

hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket, including UP's detailed waiver request, are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 19, 2001.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD–2001–10668]

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 LADY J.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105–383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105–383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2001–10668. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590–0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR–832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105–383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR § 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested.

Name of vessel: LADY J. *Owner:* John E. Wilkins, Jr. and Connie J. Wilkins.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* Size: 37 feet; *Capacity:* 8 passengers; *Tonnage:* 8 tons.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:* "The vessel will be used for Chapter 4's Disabled American Veteran outreach and R & R program. * * * This program is operated in Southeast Alaska because there is no road system. There is no other vessel that operates in this area that helps the Disabled Veterans."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* 1984. *Place of construction:* Taiwan. "Rebuilding took place at: Juneau Marine and De Harts Marine, Juneau, AK".

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant:* "The Disabled Veterans

Outreach program is a non-profit operation that gives veterans and their family's information on veteran affairs program offered by the government and recreational opportunities that they otherwise could not afford. We are the only vessel in this area that makes this possible. There will be no impact on commercial vessels in this area."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. *According to the applicant:* "I can see no impact on U.S. shipyards because of our outreach program because we are not involved with any shipyards."

Dated: September 20, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2001–4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2001 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2001 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.078. The fourth quarter 2001 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.581. The fourth quarter 2001 RCAF–5 is 0.556.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565–1533. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DA.2.DA LEGAL, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001, telephone (202) 293–7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1–800–877–8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities