

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA-2013-0002-N-26]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 16, 2013 (78 FR 56995).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 17, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493-6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On September 16, 2013, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. See 78 FR 56995. FRA received one comment in response to this notice pertaining to this particular collection of information.

The comment came from the Dennis J. Fixler, Chief Statistician, of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Mr. Fixler stated the following:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Federal Railroad Administration on the Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping forms. The data collected on these forms are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data collected on these forms to prepare estimates of the employee compensation component of national income and state personal income. Specifically, data on the number of employee injuries and deaths from forms FRA F 6180.55 and FRA F 618.55a, Railroad Injury and Illness Summary, are used to prepare estimates of workers' compensation for the railroad industry. These same data are used to prepare estimates of workers' compensation for the railroad industry by state . . .

FRA received no other comments. Accordingly, these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and are being forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summary below describes the nature of the information collection request (ICR) and the expected burden. The revised request is being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0500.

Type of Request: Extension with change of a current collection approved. *Affected Public:* Railroads.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.39i; 54; 55; 55A; 56; 57; 78; 81; 97; 98; 99; 107; 150.

Abstract: The collection of information is due to the railroad accident reporting regulations set forth in 49 CFR Part 225 which require railroads to submit monthly reports summarizing collisions, derailments, and certain other accidents/incidents involving damages above a periodically

revised dollar threshold, as well as certain injuries to passengers, employees, and other persons on railroad property. Because the reporting requirements and the information needed regarding each category of accident/incident are unique, a different form is used for each category.

Annual Estimated Burden: 39,095 hours.

Title: Special Notice for Repairs.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: oirq_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 12, 2013.

Rebecca Pennington,
Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration**

[Docket No. FTA-2013-0035]

Notice of Buy America Waiver for a Video Ready Access Device Cabinet

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Buy America Waiver.

SUMMARY: In response to the City of Charlotte's request for a Buy America waiver for a Video Ready Access Device (VRAD) cabinet, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hereby waives its Buy America requirements for the

VRAD cabinet needed for an AT&T utility relocation associated with the Charlotte Area Transit System's (CATS) LYNX Blue Line Extension project. This waiver is limited to a single procurement for the VRAD cabinet for the LYNX Blue Line Extension project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary J. Lee, FTA Attorney-Advisor, at (202) 366-0985 or mary.j.lee@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has granted a non-availability waiver for the procurement of a Video Ready Access Device (VRAD) cabinet that will be used in a utility relocation performed by AT&T. This utility relocation will be performed in connection with the Charlotte Area Transit System's (CATS or City of Charlotte) LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) project, which is an FTA-funded project.

With certain exceptions, FTA's Buy America requirements prevent FTA from obligating an amount that may be appropriated to carry out its program for a project unless "the steel, iron, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States." 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1). A manufactured product is considered produced in the United States if: (1) All of the manufacturing processes for the product take place in the United States; and (2) all of the components of the product are of U.S. origin. A component is considered of U.S. origin if it is manufactured in the United States, regardless of the origin of its subcomponents. 49 CFR 661.5(d). If, however, FTA determines that "the steel, iron, and goods produced in the United States are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality," then FTA may issue a waiver (non-availability waiver). 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(B); 49 CFR 661.7(c).

On May 24, 2013, the City of Charlotte requested an interpretation of FTA's Buy America rules with respect to the utility relocation performed for the CATS LYNX BLE project. In an August 8, 2013 letter to the City of Charlotte, FTA determined that the VRAD cabinet is a component of the communications network end product. Having performed its own analysis prior to FTA's August 8, 2013 determination, on June 4, 2013, the City of Charlotte requested a non-availability waiver for the VRAD cabinet. According to the City of Charlotte, AT&T has been working diligently to find U.S. manufactured components and has been able to identify U.S. manufacturers of most of

the components necessary for the utility relocation. The only remaining component for which AT&T is unable to find a U.S. manufacturer is the VRAD cabinet.¹

In subsequent telephone conversations and in-person meetings between AT&T, FTA, and the Federal Highway Administration, FTA learned that the VRAD cabinet, which is manufactured by Alcatel-Lucent, can be manufactured in either Mexico or Washington State. Under its current contract with Alcatel-Lucent, however, AT&T is unable to select the manufacturing facility where the VRAD cabinet is manufactured.

On August 27, 2013, FTA published a notice to request comments on the City of Charlotte's waiver request for the VRAD cabinet. The comment period closed on September 26, 2013. FTA did not receive any comments to the docket, docket number FTA-2013-0035.

Based upon AT&T's assertions that it is unable to procure a U.S.-manufactured VRAD cabinet at this time and that it expects to require U.S. manufacture of the VRAD cabinet in subsequent contracts that fall within the scope of FTA-funded projects, FTA hereby waives its Buy America requirement for manufactured products under 49 CFR 661.5(d) for the VRAD cabinet. This waiver is limited to a single procurement for the VRAD cabinet for the CATS LYNX Blue Line Extension project.

Issued On: December 5, 2013.

Dorval R. Carter, Jr.,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. MCF 21057]

Royal City Charter Coach Lines Ltd.— Acquisition of Control—Quick Coach Lines Ltd. d/b/a Quick Shuttle Service

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Authorizing Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: On November 18, 2013, Royal City Charter Coach Lines Ltd. (Royal, or Applicant) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for approval of its

¹ Initially, the City of Charlotte requested Buy America waivers for the VRAD cabinet and the Cross Connect cabinet. Since then, however, AT&T has been able to identify a U.S. manufacturer of the Cross Connect cabinet.

acquisition of control of Quick Coach Lines Ltd. d/b/a Quick Shuttle Service (Quick). The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.

DATES: Comments must be filed by February 3, 2014. Applicants may file a reply by February 18, 2014. If no comments are filed by February 3, 2014, this notice shall be effective on February 4, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MCF 21057 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send copies of comments to Applicant's representative: Stephen Flott, Flott & Co. PC, P.O. Box 17655, Arlington, VA 22216-7655.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Binet, (202) 245-0368. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Applicant is a noncarrier holding company based in British Columbia, Canada. Applicant states that it currently controls a group of companies operating approximately 85 motor coaches, primarily in British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, and in Washington State, and employing approximately 160 people. In 2012, these companies generated more than \$17 million in gross revenue. Royal currently owns 50% of the stock in Quick, but has no interest in any other federally regulated motor carriers. 461233 BC Ltd. (Seller) currently owns the other 50% of Quick's stock and approached Royal to sell Royal its shares.

Seller is a noncarrier company based in British Columbia. Seller's current ownership of Quick, and its wholly owned subsidiary Quick Coach Lines USA Inc. (Quick USA), represents its only interest in federally regulated motor carriers.

Applicant states that Quick provides charter, scheduled, commuter, and special services to the traveling public in Washington State. Quick holds authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as a motor carrier of passengers (MC-205116).

Quick USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Quick. When Royal acquires control of Quick, it will also obtain control of Quick USA. Quick USA is currently inactive and does not provide any motor passenger services. It