• *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.

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*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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Hawks, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–7143; email: *rob.hawks@faa.gov.* This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

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**Lirio Liu,**

*Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA–2002–13734.

*Petitioner:* Republic Airline, Inc.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 93.123.

*Description of Relief Sought:* Republic Airline Inc. (Republic) requests an exemption from the slot limit for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) set forth in § 93.123(a). This exemption would permit Republic to continue to operate one slot, which it currently uses for nonstop service between DCA and Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport.

On June 14, 2010, the FAA renewed Republic's exemption until September 30, 2012. That grant of exemption stated the FAA would publish any future extension petitions to permit the public to comment on the continued public interest served by this exemption. Specifically, the FAA requests comments focus on three issues: (1) Whether the FAA should extend the exemption to Republic for a period of at least 2 years; (2) whether the FAA should permit the exemption to retire according to its terms; and (3) whether the FAA should permit the exemption to retire and grant a similar exemption to another carrier following a lottery among interested new entrant or limited incumbent carriers as defined in 14 CFR 93.123. The FAA will review all comments received and may publish an additional notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**[Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0135]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of a Currently-Approved Information Collection: Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA seeks approval to extend an ICR entitled, ''Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority,'' that is used by for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, property brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to register their operations with the FMCSA. The agency invites public comment on the ICR. On March 14, 2012, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Please send your comments by June 25, 2012. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2012–0135. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov,* or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Denise Ryan, Transportation Specialist, Office of Information Technology, Information Technology Operations Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 6th Floor, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, Telephone Number (202) 493–0242; Email Address *denise.ryan@dot.gov.* Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126–0016.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently-approved information collection.

*Respondents:* Motor carriers, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 37,239.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours to complete Form OP–1 (MX); and 2 hours to complete Forms OP–1, OP–1(FF), OP–1(P).

*Expiration Date:* September 30, 2012.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (as needed).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 74,556 hours [71,400 hours for Form OP–1 + 2,000 hours for Form OP–1(P) + 1,000 hours for Form OP–1(FF) + 140 hours for Form OP–1(MX) + 16 hours for OP–1(NNA) = 74,556].

*Background:* The FMCSA is authorized to register for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902; freight forwarders under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13903; property brokers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13904; and certain Mexican motor carriers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902

and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) motor carrier access provisions. The forms used to apply for registration authority with the FMCSA are: Form OP–1 for motor property carriers and brokers; Form OP–1(P) for motor passenger carriers; Form OP–1(FF) for freight forwarders; and Form OP–1(MX) for certain Mexican motor carriers. These forms request information on the applicant's identity, location, familiarity with safety requirements, and type of proposed operations. There are some differences on the forms due to specific statutory standards for registration of the different types of transportation entities.

*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 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.

Issued on: May 11, 2012.

**Kelly Leone,**

*Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**[Docket No. FMCSA 2012–0074]**

### Improvements to the Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) Motor Carrier Safety Measurement System (SMS)

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On March 27, 2012, FMCSA announced planned improvements to the Carrier Safety Measurement System (SMS). A preview of these improvements and their potential effects on a motor carrier's status has been available to motor carriers and law enforcement since publication of the notice. The system changes were scheduled to be implemented for use in prioritizing FMCSA and State intervention resources and made available to the public on the SMS public Web site in July 2012. However, based on feedback received by the Agency, FMCSA extends the comment period for motor carriers and law enforcement to July 30, 2012.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA–2012–0074 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room 12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. See the ''Public Participation'' heading below for instructions on submitting comments and additional information.

Note that all comments received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Please see the ''Privacy Act'' heading below.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT Headquarters Building at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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*Public Participation:* The *http://www.regulations.gov* Web site is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can get electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the ''help'' section of the *http://www.regulations.gov* Web site. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket, and will be considered to the extent practicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bryan Price, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Telephone 412–395–4816, E-Mail: *bryan.price@dot.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 27, 2012, (77 FR 18298), FMCSA published a notice announcing changes to the Agency's Safety Measurement System and a preview period for law enforcement and motor carriers to assess the impact of the changes. We provided a 60-day period for initial comments from motor carriers and law enforcement that would have expired on May 29, 2012. However, based on feedback received by the Agency, this comment period is being extended 60 days to July 30, 2012. Once the preview is complete an additional opportunity will be provided for public review and comment.

The improvements proposed include: (1) Changes to the SMS methodology that find higher risk carriers while addressing industry biases; (2) Better applications of SMS results for Agency interventions by more effectively identifying safety sensitive carriers (i.e., passenger carriers transporting people and carriers hauling hazardous materials (HM)), so that such firms can be selected for CSA interventions at more stringent levels; and, (3) More specific fact-based displays of SMS results on the SMS Web site.

This extension will provide motor carriers with additional time to preview how the improvements impact their individual safety data in SMS. Motor carriers will have additional time to take action related to their data in the SMS, and additional time to provide comments to the Agency. The data preview may be found at *http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/.* During the extended preview period, FMCSA will be conducting additional outreach to further explain the proposed changes to SMS and to encourage additional motor carriers to view the preview site and to provide comments. As part of these outreach efforts, FMCSA plans to offer a series of webinars related to the proposed SMS improvements and the data preview site. Details regarding the date and time of these webinars, and how to register, will be posted to the above Web site.

During the data preview period, the Agency requests comments on the impacts of the changes.

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**William Quade,**

*Associate Administrator for Enforcement.*

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