

Dated: October 31, 2008.

**Sharon Ludan,**

*Executive Director, Office of Medical Services,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6347]

### Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Renewal

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the Overseas Security Advisory Council. This advisory council will continue to interact on overseas security matters of mutual interest between the U.S. Government and the American private sector. The Council's initiatives and security publications provide a unique contribution to protecting American private sector interests abroad. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the Council is necessary and in the public interest.

The Council consists of representatives from four (4) U.S. Government agencies and thirty (30) American private sector companies and organizations. The Council will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with Section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (4), that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be provided in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

For more information contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2008, phone: 571-345-2214.

Dated: October 28, 2008.

**Gregory B. Starr,**

*Director of the Diplomatic Security Service,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[OMB Control #: 2105-0538; Docket Number: OST-95-177]

### Agency Information Collection; Request for Comments; Clearance and Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection; Disclosure of Change-of-Gauge Services

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for renewal and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 9, 2008 [FR Vol. 73, pages 51547-51548]. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice should be received on or before [December 15, 2008 and submitted to the attention of the DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 with the associated OMB Approval Number 2105-0538 and Dockets OST-95-177.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aleta Best, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, 20590, (202) 493-0797.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Disclosure of Change-of-Gauge Services.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0538.

*Expiration Date:* December 31, 2008.

*Type of Review:* Renewal and Approval of a previously approved collection.

*Respondents:* All U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, computer reservations systems (CRSs), and travel agents doing business in the United States, and the traveling public.

*Number of Respondents:* 16,000, excluding air travelers

*Number of Responses:* 18,200,000

*Total Annual Burden:* 227,288 hours

*Abstract:* Change-of-gauge service is scheduled passenger air transportation for which the operating carrier uses one single flight number even though passengers do not travel in the same aircraft from origin to destination but must change planes at an intermediate stop. In addition to one-flight-to-one-flight change-of-gauge services, change-of-gauge services can also involve aircraft changes between multiple flights on one side of the change point and one single flight on the other side. As with one-for-one change-of-gauge services, the carrier assigns a single flight number for the passenger's entire itinerary even though the passenger changes planes, but in addition, the single flight to or from the exchange point itself has multiple numbers, one for each segment with which it connects and one for the local market in which it operates.

The Department recognizes various public benefits that can flow from change-of-gauge services, such as a lowered likelihood of missed connections. However, although change-of-gauge flights can offer valuable consumer benefits, they can be confusing and misleading unless consumers are given reasonable and timely notice that they will be required to change planes during their journey.

Section 41712 of Title 49 of the U.S. code authorizes the Department to decide if a U.S. air carrier or foreign air carrier or ticket agent (including travel agents) has engaged in unfair or deceptive practices. Under this authority, the Department has adopted various regulations and policies to prevent unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition. The Department requires as a matter of policy that customers be given notice of aircraft changes for change-of-gauge flights. (See Department Order 89-1-31, page 5.) The Department proposed to adopt the extant regulations, however, because it was not convinced that these rules and policies resulted in effective disclosure all of the time.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, by the use of electronic means, including the use of automated collection techniques

or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Todd M. Homan,**

*Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2008-46]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before December 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2008-0906 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 electronically.
- *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.

- *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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tyneka Thomas (202) 267-7626 or Ralen Gao (202) 267-3168, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 7, 2008.

**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**  
*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2008-0906.  
*Petitioner:* MN Airlines, LLC. d.b.a Sun Country Airlines.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 121.619

*Description of Relief Sought:* MN Airlines, LLC. d.b.a Sun Country Airlines (Sun Country) seeks relief from § 121.619 to allow Sun Country to conduct domestic operations using a reduced weather requirement for the application of an alternate airport of landing from the present requirement of at least 2,000 feet ceiling and at least 3 miles visibility to at least 1,000 foot ceiling and at least 3 miles visibility.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No: FTA-2008-0035]

#### National Transit Database: Natural Disaster Adjustments for Urbanized Area Apportionments

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final Natural Adjustment Policy for Urbanized Area Apportionments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA)

National Transit Database (NTD) policy on natural disaster adjustments for data used in urbanized area apportionments. On August 14, 2008, FTA proposed a new policy allowing transit systems suffering a marked decrease in transit service data due to a natural disaster to use their transit service data from a prior year in the urbanized area apportionments. FTA received three comments on this policy change and is now formally adopting the new policy.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 13, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For program issues, John D. Giorgis, Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366-5430 (telephone); (202) 366-7989 (fax); or [john.giorgis@dot.gov](mailto:john.giorgis@dot.gov) (e-mail). For legal issues, Richard Wong, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0675 (telephone); (202) 366-3809 (fax); or [richard.wong@dot.gov](mailto:richard.wong@dot.gov) (e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

The National Transit Database (NTD) was established by Congress "to help meet the needs of \* \* \* the public for information on which to base public transportation service planning \* \* \*" (49 U.S.C. 5335). To support this goal, recipients or beneficiaries of Urbanized Area Formula Grants (Section 5307) or Other Than Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) Grants are required to report to the NTD. Some other providers of transit service in urbanized areas report voluntarily to the NTD for purposes of benefitting their local urbanized area in the urbanized area apportionments. Currently, over 650 transit agencies in urbanized areas report to the NTD through an Internet-based reporting system. Each year, performance data from these submissions are used to apportion over \$6 billion of FTA funds under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants and Fixed-Guideway Modernization Grants Programs. These data are also used in the annual National Transit Summaries and Trends report, the biennial Conditions and Performance Report to Congress, and in meeting FTA's obligations under the Government Performance and Results Act.

FTA currently allows a transit provider that is severely impacted by a natural disaster to request a waiver from reporting to the NTD for the current year. This policy is based on the NTD Rule (49 CFR Part 630.10), which provides for a waiver from the mandatory NTD reporting requirements if reporting to the NTD would cause "unreasonable expense or inconvenience." When FTA grants such