

a.m. The meeting will be held at the Maritim Hotel, Ulm, Germany. The hotel can be reached at 49-731-9230 (phone) or 49-731-923-1000 (fax). The host is Abdul Tahir, DASA, at 49-731-392-3106 (phone) or 49-731-392-3030 (fax).

The agenda will include the following: September 22: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., All Working Groups Meet Separately; September 23: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., All Working Groups Meet Separately. September 24: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Plenary: Review of DO-200A. September 25: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Plenary: Review of DO-201A; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Closing Plenary Session: (1) Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; (2) Chairman's Remarks; (3) Working Group Status Reports; (4) Date and Place of Next Meeting; (5) New Business; (6) Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB No. MC-F-20908]

Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.—Pooling—Greyhound Lines, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed pooling application.

SUMMARY: Applicants, Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc., of Springfield, MA, and Greyhound Lines, Inc., of Dallas, TX, jointly seek approval under 49 U.S.C. 14302 of an operations and revenue pooling agreement to govern their motor passenger and express transportation service between New York, NY, and Washington, DC.

DATES: Comments are due by October 2, 1997, and, if comments are filed,

applicants' rebuttal is due by October 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB No. MC-F-20908 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Also, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: Jeremy Kahn, Suite 810, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036; and Fritz R. Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. (TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicants are competitors on certain intercity routes between Albany, NY, and Boston, MA, between Boston and New York City, and between New York City and Washington. They seek to pool portions of their passenger and express services over routes which they both operate, and to share the revenues derived from their operations over these routes, between New York City and Washington, generally via the New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate Highway 95.¹ Applicants state that their services between these points overlap and that excess schedules are operated because of the need to protect their prospective market shares. According to applicants, this has resulted in unacceptably low load factors, an over-served market, and inefficient operations.

Applicants submit that the pooling agreement will allow them to reduce excess bus capacity, cement their business relationship, and allow them to share in the financial vicissitudes of the pooled-route operations. They claim public benefits that will include: (1) Rationalization of schedules, eliminating some duplicative departures "on the hour" while adding some departures on the half-hour during the busiest times of the day, resulting in more frequent bus service over a broader time period; (2) more coordinated use of terminals and ticketing agents, resulting

¹ Applicants have already received authority to pool their operations and revenues for their motor passenger and express transportation service between Philadelphia, PA, and New York City in *Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.—Pooling—Greyhound Lines, Inc.*, No. MC-F-20904 (STB served June 30, 1997). According to applicants, this application is a logical extension of the New York-Philadelphia pooling, within the same general territory, and a third revenue pooling application to cover the remaining routes operated by the applicants between New York and Boston is expected to be filed shortly. Applicants state that they consider the agreements to be interrelated and intend to implement them simultaneously after approval by the Board.

in greater flexibility for passengers to use buses, tickets, and terminals; (3) capital improvements; and (4) continued bus service by more sound and financially stable carriers. In addition, they assert that approval of the pooling agreement will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. In fact, they claim that the reduction in the number of schedules each carrier operates will result in a salutary effect on the environment.

Applicants state that competition will not be unreasonably restrained. They argue that: (1) The pooled service is subject to substantial intermodal competitive pressure from Amtrak, airlines, and private automobiles; and (2) other motor passenger carriers may easily enter and compete in the market.

Copies of the application may be obtained free of charge by contacting applicants' representatives. A copy of this notice will be served on the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Decided: August 25, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket BTS-97-2859, Notice 97-7]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

OMB CONTROL NUMBERS: 2139-0002, 2139-0004, and 2139-0005

SUMMARY: This notice announces that three data collections are coming up for renewal: Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Property, Form QFR; Annual Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Property, Form M-1; and Annual Report of Class II Motor Carriers of Property, Form M-2. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Public Law 104-13), the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) invites the general public, industry, and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing need and usefulness of BTS collecting financial data from Class I and Class II

motor carriers of property. The renewal is occurring while BTS is beginning formal rulemaking for the program under which data are collected. The rulemaking proposes to examine the same issues as the paperwork renewal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by November 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. BTS-97-2859, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Comments should identify the regulatory docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on Docket BTS-97-2859. The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard and mail it back to the commenter. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Rules Docket both before and after the closing date for comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Mednick, K-2, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-8871; Fax: (202) 366-3640; e-mail: david.mednick@bts.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The Data Collection

(1) *Title:* Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Property. OMB Control No. 2139-0002.

Form No.: BTS Form QFR.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Class I Motor Carriers of Property.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 7,200 hours.

(2) *Title:* Annual Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Property. OMB Control No. 2139-0004.

Form No.: BTS Form M-1.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Class I Motor Carriers of Property.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 25 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 22,500 hours.

(3) *Title:* Annual Report of Class II Motor Carriers of Property. OMB Control No. 2139-0005.

Form No.: BTS Form M-2.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Class II Motor Carriers of Property.

Number of Respondents: 1,900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 19,000 hours.

Needs and Uses: These data collection forms were transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the Department of Transportation (DOT) on January 1, 1996, by the ICC Termination Act of 1995 (the Act), Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995) (codified at 49 U.S.C. 14123). The OMB Control numbers while under the ICC were 3120-0002, 3120-0032, and 3120-0138. Since Congress preserved the data collection provisions, albeit with some differences, the regulations remain in effect until "modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked" by BTS. Section 204 of the Act. That is, the program remains current and DOT will continue collecting motor carrier financial data as was done when the ICC administered the program.

