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## WPMA MARKETER MEMBERS - WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

### **WPMA NEEDS THE VOTE OF EVERY MARKETER MEMBER!**

If you have not voted, thinking your vote does not matter - Your VOTE is needed now! At the June 13, 2014 WPMA Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to revise the WPMA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles revisions will clean up some grammatical issues and clarify the different classes of Membership. The Bylaws revisions will clean up grammatical issues, change the title of the Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer, define committees, add Section 12 (Operational Agreements between WPMA and the state associations), and revise the amendment process requiring 2/3 vote of the entire membership, to requiring 2/3 vote of the WPMA Board of Directors.

Each member has been sent an e-mail with instructions on where and how to vote. If you have not received this e-mail please contact the WPMA offices. (Associate members are not voting members of WPMA.)



## ALMOST 18 YEARS OF NO GLOBAL WARMING

The Daily Caller is reporting “the numbers are in and the verdict is that there has been no global warming for 17 years and 11 months, according to satellite data. Satellite data prepared by Lord Christopher Monckton shows there has been no warming trend from October 1996 through August 2014 — 215 months. To put this in perspective, kids graduating from high school this year have not lived through any global warming in their lifetimes. According to Monckton — the third Viscount Monckton of Brenchley and a former policy adviser to U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — the rate of warming has been half of what climate scientists initially predicted in the early 1990s. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) first predicted in 1990 that global temperatures would rise at a rate of 2.8 degrees Celsius per century. But the temperature rise since the IPCC’s prediction has only been at a rate of 1.4 degrees Celsius per century.”

## EIA'S 2014 GASOLINE USE FORECAST RELEASED

On Wednesday, the Energy Information Administration’s (EIA) latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO) expects 2014 gasoline consumption to be 135.2 billion gallons. This includes the volumes of ethanol contained in all gasoline-ethanol blends including both E10 and higher blends. STEO forecasts future gasoline consumption by analyzing a number of factors including gasoline prices, economic and employment trends, weather, demographics, changes in consumer behavior patterns and new data on actual consumption. EPA uses STEO data to determine RFS blending volumes each year.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said last week that the long-delayed 2014 RFS blending volume requirements final rule will be higher than what was proposed in late 2013 in which she indicated the ethanol numbers will go up to reflect the increase in gasoline sales volume. However, she did not indicate the exact amount. This week’s EIA STEO report all but assures a future slight increase in the final 2014 RFS corn-based ethanol blending numbers.

The 2014 RFS proposed rule has been sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final review. It is unclear when EPA will issue the final rule.

## HOUSE HEARING EXAMINES DOMESTIC OIL SHIPPING CAPACITY

This week, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing to examine the current status of the American domestic maritime industry, specifically, its shipping companies, ship construction, repair yards and its workforce. Testifying before the Committee were Mark Tabbutt, chairman of Saltchuk Resources; Niels Johnsen, chairman and CEO of the International Shipholding Corporation; Don Marcus, president of Masters, Mates and Pilots; and Matthew Paxton, president of the Shipbuilders Council of America.

Mr. Tabbutt highlighted the rapid growth of shale oil across much of the U.S. which has driven record levels of new vessel construction at American shipyards. Tabbutt said there are 22 new large tankers and articulated tug-barges under contract

which will add approximately 6.4 million barrels of new capacity while inland barges reached an all-time high with 336 new vessels delivered, totaling more than 8.2 million barrels of capacity. Mr. Paxton echoed those comments saying that industry is currently building out 19 large petroleum product carriers with 341 tank barges delivered in 2013, up over 250 in 2012.

While this is welcome news, U.S. shipping rates continue to remain higher compared to foreign-flag rates. Additionally, there still is not enough U.S. shipping capacity to alleviate the Gulf Coast oil supply glut due to the 94-year-old Jones Act which only allows U.S. flagged and manned vessels to ship crude and refined product between U.S. ports. The Congressional Research Service (CRS) reported recently that the majority of U.S. refineries are located near navigable waters to take advantage of both oil imports and exports. However, for refineries switching from imported to domestic crude oil, the advantage diminishes considerably due to the Jones Act. The CRS Report also said that Texas oil is moving to refineries in Eastern Canada and bypassing U.S. Mid-Atlantic refineries due to the higher cost of Jones Act compliant ships.

PMAA supports efforts to reform the Jones Act to alleviate the Gulf Coast supply glut which will bring cheaper motor fuels and heating oil prices to consumers.

### **FMCSA TO STUDY LINK BETWEEN CDL DRIVER PAY AND UNSAFE DRIVING HABITS**

The U.S. DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is undertaking a new study on CDL driver compensation and unsafe driving habits. The primary purpose of the study is to analyze the possible unintended safety consequences of the various methods of driver compensation. Compensation methods that will be scrutinized include salary, hourly, truckload and per mile.

In addition to the primary purpose of the study, a number of other potential variables that may lead to unsafe driving will be assessed. These variables include: type of commercial motor vehicle operation (long-haul, short-haul, or line-haul); size of carrier (very small, small, medium or large); whether for-hire, private, or owner operated and whether the carrier can be characterized as a truckload, less- than-truckload, regional, tanker, or other type of carrier; average length of haul, primary commodities carried; number of regular full-time drivers the carrier employs; average driving experience, in years, of drivers working for the companies included in the sample. The data collected in the study will be used to determine if these variables also contribute to unintended safety consequences. Unintended safety consequences include driver out-of-service rates, vehicle out-of-service rates, and crash rates.

The study will be conducted using an online questionnaire. Randomly selected motor carriers will be notified by letter from the FMCSA that explains the study and elicits their participation. Participation is voluntary. Participants will receive an email directing them to a web site to complete the online questionnaire. FMCSA says the study will assist motor carriers in making informed decisions regarding driver compensation as it relates to safe driving performance.

The results of the study will be available to the public in 2015 and will be published on the FMCSA publications and reports Web site: [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov). No risks to individuals are anticipated as a result of the study.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **2015**

**February 17 – 19, 2015**-WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada  
**May 14 – 15, 2015**- Nevada (NPM&CSA) **BIG DOGS4** – Red Rock Hotel & Casino, Nevada  
**June 2 – 4, 2015** - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention – Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana  
**June 22 – 25, 2015** - Washington (WOMA) Convention – Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, Washington  
**August 5 – 7, 2015** - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Lodge - Sun Valley, Idaho

#### **2016**

**August 3 – 5, 2016** - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Coeur d'Alene Resort - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

### **2015 WPMA CONVENTION & CONVENIENCE STORE EXPO – LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

Don't Miss **Frank Caliendo**, comedian/actor/impressionist as Wednesday Keynote during the WPMA Convention. Mark your calendars for February 17-19, 2015. Make plans now to attend the 2015 WPMA Convention and Convenience Store Expo. It will be held once again at the Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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