

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-426]

Natural Gas Services: Recent Reforms in Selected Markets**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.**ACTION:** Institution of investigation.**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 8, 2001.**SUMMARY:** Following receipt of a request on January 16, 2001, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-426, Natural Gas Services: Recent Reforms in Selected Markets, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Mr. Christopher Melly, Project Leader (202-205-3461; cmelly@usitc.gov), Ms. Joann Tortorice, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3032; jtortorice@usitc.gov), or Mr. Richard Brown, Chief, Services and Investment Division (202-205-3438; rbrown@usitc.gov), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091; wgearhart@usitc.gov). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In a letter dated January 16, 2001, the USTR requested that the Commission, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, conduct an investigation of the natural gas services markets in countries where significant market reform, privatization, and liberalization has occurred or is ongoing. The foreign markets to be examined are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Korea, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom. As requested, in its report, the Commission will (1) describe the nature of reform, including, but not limited to the extent of privatization, vertical and horizontal restructuring, and consumer choice, as applicable; (2) examine current market access conditions, including, but not limited to measures affecting network access, investment, and trading (i.e., the exchange of natural gas contracts through financial markets), as applicable; and (3) identify common regulatory practices adopted by multiple countries, insofar as they exist. For the purpose of this study, natural gas

services will focus on the downstream natural gas market, including the following segments: transmission (including transport and storage); distribution; wholesale and retail supply; and trading.

This letter follows a similar request made by the USTR in November 1999 for the Commission to conduct an investigation of the electric power services markets in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand, and Venezuela. The Commission submitted its report to the USTR on November 23, 2000, copies of which may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000 or by accessing the USITC Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The USTR asked that the Commission furnish the natural gas report by October 16, 2001, and that the Commission make the report available to the public in its entirety.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on April 3, 2001. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., March 20, 2001. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 22, 2001; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., April 25, 2001. In the event that, as of the close of business on March 20, 2001, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1806) after March 20, 2001, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at

the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2001. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

List of Subjects

WTO, GATS, Energy services, Market access, Natural gas, Trade in services.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-436]

In the Matter of Certain WAP-Compatible Wireless Communication Devices, Components Thereof, and Products Containing Same; Notice of Commission Decision Not to Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation on the Basis of a Settlement Agreement and Withdrawal of the Complaint

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") initial determination ("ID") terminating the above-captioned

investigation in its entirety based on a settlement agreement and withdrawal of the complaint.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Beth Jones, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3106. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on October 11, 2000, based on a complaint filed by Geoworks Corporation of California ("complainant"). The complaint named three respondents, Phone.com, Inc., of California, Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd., of Japan, and Sanyo North America Corporation of California ("respondents"). Since the filing of the complaint, respondent Phone.com changed its name to Openwave Systems Inc.

On December 28, 2000, complainant and respondents filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement under Commission rule 210.21(b) and the withdrawal of the complaint under Commission rule 210.21(a). On January 8, 2001, the Commission investigative attorney filed a response supporting the joint motion. On January 9, 2001, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 9) granting the joint motion. No party petitioned for review of the ID.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in section 210.42 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 210.42). Copies of the ALJ's ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice Management Division; Office of Attorney Personnel Management; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection: Application Booklets—Attorney General's Honor Program and Summer Law Intern Program.

The Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Office of Attorney Personal Management, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 17, 2001.

If you have comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Eleanor Barry, 202-514-8902, Office of Attorney Personnel Management, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this Information Collection

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

(2) *The title of the Form/Collection:* Application Booklets—Attorney General's Honor Program and Summer Law Intern Program.

(3) *The agency form number and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. Office of Attorney Personnel Management, Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Law students and Judicial Law Clerks: Pursuant to 28 CFR 0.15(b)(2), the Deputy Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice has the responsibility of administering the "Attorney General's recruitment program for honor law graduates and judicial law clerks." This includes the hiring of third-year law students and judicial law clerks for full-time employment following graduation or completion of a clerkship, and primarily second-year law students for summer employment. This program has been in existence for 47 years, and is considered the Federal Government's premier legal recruitment program. The Department of Justice currently hires approximately 145 third-year law students/judicial law clerks and 130 second-year law students each year under these programs. The Department of Justice is the largest legal employer in the country. Approximately 4,500 applications are received for these positions annually. The responsibility for running these programs has been delegated by the Deputy Attorney General to the Director, Office of Attorney Personnel Management (OAPM) pursuant to 28 CFR 0.15(c). OAPM together with other Department of Justice representatives who make the ultimate hiring determinations have developed these application booklets to distribute information on the programs and in turn collect the information they consider essential to make an informed hiring decision on legal applicants.

This data collection is the only vehicle for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to hire graduating law students. This application form is submitted voluntarily, submitted only once a year by students/judicial law clerks; and the information sought only relates to the hiring criteria established as an internal matter by DOJ personnel.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of responses and the amount of time estimated for an average response:* 4500 respondents at 1 hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 4500 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Robert B. Briggs, Department Clearance Officer, United States