

will be asked of all drivers, but answers from males and females will be analyzed separately.

A maximum of 440 males and 440 females will be included in the information collection. The information will be collected through a combination of an online survey and in-person interviews. Approximately 160 in person interviews will be completed, 80 females and 80 minority males. The balance will take the survey electronically. Some individuals may be eligible to participate in the survey but will not have had any recent experience of harassment or assault. These individuals will be included in the final results for calculation of prevalence. The total number of respondents targeted for those who experienced some sort of harassment or assault will be 400 in each group. If 400 targeted individuals are reached before the overall cap of 440 respondents, data collection will be stopped for that group. Individuals who are screened but are not female or minority male, or with other criteria such as not being active drivers, will not be included in the interview counts, though a tabulation of the number of such contacts and reason for their disqualification will be reported to better understand resource needs and burden in future data collection efforts of this type. A \$25 incentive will be given to eligible respondents to the in-person interview or the online survey. For respondents to be eligible and to receive the incentive, they must report that they are a female or a minority male who has driven a truck professionally in the past 2 years and complete the survey—at least through the initial questions of what events, if any, they have experienced.

Battelle statisticians experienced in surveys and in analyzing data for FMCSA will execute the data analysis plan. Findings will be presented in a report that will be made available on the Agency's website so that interested stakeholders and the general public will be aware of the findings. Battelle is required to deliver a public-use dataset at the conclusion of the project. By understanding the nature and prevalence of crimes against truckers, FMCSA will be able to formulate and promote programs to address the problem. The report may be useful to law enforcement personnel, motor carriers, truck drivers, operators of private truck stops, and others interested in addressing the situation.

If study findings indicate a significant problem that merits action, FMCSA may consider developing training or outreach materials to help truckers protect themselves from crime or

harassment. Such training or outreach materials could help foster motor carriers' employee retention efforts and help make the truck driving profession more attractive to a greater range of people.

Public comments on this were requested in the **Federal Register** in a July 23, 2019 notice (Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0278). Three comments were received and are summarized below.

Ellen Voie, President, Women In Trucking (WIT) Association, appreciates the initiative to better understand the challenges female and minority drivers face. WIT conducted research on best practices in hiring and retaining female professional drivers. The respondents indicated their level of safety at 4.4 on a scale of one to ten. She states that this is unacceptable and that once the survey has been completed and we can better understand the extent of crimes against female (and minority) drivers, we can better address how to eliminate any harassment and assaults directed against them. Overall, this information will assist WIT in their efforts to attract and retain more women in trucking.

Desiree Wood, President, Real Women in Trucking, Inc. (RWIT), has been receiving distress calls related to sexual misconduct related to entry-level driver training fleets for over 10 years. RWIT is a truck driver organization formed by working female truck drivers, many of whom have had firsthand experience with sexual misconduct at a trucking company, including Ms. Wood. This led to her forming RWIT, which aims to assist women who have been raped, assaulted, harassed, and abandoned by their employing carrier by referring them to law firms and the EEOC. Ms. Wood recommends that FMCSA take immediate action to address these issues instead of conducting the survey.

Bunny Sterling, East Calais, Vermont, described several types of harassment against women working in the trucking industry, but did not claim specifically that they happened to her. They included lude comments and gestures, unwanted physical advances and phone calls, and threats of losing employment if retaliation occurred.

FMCSA appreciates the comments and support for examining this issue and plans to proceed with the data call to assess in more detail the extent of this problem. This could lead to the agency reaching out to driver training schools to encourage that they address these issues in their courses.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is

necessary for the FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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**Kenneth Riddle,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0018]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on January 30, 2020, Nevada Northern Railway (NN) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 230, Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0018.

Specifically, NN requests relief from 49 CFR 230.17, *One thousand four hundred seventy-two (1,472) service day inspection*, which requires that locomotives be inspected after 1,472 service days or 15 years, whichever occurs first. NN states that Locomotive 40 will be due for its 1,472 service day inspection (SDI) on May 20, 2020, although it has only accrued 795 service days since its last 1,472 SDI. The railroad would like to operate the locomotive through October 20, 2020, which would consist of less than 60 service days. During this period, NN states that it will perform all regularly required maintenance and inspection as otherwise required.

NN is a historical railroad that offers passenger train rides. It is supported by the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation. NN is concerned that if Locomotive 40 must be taken out of service, NN will be left with only one operating steam locomotive for its 2020 season. If that steam engine also cannot run, it will be impossible for NN to operate its schedule of steam-powered excursion trips, which would cause an excessive financial strain on the organization, as locomotive rides are

essential to revenue and ridership. Approval of this waiver request would allow NN to finish restoration of another steam locomotive that could take Locomotive 40's place in late 2020, when Locomotive 40 would receive its 1,472 SDI.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by April 13, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at

<https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0045]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel EIPHANY (Sailing Catamaran); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 30, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0045 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0045 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2020-0045, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and

specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel EIPHANY is:

—*INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL:* "Private Vessel Charters, Passengers Only, for day charters and overnight charters."

—*GEOGRAPHIC REGION INCLUDING BASE OF OPERATIONS:* "Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York (excluding New York Harbor), New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas" (Base of Operations: St. Michaels, MD)

—*VESSEL LENGTH AND TYPE:* 43' sailing catamaran

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0045 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Public Participation

##### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise