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**Responses to OMB Comments Regarding
3072-0060 – Controlled Carriers – 46 CFR Part 565**

- **Electronic submission.** What is the status of FMC’s efforts to allow carriers to submit this information electronically? Might carriers send it via e-mail? If not, what are the mailing costs?

The FMC is making progress in terms of allowing electronic filing and has recently provided an email option through Amendments to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (76 FR 10258, effective February 24, 2011). Although carriers currently can make submissions via email, confidential submissions should continue to be sent by mail. Submissions are approximately 4 pages long; the current mailing cost to send a 4-page submission would be 44 cents.

- **Number of responses.** To be clear, carriers do not submit four filings per year but have the potential to submit four filings per year? How many filings does FMC actually receive per year?

Correct, carriers have the potential to submit four filings per year. The FMC does not receive recurring or periodic filings – filings are sporadic and situational. In fiscal year 2010, the FMC received one filing.

- **Sufficient details.** What constitutes “sufficient” detail for the submission of required information? Does FMC provide guidance to carriers?

The term “sufficient” detail is taken from statutory language at 46 U.S.C. 40704. The FMC does not provide guidance to carriers.