

Action Alternatives and the No Action Alternative and identifies appropriate mitigation measure to minimize the potential environmental impacts. The Final EIS also includes amendments to the Draft EIS and Supplemental Draft EIS to both reflect updated information since publication of the previous documents and to address certain comments received during the respective public and agency comment periods (40 CFR 1502.9(b)).

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.10, the Final EIS will be circulated for a 30-day period commencing on the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability is published in the **Federal Register**. The Lead and Cooperating Agencies will each issue a Record of Decision on the proposed action, pursuant to 40 CFR 1505.2 and 1506.10. Each Record of Decision will explain each agency's decision on the proposed action and explain factors considered in reaching the decision and will describe appropriate mitigation measures to minimize potential environmental impacts.

Prior to issuing a Record of Decision on the proposed project, FRA and the Cooperating Agencies will consider written comments on this Final EIS provided such comments are received by May 2, 2011. Written comments on this Final EIS should be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration by mail addressed to: Attn: DesertXpress, Ms. Wendy Messenger, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., MS-20, Washington, DC 20590.

Copies of the Final EIS are available online at FRA's Web site: <http://www.fra.dot.gov>; they are also available for viewing at the following locations near the planned rail system:

- Victorville City Library, 15011 Circle Drive, Victorville, CA 92395
- Barstow Library, 304 East Buena Vista, Barstow, CA 92311
- Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 80101
- Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

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Karen J. Rae,
Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD 2011-0032]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel SARAH BESS.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2011-0032 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 (68 FR 23084, April 30, 2003), 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 docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 2, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2011-0032. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version

of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979, E-mail Joann.Spittle@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SARAH BESS is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:

"Charter boat to take passengers on multi-day excursions."

Geographic Region: "New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida."

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: March 22, 2011.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Christine Gurland,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD 2011 0034]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel DUTCHESS.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is