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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0017]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Title XI

Obligation Guarantees

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on October 22, 2019.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after the date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Gilmore, (202) 366-366-2118, Office of Marine Financing, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Title XI Obligations Guarantees – 46 CFR Part 298

OMB Control Number: 2133-0018

Type of Request: Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

Background: In accordance with 46 U.S.C. Chapter 537, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is authorized to execute a full faith and credit guarantee by the United States of debt obligations issued to finance or refinance the construction or reconstruction of vessels. In addition, the program allows for financing shipyard modernization and improvement projects.

Respondents: Individuals/businesses interested in obtaining loan guarantees for construction or reconstruction of vessels as well as businesses interested in shipyard modernization and improvements.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 10

Frequency of Collection: Annually

Estimated time per Respondent: 150 hours

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1500

Public Comments Invited: 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.

(AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and

49 CFR 1.93)

Dated: January 31, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary,

Maritime Administration.

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