The program will also continue under current regulations during rulemaking. On December 9, 1996, BTS proposed establishing a negotiated rulemaking committee to help revise the program. A public issues forum, held on March 31, 1997, provided additional information as to the best way to proceed with rulemaking. BTS is currently considering how to proceed with rulemaking, including whether to use negotiated rulemaking.

Revision of the reporting requirements is necessary because the Act changed the laws governing data collection slightly. Similar to the old legislation, the Act requires DOT to collect certain data from motor carriers of property and motor carriers of passengers.

The Secretary shall require Class I and Class II motor carriers to file with the Secretary annual financial and safety reports, the form and substance of which shall be prescribed by the Secretary; except that, at a minimum, such reports shall include balance sheets and income statements.

However, the earlier statute did not explicitly charge ICC to collect information relevant to safety. The Act also allows DOT to collect certain other data as needed.

The Secretary may require motor carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, lessors, and associations, or classes of them as the Secretary may prescribe, to file quarterly, periodic, or special reports with the Secretary and to respond to surveys concerning their operations.

In designing the reporting program, DOT must consider, pursuant to the Act: (1) Safety needs; (2) the need to preserve confidential business information and trade secrets and prevent competitive harm; (3) private sector, academic, and public use of information in the reports; and (4) the public interest. Congress has also explicitly called on DOT to "streamline and simplify" reporting requirements to the maximum extent practicable. BTS notes that the data needs of the public and private sectors have changed, and the technology to collect, process, and disseminate data is much improved. Further, as part of the Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, the President asked that agencies reduce by half the frequency of reports that the public is required to provide. Likewise, the Paperwork Reduction Act sets a Government wide goal for the reduction of information collection burdens of 25 percent by the end of fiscal year 1998. 35 U.S.C. 3505.

As it redesigns the data collection program under the Act, BTS will seek to determine the government and private needs for motor carrier financial and operating data and how to balance these needs against the burden on respondents. This rulemaking will form the basis for addressing these questions, as well as others that may be identified as this process continues. When complete, the Bureau hopes to resolve: (1) Which motor carriers should report; (2) what data items should be collected; (3) how often data should be collected; and (4) whether BTS should release carrier-specific data in addition to aggregate data and, if so, what entities should have access.

It is against this background of rulemaking that BTS is renewing the QFR, M-1, and M-2 report forms. While the rulemaking process will likely take longer to complete than renewal of the report forms, it covers the same areas and is a more rigorous review. The rulemaking will serve to inform BTS about the needs and uses of the data on the one hand, and about potential gains in reducing reporting burdens on the other. The information collection will be changed accordingly.

II. Request for Comments

BTS requests comments concerning the information collection, including whether (a) the reports are needed by BTS to fulfill its legal mandate under 14 U.S.C. § 14123 to collect financial data from motor carriers; (b) BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden; (c) there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility, or clarity of the information collected; and (d) there are ways to minimize reporting burden, including

the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Robert A. Knisely,

Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

August 12, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0940.

Regulation Project Number: LR-185-84 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Election of \$10 Million Limitation on Exempt Small Issues of Industrial Development Bonds; Supplemental Capital Expenditure Statements.

Description: The regulations liberalize the procedure by which the state or local government issuer of an exempt small issue of tax-exempt bonds elects the \$10 million limitation upon the size of such issue and delete the requirement to file certain supplemental capital expenditure statements.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 10,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 1,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0945.

Regulation Project Number: FI-255-82 (NPRM and Temporary).

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Registration Requirements with Respect to Debt Obligations.

Description: The rule requires an issuer of a registration-required obligation and any person holding the obligation as a nominee or custodian on behalf of another to maintain ownership

records in a manner which will permit examination by the IRS in connection with enforcement of the Internal Revenue laws.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 50,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 50,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1069.

Regulation Project Number: EE-175-86 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Certain Cash or Deferred Arrangements and Employee and Matching Contributions Under Employee Plans.

Description: The IRS needs this information to insure compliance with sections 401(k), 401(m), and 4979 of the Internal Revenue Code. Certain additional taxes may be imposed if sections 401(k) and 401(m) are not complied with.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 355,500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 1,060,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1538.

Notice Number: Notice 97-34.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Information Reporting on Transactions with Foreign Trusts and on Large Foreign Gifts.

Description: Notice 97-34 provides guidance on new foreign trust and foreign gift information reporting provisions contained in the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 10,500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 1 hour, 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 11,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New

Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dale A. Morgan,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

August 21, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: New.

Form Number: IRS Form 8839.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Qualified Adoption Expenses.

Description: Section 23 of the Internal Revenue Code allows taxpayers to claim a nonrefundable tax credit for qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer. Code section 137 allows taxpayers to exclude amounts paid or expenses incurred by an employer for the qualified adoption expenses of the employee which are paid under an adoption assistance program. Form 8839 is used to figure the credit and/or exclusion.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: Recordkeeping—40 min.

Learning about the law or the form—16 min.

Preparing the form—1 hr., 24 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 9 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 144,500 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0098.

Form Number: IRS Form 1045.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Tentative Refund.

Description: Form 1045 is used by individuals, estates, and trusts to apply