DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8328]

Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Vantage Pipeline US LP Ethane Pipeline Project

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Department of State’s Finding of No Significant Impact on the proposed Vantage Pipeline US LP Ethane Pipeline Project. Under E.O. 13337, the Secretary of State is authorized to issue Presidential Permits for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the exportation or importation of liquid petroleum, petroleum products, or other non-gaseous fuels to or from a foreign country. Vantage Pipeline US LP (Vantage) has applied to the Department of State (the Department) for a Presidential Permit authorizing it to develop and maintain a new pipeline facility at the U.S.-Canada international boundary, a Cross Border Facility, near Fortuna, Divide County, North Dakota.

Vantage proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a high vapor pressure pipeline that would carry ethane from a source near Tioga, North Dakota, United States, northwest through Saskatchewan, Canada, to a site near Empress, Alberta, Canada. The pipeline would link a growing supply of ethane from North Dakota to markets in Alberta, Canada. The entire proposed Vantage Pipeline in the United States would consist of the installation of approximately 79.8 miles of new 10-inch-diameter pipeline in Williams and Divide Counties, North Dakota; the installation of associated aboveground mainline block valves; and the use of access roads and pipe storage and contractor yards.

Consistent with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the Department’s implementing regulations (22 CFR part 161, and in particular 22 CFR 161.7(c)), the Department of State has found that issuance of a Presidential Permit authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the Cross Border Facility would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. The Finding of No Significant Impact was signed by the Department on May 13, 2013.

This Finding of No Significant Impact is not a decision on the Presidential Permit application. In accordance with E.O. 13337, the Department will now proceed to make a determination as to whether issuance of a Presidential Permit for the border facilities of Vantage’s proposed Ethane Pipeline Project would serve the national interest.

The Finding of No Significant Impact is available from the Department on the Vantage Pipeline Project Web site. The following link leads to the posted Vantage Finding of No Significant Impact: http://www.vantagepipeline.state.gov/dosdocuments.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Genevieve Walker, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington DC 20520, Tel: 202–647–9798; EMAIL: walkery@state.gov.

Persons with access to the Internet may view this notice by going to the regulations.gov Web site and searching for docket number DOS–2013–0010.

George N. Sibley,
Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8325]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, in Room 6103, of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–7126. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the ninety-first Session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Marine Safety Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, London, England, United Kingdom, June 12–21, 2012.

The matters to be considered include:
Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
Decisions of other IMO bodies
Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
Measures to enhance maritime security
Goal-based new ship construction standards
LRIT-related matters
Passenger ship safety
Making the Polar Code mandatory
Radiocommunications and search and rescue (report of the sixteenth session of the Sub-Committee)
Flag State implementation (report of the twentieth session of the Sub-Committee)
Training and Watchkeeping (report of the forty-third session of the Sub-Committee)
Safety of navigation (report of the fifty-eighth session of the Sub-Committee)
Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers (urgent matters emanating from the seventeenth session of the Sub-Committee)
Technical co-operation activities relating to maritime safety and security
Capacity-building for the implementation of new measures
Formal safety assessment
Piracy and armed robbery against ships
Implementation of instruments and related matters
Work programme
Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2013
Any other business
Consideration of the report of the Committee on its ninety-first session

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Matthew Frazee, by email at imo@uscg.mil; by phone at (202) 372–1376; or in writing at Commandant (CG–5PS), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126. Requests should be made no later than November 9, 2012.

Any other business

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Any other business
might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government-issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available), however, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.


Brian Robinson,
Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Grand Forks County, North Dakota and Polk County, Minnesota

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Grand Forks County, North Dakota and Polk County, Minnesota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Schrader, Environment and Right-of-Way Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, North Dakota Division Office, 1471 Interstate Loop, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, Telephone: (701) 221–9464, Sheri G. Lares, Environmental Section Leader, North Dakota Department of Transportation, 608 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505–0700, Telephone: (701) 328–2188.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Dakota and Minnesota Departments of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to rehabilitate or replace the historic Sorlie Bridge over the Red River between Grand Forks, North Dakota and East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Preliminary alternatives currently under consideration include (1) Taking no action to rehabilitate or replace the historic bridge; (2) rehabilitating the bridge on the existing alignment; (3) removal of the bridge and constructing a new bridge on the existing alignment; (4) rehabilitating the bridge and constructing a new bridge on new alignment; and (5) removal of the bridge and constructing a new bridge on new alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who previously have expressed, or are known to have, an interest in this project. Two public scoping meetings will be held during the 60-day scoping period. There will be one held in Grand Forks on June 12, 2013 at the City Hall from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., and the other in East Grand Forks on June 13, 2013 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Locations of the public scoping meetings for the proposed project will be advertised in local newspapers and other media and will be hosted by the North Dakota and Minnesota Departments of Transportation.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: May 13, 2013.

Wendall L. Meyer,
Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, North Dakota Division Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2013–0002–N–11]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking approval of the following proposed information collection activities. Before submitting this proposed information collection request (ICR) for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than July 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS–21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, “Comments on OMB control number 2130–New” and should also include the title of the collection of information. Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493–6216 or (202) 493–6497, or via email to Mr. Brogan at Robert.Brogan@dot.gov, or to Ms. Toone at Kim.Toone@dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS–21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6292) or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)