

competition; and (iii) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or availability of the system. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change as amended, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR-Phlx-2001-53 and should be submitted by August 3, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3345]

State of West Virginia (Amendment #3)

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated July 5, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Calhoun and Putnam Counties in the State of West Virginia as a disaster area caused by flooding, severe storms, and

landslides beginning on May 15, 2001 and continuing.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in Gilmer and Ritchie Counties in the State of West Virginia may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above named primary counties and not listed here have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is August 2, 2001, and for loans for economic injury is March 4, 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: July 9, 2001.

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATES: August 21, 2001, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific Time (PT), August 22, 2001, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. PT, August 23, 2001, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. PT.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Hotel—Portland Downtown, 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland, OR 97201, Phone: (503) 221-0450, Fax: (503) 226-6260.

The hotel is located in downtown Portland and 25 minutes from the airport. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to/from the airport. Upon arriving at the airport, follow the signs to Baggage Claim and then follow the signs to hotel shuttle. Board the Doubletree Downtown-Lloyd Center shuttle.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Type of meeting:* This is a quarterly meeting open to the public. The interested public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above. Public comment will be taken. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing on the implementation of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) of 1999 at any time.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces a meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work

Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101(f) of Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the Commissioner of SSA, the President, and the Congress on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the TWWIIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Agenda: The Panel will meet in person commencing Tuesday, August 21, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT; Wednesday, August 22, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT; and Thursday, August 23, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. PT. The Panel will use the meeting time to receive public testimony, hear presentations, conduct full Panel deliberations on the implementation of TWWIIA, hold committee meetings, receive briefings and conduct business. Public testimony will be heard in person on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. PT. The full agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel/> one week before the meeting or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

Individuals interested in providing testimony in person should contact the Panel staff as outlined in the "Contact Information" section below to schedule time slots. Each presenter will be called on by the Chair in the order in which they are scheduled to testify and is limited to a maximum five-minute verbal presentation. Full written testimony on TWWIIA Implementation, no longer than 5 pages, may be submitted in person or by mail, fax or e-mail on an on-going basis to the Panel for consideration. In the event that the public comments do not take up the scheduled time period for public comment, the Panel will use that time to deliberate and conduct other Panel business.

Contact Information: Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the TWWIIA Panel staff. Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20024;

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- Telephone contact with Kristen Breland at (202) 358-6423;
- Fax at (202) 358-6440;
- E-mail to TWWIAPanel@ssa.gov.

Dated: July 9, 2001.

Deborah M. Morrison,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-246]

North American Free Trade Agreement Conference

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice (1) announces a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) information conference, to be held at the Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, October 21-24, 2001, (2) provides information about the conference for prospective attendees; and (3) identifies a dedicated website that will provide continuously updated information about the conference including registration information. U.S., Canadian, and Mexican government officials representing agencies that have inspection, security and other defined responsibilities affecting the clearance of cross-border transport operations will conduct panel sessions that convey information about the requirements that each of their agencies imposes on motor carrier operations.

Background

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) created a timetable for the removal of barriers to the provision of transportation services among the NAFTA countries for carriage of international cargo and of passengers. For trucks and buses, NAFTA was to have liberalized access for motor carriers on a phased schedule over six years from entry into force of the agreement, and it provided for liberalizing investment restrictions on trucking companies established in Mexico and the United States. Liberalization was to have begun in 1995, but the United States postponed implementation due to concerns regarding safety and enforcement. A NAFTA dispute resolution panel subsequently ruled that the U.S. blanket prohibition on processing Mexican applications for operating authority violated the NAFTA. Since 1995, the United States has taken steps to

augment its ability to assure compliance with U.S. motor carrier safety regulations. These efforts enable the United States to safely comply with the dispute panel's findings and move forward with implementation of NAFTA's access provisions no later than January 1, 2002.

All foreign motor carriers operating in the United States are subject to the same federal and state regulations and procedures that apply to U.S. carriers. These include safety regulations, insurance requirements, tariff requirements, and payment of all taxes and fees. In addition, foreign motor carriers and drivers must comply with applicable customs and immigration laws and regulations. Under NAFTA, these compliance obligations are completely reciprocal so that U.S. carriers and drivers are similarly obligated to comply with Canadian and Mexican statutory and regulatory requirements while conducting operations in those countries.

While U.S. and Canadian carriers have been conducting operations in each other's respective countries for some time, implementation of NAFTA's access provisions will mean that many Mexican motor carriers will be operating in the United States for the first time. Similarly, operations into Mexico will be a new experience for most U.S. and Canadian motor carriers. The many federal and state regulatory requirements and the multiplicity of federal and state agencies imposing them may be confusing and intimidating to these first-time entrants and could discourage them from attempting to take advantage of NAFTA's transportation provisions. For this reason, the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Canada, Mexico, other federal agencies, and state and provincial representatives, will host a NAFTA information conference in San Antonio, Texas, October 21-24, 2001 to promote an understanding of the requirements for legal cross-border transport operations among the three NAFTA countries.

Who Should Attend: This conference will be beneficial for commercial truck carriers, bus operators, customs brokers, shippers, and other companies and/or associations that have an interest in the conduct of cross-border business that will involve transport operations.

Meetings and Deadlines: The NAFTA conference will include panels that convey information about: (1) Applying for federal motor carrier operating authority; (2) immigration requirements for drivers operating outside of their own country; (3) Customs requirements for foreign trucks engaged in

international operations; (4) agriculture regulations applicable to imported commodities; (5) tax obligations for companies operating commercial vehicles outside their own country; (6) motor carrier safety standards; (7) hazardous materials transportation safety regulations; (8) vehicle weight and dimensions standards; and other requirements. In addition, state and provincial jurisdictions will provide information on their operating requirements. Other panels may be added as preparations for the conference progress. Representatives from the various agencies will be available following panel discussions to address questions from conference attendees. Finally, each attendee will be provided a resource book from each country containing additional information, contact names, e-mail and phone numbers that may be used to obtain additional information.

Languages: All conference sessions will be conducted with simultaneous translation in English and Spanish. To the extent possible, agency representatives who address specific questions from attendees will be bilingual as well.

Updated Information and Hotel Registration: To provide a continuous source of updated conference information, the Department of Transportation's Office of International Transportation & Trade has established a website for prospective attendees and other interested parties. The DOT website will contain an updated schedule of events, guest speakers, and agendas for the panel sessions as they are developed. The website can be accessed by going to the DOT homepage at www.dot.gov/NAFTA.

The DOT website also has a link to the Free Trade Alliance San Antonio's website, where a registration forms for the conference can be downloaded. All participants are requested to fill out a conference registration form, which should be returned to the Free Trade Alliance, 203 South St. Mary's Street, Suite 130, San Antonio, Texas 78205, or faxed to 210-229-9724. Registration forms and information about the conference, hotel accommodations, and the city of San Antonio can also be obtained by writing to the Free Trade Alliance or by telephoning 210-229-9036.

A block of rooms is reserved at the Hyatt Hotel, 123 Lasoya Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Interested parties can contact the hotel by telephone at 210-222-1234 or by fax at 210-227-4927. Further information about accommodations can be found on the