will amend FINRA Rule 0160. The proposed rule change will transfer certain defined terms from NASD Rule 0120 (Definitions) to FINRA Rule 0160, subject to certain amendments, as well as add new defined terms to reflect the conventions of the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook. The proposed rule change will also eliminate as unnecessary or duplicative certain definitions contained in NASD Rule 0120. In addition, the proposed rule change will eliminate NASD Rule 0120 from the current FINRA rulebook.

The proposed rule change will also transfer certain terms with either no or minor substantive changes to FINRA Rule 0160, as well as make minor and conforming changes to NASD Rule 0120(f)(2) and (f)(3) and FINRA Rule 0160(b)(3)(B) and (3)(C). The proposed rule change will also add defined terms to FINRA Rule 0160 because such terms are used throughout the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook. Although the proposed rule change will not incorporate certain defined terms in NASD Rule 0120, FINRA represents that this will not eliminate any substantive FINRA requirements.

FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Notice to be published no later than 90 days following this Commission approval. The effective date will be no later than 150 days following this Commission approval.

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change will provide clarity with respect to the defined terms for the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook by transferring certain defined terms from NASD Rule 0120 to FINRA Rule 0160 (subject to certain amendments), adding new defined terms to FINRA Rule 0160 to reflect the conventions of the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook and eliminating as unnecessary or duplicative certain definitions contained in NASD Rule 0120.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR–FINRA–2011–043) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. Kevin M. O’Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7650]

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting on November 29, 2011, in Santa Monica, CA, in partnership with the RAND Corporation. The meeting will take place at the RAND offices at 1176 Main Street in Santa Monica, CA, in the Forum Auditorium. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. (doors open for registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.).

The topic is narratives: what they are, how they are shaped and countered. The conference will delve into the impact on narratives of actions and words (primarily U.S. but also others if lessons for us are clearly articulated), and the impact of environmental factors. This meeting is open to the public, Members and staff of Congress, the State Department, Defense Department, the media, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. To request further information, or to request reasonable accommodation, contact the Commission at (202) 203–7463 or pdcommission@state.gov. To attend, contact the RAND Corporation by phone at (412) 683–2300 ext 4906 or e-mail to maria_falvo@rand.org and provide your full name, citizenship (U.S. citizenship is not required to attend), and institutional/organizational affiliation.

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy appraises U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Advisory Commission may conduct studies, inquiries, and meetings, as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information and issue reports and other publications, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Advisory Commission may undertake foreign travel in pursuit of its studies and coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, or other activities that it deems desirable and necessary in fulfilling its functions.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Commission shall represent the public interest and shall be selected from a cross section of educational, communications, cultural, scientific, technical, public service, labor, business, and professional backgrounds. Not more than four members shall be from any one political party. The President designates a member to chair the Commission.

The current members of the Commission are: Mr. William Hybl of Colorado, Chairman; Ambassador Lyndon Olson of Texas, Vice Chairman; Ambassador Penne Korth-Peacock of Texas; Ms. Lezlee Westine of Virginia; and, Mr. Sim Farar of California. Two seats on the Commission are currently vacant.

The following individual has been nominated to the Commission but awaits Senate confirmation as of this writing: Anne Wedner of Illinois.

The Advisory Commission was originally established under Section 604 of the United States Information and Exchange Act of 1948, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1469) and Section 8 of Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1977. The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is authorized by Public Law 101–246 (2009), 22 U.S.C. 6553, and has been further authorized through November 18, 2011. In the absence of subsequent legislation extending the authority for the Commission, this meeting will be cancelled.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Requests for Comments: Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection; Organization Designation Authorization

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 24, 2011, vol. 76, no. 164, page 53023–53024. This collection involves organizations applying to perform certification functions on behalf of the FAA, including approving data and issuing various aircraft and organization certificates.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by November 25, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy DePaepe at (405) 954–9362, or by e-mail at: Kathy.A.DePaepe@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120–0704.

Title: Organization Designation Authorization.


Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: Subpart D to part 183 allows the FAA to appoint organizations as representatives of the administrator. As authorized, these organizations perform certification functions on behalf of the FAA. Applications are submitted to the appropriate FAA office and are reviewed by the FAA to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements necessary to be authorized as a representative of the Administrator. Procedures manuals are submitted and approved by the FAA as a means to ensure that the correct processes are utilized when performing functions on behalf of the FAA. These requirements are necessary to manage the various approvals issued by the organization and to document approvals issued and must be maintained in order to address potential future safety issues.

Respondents: Approximately 83 applicants.

Frequency: Information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 41.7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,158 hours.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 20, 2011.

Alice R. Spence, FAA Assistant Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES–200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Requests for Comments: Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection; General Aviation and Air Taxi Activity and Avionics Survey

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. Respondents to this survey are owners of general aviation aircraft. This information is used by FAA, NTSB, and other government agencies, the aviation industry, and others for safety assessment, planning, forecasting, cost/benefit analysis, and to target areas for research.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by December 27, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy DePaepe at (405) 954–9362, or by e-mail at: Kathy.A.DePaepe@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120–0060.

Title: General Aviation and Air Taxi Activity and Avionics Survey.

Form Numbers: There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: Title 49, United States Code, empowers the Secretary of Transportation to collect and disseminate information relative to civil aeronautics, to study the possibilities for development of air commerce and the aeronautical industries, and to make long-range plans for, and formulate policy with respect to, the orderly development and use of the navigable airspace, radar installations, and all other aids for air navigation. Respondents to this survey are owners of general aviation aircraft. This information is used by FAA, NTSB, and other government agencies, the aviation industry, and others for safety assessment, planning, forecasting, cost/benefit analysis, and to target areas for research.

Respondents: Approximately 83,500 owners of general aviation aircraft.

Frequency: Information is collected annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 13,000 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Kathy DePaepe, Room 126B, Federal Aviation Administration, AES–200, 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73169.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to