

discipline of the order in place. However, the *Sunset Policy Bulletin* (in section III.B.3.) also provides that adjustments may be made to the original net countervailable subsidy when programs have been terminated or when new programs have been added.

As Milliken noted in its substantive response, the compensatory rebate scheme was found to have been terminated. Additionally, over the life of this order, the Department found that producers/exporters received countervailable benefits under the import duty rebate program—a program found not used in the original investigation.

As a result of changes in programs since the imposition of the order, the Department determines that using the net countervailable subsidy rate as determined in the original investigation is no longer appropriate. Rather, we have adjusted the net countervailable subsidy from the original investigation by adding in the rate from the import duty rebate program (first used in the review covering April 1984 through December 1984) and subtracting out the subsidy from the compensatory rebate scheme which was terminated on May 29, 1986. (See calculation memo.)

#### Nature of the Subsidy

In the *Sunset Policy Bulletin*, the Department stated that, consistent with section 752(a)(6) of the Act, the Department will provide information to the Commission concerning the nature of the subsidy and whether the subsidy is a subsidy described in Article 3 or Article 6.1 of the Subsidies Agreement. In this case, Milliken did not address this issue.

Because receipt of benefits under each of the countervailable programs is contingent upon exports, these programs fall within the definition of an export subsidy under Article 3.1(a) of the Subsidies Agreement. Each of the countervailable programs is described below.

#### Customs Duty Rebate

The government provides a 2% customs duty rebate on exported goods. The program, in effect, a duty drawback. The government pays this rebate on items not physically incorporated into the exported product.

#### Rebates On Exportation

The government of Pakistan provides exporters of shop towels with cash rebates which are calculated as a percentage of the f.o.b. value of the exported product.

#### Income Tax Reduction

The government of Pakistan provides a 55% reduction of taxes attributable to income generated by products made for export.

#### Preferential Export Financing

The government permits short-term export financing to be provided to exporters at rates considerably lower than those otherwise charged on short-term loans in Pakistan.

#### Excise Tax and Sales Tax Rebate

The government of Pakistan provides an excise tax rebate and sales tax rebate on exports of shop towels.

#### Final Results of Review

As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the countervailing duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the rate listed below.

Manufacturers/exporters	Margin (percent)
All manufacturers/exporters .....	5.17

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with § 351.305 of the Department's regulation (19 CFR 351.305).

Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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#### Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP)

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications received.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) previously announced the solicitation of grant applications for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program to compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. This notice announces the list of applications received and notifies any interested party that it may file comments with the Agency supporting or opposing an application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Cooperman, Acting Director, Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156. Information about the PTFP can also be obtained electronically via Internet (send inquiries to <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By **Federal Register** notice dated March 16, 1999, the NTIA, within the Department of Commerce, announced that it was soliciting grant applications for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program to compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. NTIA announced that the closing date for receipt of PTFP applications was 5 p.m. EST, April 15, 1999. By **Federal Register** Notice dated April 13, 1999, the closing date was revised to 5 p.m. April 22, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the PTFP received one application from the following organization. Identification of any application only indicates its receipt. It does not indicate that it has been accepted for review, has been determined to be eligible for funding, or that an application will receive an award.

Any interested party may file comments with the Agency supporting or opposing an application and setting forth the grounds for support or opposition. PTFP will forward a copy of any opposing comments to the applicant. Comments must be sent to PTFP at the following address: NTIA/PTFP, Room 4625, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230. The Agency will incorporate all comments from the public and any replies from the applicant in the applicant's official file.

File No. 99253 University of Hawaii, Social Science Research Institute, 2530 Dole St., Sakamaki Hall D-200, Honolulu, HI 96822. Contact: Dr. Norman Okamura, Telecommunications

Specialist, (808) 956-2909. Funds Requested: \$598,442. Total Project Cost: \$715,041. To support public service and development telecommunications services in the Pacific Island region, including the expansion of new digital services.

**Bernadette McGuire-Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Proposed Amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade Oats Futures Contract To Provide That Minneapolis/St. Paul Deliveries Will Be at Par With Chicago Deliveries

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has proposed amendments to its oats futures contract that will change the locational price differential for oats delivered at regular warehouses in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota to par from the current 7½ cents per bushel discount. The proposed amendments will apply only to oats futures contract months beginning with the July 2000 contract month. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provide that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on September 13, 1999—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202)

418-5521, or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the CBT oats Minneapolis/St. Paul par delivery amendments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martin Murray of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC, (202) 418-5276. Electronic mail: [mmurray@cftc.gov](mailto:mmurray@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CBT oats futures contract calls for the delivery of 5,000 bushels of oats in regular warehouses located at Chicago, Illinois (including Burns Harbor, Indiana) and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Under current contract terms, delivery in Chicago is at par, and in Minneapolis/St. Paul is at a 7½ cents per bushel discount. Under the proposed amendments, delivery in Minneapolis/St. Paul would be made at par, along with delivery in Chicago.

The Exchange states that its proposal reflects the fact that Minneapolis/St. Paul is the leading cash market for oats and that most futures deliveries are made from this location.

The Commission particularly requests that commenters address the extent to which a zero price differential between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Chicago (that is, par delivery for both points) falls within the range of normal commercial price differences between these locations, and the extent to which the proposed amendments will affect economically deliverable supplies for the oats futures contract.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet on the CFTC website at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov) under "What's New & Pending."

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent that they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 45.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 30, 1999.

**John Mielke,**

*Acting Director.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Proposed Amendments to Chicago Board of Trade Rough Rice Futures Contract Regarding Locational Price Differentials

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has proposed amendments to Chicago Board of Trade rough rice futures contract that would remove the discount for deliveries at non-mill site warehouses. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on September 10, 1999—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be