

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration****Sunshine Act Meeting; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Unified Carrier Registration Plan board of directors meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** The meeting will be held on June 7, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Mountain Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** The meetings will be open to the public at the Drury Plaza Hotel, 828 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501, and via conference call. Those not attending the meeting in person may call 1-877-422-1931, passcode 2855443940, to listen and participate in the meeting.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA 2017-0002-N-18]

**Agency Request for Regular Processing of Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this document provides notice that FRA is submitting an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to

collect information on railroads' implementation of positive train control (PTC) systems on a quarterly form entitled the Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.165). On June 20, 2016, following the required notice and comment period, including a public meeting with industry stakeholders, OMB approved the Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.165) for a period of 12 months, expiring June 30, 2017. After OMB's initial approval, FRA made three minor modifications to Form FRA F 6180.165, as described below. FRA sought public comment on the proposed revisions during a period of 60 days, ending May 15, 2017. FRA requests regular processing and OMB authorization for 3 years to collect the information on revised Form FRA F 6180.165, as identified below, beginning 30 days after publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Railroad Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132). These telephone numbers are not toll-free. Comments or questions about any aspect of this ICR should be directed to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: FRA OMB Desk Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Public Participation**

On March 14, 2017, FRA published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on proposed revisions to its Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.165 or Form). 82 FR 13717. The PRA and its implementing regulations require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public to solicit comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB's approval, reinstatement, or renewal of those activities. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). The comment period closed on May 15, 2017. FRA did not receive any comments in response to its March 14, 2017 notice.

**II. Background on the Quarterly PTC Reporting Requirement**

The Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act of 2015 (PTCEI Act) requires FRA to conduct compliance reviews at least annually to ensure each railroad subject

to the statutory mandate to implement a positive train control (PTC) system is complying with its Revised PTC Implementation Plan (PTCIP). 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2). To enable FRA to meet this statutory mandate, the PTCEI Act requires railroads to provide information to FRA that FRA determines is necessary to adequately conduct such compliance reviews. 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2).

Under its statutory and regulatory investigative authorities, FRA currently requires, and seeks to continue requiring, each railroad subject to the PTC system mandate to submit Quarterly PTC Progress Reports (Form FRA F 6180.165) on its PTC system implementation progress. See 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2); see also 49 U.S.C. 20107; 49 CFR 236.1009(h); 49 CFR 1.89. Specifically, in addition to the Annual PTC Progress Report (Form FRA F 6180.166) due each March 31 under 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(1), railroads must provide Quarterly PTC Progress Reports covering the preceding three-month period and submit the completed Forms to FRA on the dates in the following table until full PTC system implementation is completed:

| Coverage period             | Due dates for quarterly reports |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Q1 January 1–March 31 ..... | April 30.                       |
| Q2 April 1–June 30 .....    | July 31.                        |
| Q3 July 1–September 30 .... | October 31.                     |
| Q4 October 1–December 31    | January 31.                     |

Each railroad must submit its quarterly progress reports on Form FRA F 6180.165 using FRA's Secure Information Repository (SIR) at <https://sir.fra.dot.gov>.

FRA has determined that quarterly reporting is necessary for FRA to effectively monitor industry's implementation of PTC systems and to meet the statutory mandate to conduct compliance reviews *at least* annually to ensure each railroad is complying with its Revised PTCIP. See 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2). The annual reports (which contain five more sections than the quarterly reports) are due by March 31 each year under the PTCEI Act and retrospectively describe railroads' PTC system implementation progress for the entire preceding calendar year. The quarterly reports, on the other hand, show FRA individual railroad's PTC system implementation progress in as close to real time as possible for the current calendar year, enabling FRA to identify railroads not on track to meet the core implementation milestones they set in their Revised PTCIPs. FRA specifically chose quarterly reports in