

omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before April 26, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by docket number FAA–2017–0236 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-Wide Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments digitally.

- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy:* We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynette Mitterer, ANM–113, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356, email [Lynette.Mitterer@faa.gov](mailto:Lynette.Mitterer@faa.gov), phone (425) 227–1047.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

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#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA–2017–0236.

*Petitioner:* The Boeing Company.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:*  
§ 25.981(a)(3)[25–102].

*Description of Relief Sought:* The exemption, if granted would allow the removal and replacement of two stiffeners at the center wing fuel tank (L & R BBL 615).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the renewal of the RTCA Charter (FAA Order 1110.77W) for 6 months, effective April 1, 2017. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is authorized to establish the RTCA advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The current charter agreement requires that the RTCA manage various Federal subcommittees on behalf of the agency.

The objective of the advisory committee is to seek resolution of issues and challenges involving air transportation concepts, requirements, operational capabilities, the associated use of technology, and related considerations to aeronautical operations that affect the future of the Air Traffic Management System and the integration of new technologies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andy Cebula at [acebula@rtca.org](mailto:acebula@rtca.org) or (202) 330–0652, or the RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and announced in the **Federal Register**, except as authorized by Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 3, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0412]

#### Post-Accident Reporting (PAR) Advisory Committee Meeting: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Announcement of advisory committee public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces a meeting of its Post-Accident Reporting (PAR) Advisory Committee on Monday, April 24, 2017, at the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Workshop in Atlanta, GA. Under section 5306 of the FAST Act, the PAR was charged with reviewing post-accident reports and made recommendations on the data elements required by the reports and modifications that may improve their use through the addition of data elements at its meeting in December 2016. At this meeting, the PAR will provide suggestions concerning the implementation of its recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator. The meeting is open to the public for its entirety.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017, from 1:30–5 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.), at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street NE., Atlanta, GA 30303. Copies of the task statement and an agenda for the entire meeting will be made available in advance of the meeting at <http://par.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–5221.

*Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Eran Segev at (617) 494–3174, [eran.segev@dot.gov](mailto:eran.segev@dot.gov), by Wednesday, April 12.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

The Department established the PAR Advisory Committee as a discretionary committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App 2) on October 13, 2016, making it effective through October 13, 2018. The PAR Committee met in December 2016 and provided advice and recommendations

to the FMCSA Administrator on post-accident reporting requirements, specifically those in section 5306. During the April 24 meeting, the Committee will provide suggestions on the implementation of its recommendations, seeking standardization of definitions related to crash reporting, classification of Minimum Model Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) and which should be prioritized for inclusion on police accident reporting forms, and a discussion of how to best implement the PAR's recommendations. The PAR operates in accordance with FACA.

## II. Meeting Participation

Oral comments from the public will be heard throughout the meeting, at the discretion of the PAR chairman. Members of the public may submit written comments on the topics to be considered during the meeting by Wednesday, April 12, to Federal Docket Management System (FDMC) Docket Number FMCSA-2016-0412 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax*: 202-493-2251.
- *Mail*: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery*: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued on: March 30, 2017.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0092]

#### Pipeline Safety: Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility User Fee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of agency action.

**SUMMARY:** On November 7, 2016, PHMSA published a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**, titled "Pipeline Safety: Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility User Fee"

(November 2016 Notice), seeking comments from underground natural gas storage facility operators on a proposed PHMSA pipeline user-fee assessment and rate structure. PHMSA received nine comments in the docket. We are publishing this notice of agency action to address the comments received and to announce the rate structure PHMSA will implement in fiscal year (FY) 2017 if Congress appropriates FY 2017 funds for the Pipeline Safety Fund's Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Safety Account.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Roger Little by telephone at 202-366-4569, by fax at 202-366-4566, by email at [Roger.Little@dot.gov](mailto:Roger.Little@dot.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-2, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (COBRA) (Pub. L. 99-272, sec. 7005), codified in part at section 60301 of title 49, United States Code, authorizes the assessment and collection of user fees to fund the pipeline safety activities conducted under chapter 601 of title 49. On June 22, 2016, President Obama signed into law the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-183) (PIPES Act of 2016). Section 12 of the PIPES Act of 2016 mandates that PHMSA issue regulations for underground natural gas storage facilities, authorizes user fees on operators of these facilities, and directs PHMSA to prescribe procedures to collect those fees upon appropriation. Section 2 of the PIPES Act of 2016 authorizes \$8 million per year to be appropriated from those fees for each of FY 2017-2019 for the newly established Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Safety Account in the Pipeline Safety Fund. Accordingly, if Congress appropriates funds to this account for FY 2017 and beyond, PHMSA will collect user fees from the operators of the facilities.

#### Summary of Comments on the November 7, 2016 Notice

The November 2016 Notice advised all underground natural gas storage facility operators of a proposed PHMSA pipeline user fee assessment and rate structure. 81 FR 78261. During the two-month response period, PHMSA received comments on the proposed underground natural gas storage user-fee billing methodology from nine commenters: David Reitz; the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association;

ENSTOR Operating Company; Consumers Energy; Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage Alaska; Atmos Energy Corporation; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; the Texas Pipeline Association; and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA). The comments may be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket Number PHMSA-2016-0092. Consumers Energy, Atmos Energy Corporation, the Texas Pipeline Association, and INGAA submitted comments generally supporting the rate structure proposed by PHMSA in the November 2016 Notice. The remaining comments are summarized below with PHMSA's response:

*Comment:* The Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage Alaska questioned whether working-gas capacity was the most appropriate basis for the rate structure and expressed the view that using the number of wells at a facility may be a more suitable basis for the user-fee structure.

*Response:* PHMSA agrees that the number of wells would be an appropriate basis for the user-fee rate structure. However, the PHMSA information collection results that will include the number of wells will not be available for fiscal year 2017 billing. PHMSA is aware of an underground natural gas storage facility survey recently conducted by the American Gas Association (AGA). The survey results, however, are not publicly available. PHMSA also has no way to assess the accuracy of the AGA survey results and in several cases they appear to be inconsistent with information reported to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). In the absence of available, reliable data for another suitable metric, PHMSA's only viable option for an equitable allocation of fees among facility operators in the first year is working-gas capacity. After PHMSA's annual reporting is in place and PHMSA collects information regarding the number of wells, well count is likely to become the basis of the user-fee rate structure for these facilities in future fiscal years.

*Comment:* David Reitz suggested PHMSA base the tier determination on the working gas an operator has available to serve its customers rather than total working-gas capacity because doing so would facilitate a more precise determination of the appropriate tier in cases where storage fields are jointly owned.

*Response:* PHMSA's source for working-gas capacity data is the EIA. PHMSA currently lacks data to determine to which customers gas in