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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.: 201-200063-019.

Title: NYSA-ILA Tonnage Assessment Agreement.

Parties: New York Shipping Association, Inc., International Longshoremen's Association.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment increases certain tonnage assessment rates.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

By order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediaries pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Optimodal, Inc., One Rollins Plaza, 2200 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803. Officers: Greg C. Snyder, Vice President (Qualifying Individual), Gerrard J. Trippitelli, President.

Globe.Com Lines, Inc., 10990 Roe Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66211. Officers: Peter Brown, President (Qualifying Individual), William F. Martin, Jr., Vice President.

First Forward International Services, Inc., d/b/a First Forward Container Line, 440 Unit B South Hindry Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301. Officer: Nicholas A. Schiele, CEO (Qualifying Individual).

Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group Inc., 15635 Jacintoport Blvd., Houston, TX 77015-6534. Officer: Michael W. Kramer, Sen. Vice President (Qualifying Individual).

Pisces Shipping, Inc. d/b/a Pisces Container Lines, 2428 S. 4th Avenue, North Riverside, IL 60546. Officer: Kannan S. Iyer, President (Qualifying Individual).

Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Sea Gate Logistics, Inc., 182-11 150th Road, Suite 205, Jamaica, NY 11413. Officers: Vi Hung Vuong, President (Qualifying Individual), Renbo Lee, Secretary.

Touchstone Shipping & Logistics, Inc., d/b/a JBS Transport Line, 17314 S.H. 249, Suite 320, Houston, TX 77064. Officers: Julia Gale Bench, President (Qualifying Individual), Rebecca V. Swartz, Vice President.

U.S. Rim Inc. d/b/a U.S. Rim Shipping, 9420 Telstar Ave., Suite 205, El Monte, CA 91731. Officers: Dorothy Sung, Chief Financial Officer (Qualifying Individual), Hui Zhu, CEO.

Ocean Freight Forwarders—Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

ATE Logistics, Inc., 46 N. Lively Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Officers: Patricia Lynch, Asst. Vice President, (Qualifying Individual), Robert W. Noonan, President.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Fact Finding Investigation No. 23—Ocean Common Carrier Practices in the Transpacific Trades; Order Discontinuing Proceeding

On September 21, 1998, pursuant to the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1701 *et seq.* ("Act"), the Federal Maritime Commission ("Commission") commenced this nonadjudicatory fact finding proceeding to investigate allegations that ocean common carriers in the eastbound Transpacific trades were engaging in activities that may be in violation of certain provisions of the Act. Commissioner Delmond J.H. Won was appointed as Investigative Officer and was authorized to hold hearings and to utilize compulsory processes, including subpoenas, to obtain relevant testimony and documents. Commissioner Won conducted an expedited investigation and submitted a confidential Report and Recommendations ("Report") to the Commission on January 5, 1999.

A summary of Commissioner Won's Report was released to the public on March 12, 1999. Generally, as indicated by the summary, the Investigative Officer concluded that evidence cited in the Report corroborates allegations that carriers in the eastbound Transpacific trades, faced with shortages of space during the peak 1998 holiday shipping season, refused to carry low rated cargo at applicable contract rates, targeted the cargo of non-vessel-operating common carriers ("NVOCCs") for rate and space discrimination, and imposed significant and sudden increases in rates and charges. Among other things, the Report concludes that space was allocated in many instances on the basis of profit to the carrier without regard to existing service contracts; and that bookings were often rejected unless the shipper agreed to significantly increased rates or charges. Large, reliable contract shippers were said generally to have received preferential space allocations.

By order dated April 14, 1999, the Commission determined to pursue certain of the Report's findings through further investigation and enforcement action under sections 8, 10 and 11 of the Act, as appropriate. Accordingly, the Commission instituted a show cause proceeding in Docket No. 99-05, ANERA and Its Members, Opting Out of