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Dated: August 1, 2008.

Suzanne M. Rudzinski,

Acting Office Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:03 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's resolution activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, seconded by Mr. Scott Polakoff, acting in the place and stead of Director John M. Reich (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), concurred in by Director Thomas J. Curry (Appointive), Chairman Sheila C. Bair, and Director John C. Dugan (Director, Comptroller of the Currency), 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)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii) and (c)(9)(B) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B)).

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

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Dated: August 5, 2008.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition P1-08]

Petition of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for Exemption From Mandatory Rate Tariff Publication; Notice of Filing

Notice is hereby given that National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. ("Petitioner") has petitioned, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40103 (former Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("the Shipping Act")), and 46 CFR 502.67 and 502.69, for an exemption from the provisions of the Shipping Act that require non-vessel-operating common carriers ("NVOCCs") to publish and adhere to all ocean tariff rates. Specifically, Petitioner requests that NVOCCs be exempted from the provisions of the Shipping Act requiring NVOCCs to publish and adhere to rate tariffs in those instances where an NVOCC has individually negotiated rates with its shipping customers and memorialized those rates in writing. Petitioner further clarifies its request by stating that: (1) The exemption would be voluntary and apply only to rate tariffs; (2) negotiated rates and related disputes would be governed by contract law and therefore exempt from 49 U.S.C. 40501(a)-(e) and (g) (formerly sections 8(a), (b), (d) and (g) of the Shipping Act—governing tariff contents and publication, time volume rates, 30 day's notice for increases, and accessibility and accuracy of automated tariffs); 40503 (formerly section 8(e)—setting out procedures for refunds and waivers) and 41104(2), (4) and (8) (formerly sections 10(b)(2), (4) and (8)—prohibiting service not in accordance with tariffs, unfair or unjustly discriminatory practices regarding rates, cargo classifications, cargo space accommodations, loading or landing of freight or adjustment or settlement of claims; and, undue or unreasonable preferences or advantages or undue or unreasonable prejudices or disadvantages); (3) NVOCC Service Arrangements would continue to be filed with the FMC and essential terms rates would be memorialized in writing; (5) the Commission would have access to documentation underlying negotiated rates; (6) the exemption would not

convey antitrust immunity on NVOCCs; and (7) the exemption would apply to FMC-licensed or registered NVOCCs.

In order for the Commission to make a thorough evaluation of the Petition, interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the Petition no later than September 26, 2008. Replies shall consist of an original and fifteen (15) copies, be directed to the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001, and be served on Petitioner's counsel Edward D. Greenberg, Esq., Galland, Kharasch, Greenberg, Fellman & Swirsky, P.C., 1054 Thirty-First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-4492. A copy of the reply shall be submitted in electronic form (Microsoft Word 2003) by e-mail to secretary@fmc.gov. The Petition will be posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.fmc.gov/reading/Petitions.asp>. Replies filed in response to this petition also will be posted on the Commission's Web site at this location.

Parties participating in this proceeding may elect to receive service of the Commission's issuances in this proceeding through email in lieu of service by U.S. mail. A party opting for electronic service shall advise the Office of the Secretary in writing and provide an e-mail address where service can be made.

Karen V. Gregory,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank 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. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office 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