4,000 participants).

Based on the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' median hourly wage (all occupations) in the May 2010 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, NHTSA estimates that it will take an average of \$16.27 per hour for professional and clerical staff to gather data, develop and distribute material. Therefore, the agency estimates that the cost associated with the burden hours is \$21,693.28 (\$16.27 per hour × 1,333.33 burden hours).

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; and 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is publishing the annual inflation-adjusted index factors for 2010. These factors are used by the railroads to adjust their gross annual operating revenues for classification purposes. This indexing methodology insures that railroads are classified based on real business expansion and not from the affects of inflation. Classification is important because it determines the extent to which individual railroads must comply with STB reporting requirements.

The STB's annual inflation-adjusted factors are based on the annual average Railroad's Freight Price Index which is developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The STB's deflator factor is used to deflate revenues for comparison with established revenue thresholds.

The base year for railroads is 1991. The inflation index factors are presented as follows:

### STB RAILROAD INFLATION-ADJUSTED INDEX AND DEFLATOR FACTOR TABLE

Year	Index	Deflator
1991 .....	409.50	<sup>1</sup> 100.00
1992 .....	411.80	99.45
1993 .....	415.50	98.55
1994 .....	418.80	97.70
1995 .....	418.17	97.85
1996 .....	417.46	98.02
1997 .....	419.67	97.50
1998 .....	424.54	96.38
1999 .....	423.01	96.72
2000 .....	428.64	95.45
2001 .....	436.48	93.73
2002 .....	445.03	91.92
2003 .....	454.33	90.03
2004 .....	473.41	86.40
2005 .....	522.41	78.29
2006 .....	567.34	72.09
2007 .....	588.30	69.52
2008 .....	656.78	62.28
2009 .....	619.73	66.00
2010 .....	652.29	62.71

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 1, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Designation of Additional Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13405

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of four newly-designated entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, "Blocking Property of Certain Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or Institutions in Belarus."

**DATES:** The designation by the Director of OFAC of the four entities identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive

<sup>1</sup> Ex Parte No. 492, *Montana Rail Link, Inc., and Wisconsin Central Ltd., Joint Petition For Rulemaking With Respect To 49 CFR 1201*, 8 I.C.C. 2d 625 (1992), raised the revenue classification level for Class I railroads from \$50 million (1978 dollars) to \$250 million (1991 dollars), effective for the reporting year beginning January 1, 1992. The Class II threshold was also raised from \$10 million (1978 dollars) to \$20 million (1991 dollars).