

controversial" rule filing under Rule 19b-4(e)(6). This redesignation constituted a substantive change in the proposal, thus rendering the rule change effective upon filing of Amendment No. 1 and providing that it become operative 30 days after the date of the filing or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act.

Because the foregoing proposed rule change (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; (3) does not become operative for 30 days from February 9, 1998, the date on which Amendment No. 1 was filed; and the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date,¹⁰ the rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(e)(6) thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference

¹⁰ The Commission considers the original January 23, 1998 rule filing to be sufficient written notice of PCX's intent to file the proposed rule change that was submitted in the form of Amendment No. 1 on February 9, 1998. The date of the January 23, 1998 rule filing also satisfies the requirement of a minimum pre-filing time period of five business days.

Room, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-98-01 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from date of publication].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of a currently approved collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 17, 1997 [62 FR 66175].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Weaver, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration

Title: Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0505.

Affected Public: Tanker companies that operate in international trade and who have agreed to participate in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

Abstract: The collection consists of a request from MARAD that each participant in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered, or contracted

for by the participant, and their size and flags of registry. There is not prescribed format for this information.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to evaluate tanker capability and make plans for the use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements. This information will be used by both MARAD and Department of Defense to establish overall contingency plans.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 20 hours.

ADDRESS: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA; Government Industry Meeting to Review RTCA Recommendations on Free Flight Phase I

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given that the FAA will host a Government/Industry meeting to be held March 2, 1998, starting at 2:00 p.m., to review the RTCA recommendations regarding Free Flight Phase I and attendant risk mitigation plans for creating the Century II aviation system. The meeting will be held at The MITRE Corporation, Wilson Building, 7600 Old Springhouse Road, McLean, VA, in Room 1B02.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome/Opening Remarks by RTCA and the FAA; (2) Presentation of the recommendations by the Co-chairs of

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).