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**Peer Review of CASTNet****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency announces the meeting of a peer review panel which is constituted to review and analyze the EPA draft report, Examination of CASTNet: Data, Results, Costs, and Implications and the accompanying Recommendations on Changes to Operational Monitoring in CASTNet and Directions for Future Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring Research. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn by 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public who would like to comment on the draft report should contact Dr. Robert E. Menzer, Office of Research and Development (8701), USEPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone 202-260-5779, Email: menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov, for a copy of the report. Written comments should be submitted to Dr. Menzer. Members of the public who choose to make brief comments on the report at the meeting should also contact Dr. Menzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1986, EPA's Office of Research and Development began to operate the National Dry Deposition Network, consisting of 39 monitoring sites designed to assess the status and trends in dry deposition of sulfur and nitrogen species, primarily in the high-deposition regions in the eastern U.S. Following passage of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990, the NDDN was expanded and renamed the Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNet). As of 1996, there are 51 operational sites in the network. Each site collects weekly filter pack samples which are analyzed for SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and sulfate, nitrate, and ammonium ions, as well as micrometeorological and other data.

The first systematic analyses of the resulting monitoring data were conducted beginning in the fall of 1996 by scientists at ORD's National Exposure Research Laboratory. This timing allowed the first access to quality-assured data from 1995, during which SO<sub>x</sub> emissions decreased by 13% in response to Phase I reductions in sulfur emissions called for in the CAAA.

The purpose of the analyses was to examine the performance of the monitors and to seek opportunities to increase the cost-effectiveness of the network. The analyses included reviews of the quality of the database and the costs of the individual data collection components; comparisons between deposition velocities derived from the multi-layer model using meteorological data collected on site with deposition velocities measured using an eddy correlation technique; evaluation of alternative methods of calculating deposition velocities that do not require on-site data collection; analysis of factors affecting variability in deposition velocity at two different spatial scales; exploration of the effect of reducing the number of sites on apparent regional patterns of ambient sulfur dioxide concentrations; evaluation of the ability to detect trends in ambient concentrations and deposition velocities at individual sites and groups of geographically contiguous sites; and comparisons of dry deposition estimates with wet deposition estimates from nearby wet deposition sites. The results of the analyses are presented in a draft report, Examination of CASTNet: Data, Results, Costs, and Implications. The purpose of this review is to examine the soundness of the underlying science and the appropriateness of the analytical approaches described in this document.

Beginning in FY 1998, EPA is proposing to transfer operation of CASTNet from the Office of Research and Development (ORD) to the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). The transition from a research-oriented effort to an operational monitoring program presents an opportunity to make changes in current network operations and to assess alternative directions for future acid deposition research. The Recommendations on Changes to Operational Monitoring in CASTNet and Directions for Future Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring Research makes such recommendations to OAR and ORD, based on policy questions provided by OAR and informed by the analyses in the accompanying draft report. The other purpose of the peer review is to solicit the reviewers' advice on the reasonableness of the various proposed modifications to the CASTNet and future research directions, given the current state of data analysis and interpretation.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Joseph K. Alexander,  
*Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.*

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate, supervisory and administrative enforcement activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Director Nicolas P. Retsinas (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Ricki Helfer, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8) and (c)(9)(A)(ii) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8) and (c)(9)(A)(ii)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: February 25, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION****Notice of Agreement(s) Filed**

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800

North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.

*Agreement No.:* 202-010689-064.

*Title:* Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement.

*Parties:* American President Lines, Ltd.; Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; A.P. Moller-Maersk Line; Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; P&O Nedlloyd B.V.; P&O Nedlloyd Limited; Neptune Orient Container Line, Inc.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Ltd.; Orient Overseas Container Lin, Inc.; Sea-Land Service, Inc.

*Synopsis:* The proposed amendment would permit the parties to caucus and reach informal consensual agreements before or during the course of formal Agreement meetings for the purpose of reaching or presenting common positions with regard to matters brought up before the Agreement's membership.

*Agreement No.:* 202-011456-020.

*Title:* South Europe American Conference.

*Parties:* DSR-Senator Lines GmbH; Evergreen Marine Corporation (Taiwan) Ltd.; Italia di Navigazione, S.p.A.; A.P. Moller-Maersk Line; P&O Nedlloyd B.V.; P&O Nedlloyd Limited; Sea-Land Service, Inc.; Zim Israel Navigation Company, Ltd.; Contship Container Lines Ltd.; Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc.; Transportacion Maritima Mexicana, S.A. de C.V.; Tecomar S.A. de C.V.

*Synopsis:* The proposed amendment would permit the parties to caucus and reach informal consensual agreements before or during the course of formal Agreement meetings for the purpose of reaching or presenting common positions with regard to matters brought up before the Agreement's membership.

*Agreement No.:* 232-011567.

*Title:* Iceland Steamship/Samskip Slot Charter Agreement.

*Parties:* Iceland Steamship Company Ltd. ("ISC"); Samskip hf. ("Samskip").

*Synopsis:* The proposed Agreement would permit Samskip to charter space aboard ISC's vessels in the trade between North Atlantic ports of the United States and Reykjavik, Iceland. The parties would also be permitted to agree upon ISC's schedule of port calls in the Agreement trade.

Dated: February 25, 1997.

By order of the Federal Maritime Commission.  
Joseph C. Polking,  
Secretary.  
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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than March 14, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Randall J. Hendricks*, Elsie, Nebraska, and *Warren Orr*, North Platte, Nebraska; each to acquire an additional 26.92 percent, for a total of 50 percent each, of the voting shares of *Elsie, Inc.*, Elsie, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire Commercial State Bank, Elsie, Nebraska.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Mary Lois Whittenburg Lockhart*, as *Trustee of the Grace and Roy Whittenburg Trusts*, Amarillo, Texas; to acquire an additional 63.51 percent, for a total of 64.16 percent of the voting shares of *Amarillo Western Bancshares, Inc.*, Amarillo, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Western National Bank, Amarillo, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 24, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,  
Deputy Secretary of the Board.  
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### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 24, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (R. Chris Moore, Senior Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *CB Bancorp, Inc.*, Higginsport, Ohio; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of *The Citizens Bank*, Higginsport, Ohio.

2. *Commercial Bancshares Savings and Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, West Liberty, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 32 percent of the voting shares of *Commercial Bancshares, Inc.*, West Liberty, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire *Commercial Bank*, West Liberty, Kentucky.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Guaranty Financial Corporation*, Charlottesville, Virginia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of *Guaranty Bank*, Charlottesville, Virginia, the