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[Public Notice 4172]

Office of Foreign Missions; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS–98, Application for Diplomatic Exemption from Taxes on Utilities; Form DS–99, Application for Diplomatic Exemption from Taxes on Gasoline; OMB Control Number 1405–0069

AGENCY: Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Reinstatement without change of expired information collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, Vehicle, Tax and Customs Unit, DS/OFM/VTC/TC.

Title of Information Collection: Application for Diplomatic Exemption from Taxes on Utilities, (Form DS–98); Application for Diplomatic Exemption from Taxes on Gasoline, (Form DS–99).

Frequency: Typically, several applications are submitted by the entitled individual at the beginning of their tour of duty, and then none afterwards.


Respondents: Foreign diplomatic or consular missions and their personnel; certain foreign government organizations, designated international organizations and certain of their personnel; and foreign military personnel assigned to the staff of a foreign mission in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Form DS–98, approximately 1250 individual; 25 organizational respondents; Form DS–99, approximately 1660 individual respondents, 30 organizational respondents.

Average Hours Per Response: the average time per response is approx. 1 minute.

Total Estimated Burden: 49 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected.

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of the proposed information collection form and supporting documents may be obtained from Mr. Edmond McGill, U.S. Department of State, DS/OFM/VTC/TC, SA–33, 3501 International Place, NW., Washington, DC 20008, 202–895–3618.

Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on 202–395–3987.

Dated: September 18, 2002.

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Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism; Designation of Foreign Terrorist Organizations

AGENCY: Department of State.


Colin L. Powell,
Secretary of State, Department of State.

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Notice of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit for Pipeline Facilities To Be Constructed and Maintained on the Border of the United States

AGENCY: Department of State, Office of International Energy and Commodities Policy.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has received an application from PMI Services North America, Inc. (PMI) for a Presidential permit, pursuant to Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance at the U.S.-Mexican border in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas of a liquid pipeline capable of carrying refined petroleum products, including diesel, motor gasoline, jet fuel and liquefied petroleum gas, and related facilities.

PMI is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and with its principal office located in Houston, Texas. The proposed new 10-inch diameter pipeline would originate at an existing Transmontaigne Product Services, Inc. (TPSI) storage and distribution terminal at the Port of Brownsville, Texas and cover approximately 27 miles, crossing under the Rio Grande River and terminating at a currently existing PEMEX pipeline in Curva, Texas, Tamaulipas, Mexico. It is anticipated that initial deliveries of diesel to the United States will be approximately 10,000 barrels per day in Brownsville, but the pipeline capacity would be approximately 100,000 barrels of liquid petroleum product per day in either direction.

As required by E.O. 11423, the Department of State is circulating this application to concerned federal agencies for comment.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit, in duplicate, comments relative to this proposal on or before November 22, 2002, to Pedro Evriti, Office of International Energy and Commodities Policy, Department of State,