

Parties: NYK Line (North America), Inc. and Port of Houston Authority.

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Synopsis: The agreement sets certain discount rates and charges applicable to NYK Line, Inc.

Dated: August 6, 2010

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Karen V. Gregory,
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 an application for a license as a Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (NVO) and/or Ocean Freight Forwarder (OFF)—Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. Chapter 409 and 46 CFR 515). Notice is also hereby given of the filing of applications to amend an existing OTI license or the Qualifying Individual (QI) for a license.

Interested persons may contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Golden Jet—L.A., Inc. dba Golden Jet Freight Forwarders (NVO), 145-30 156th Street, Suite E, Jamaica, NY 11434, *Officer:* Clifford J. Ivie, President/Vice President (Qualifying Individual), *Application Type:* New NVO License.

Joffroy Warehouse Inc. (NVO), 1251 N. Industrial Park Avenue, Nogales, AZ 85621, *Officers:* Marco A. Joffroy, Compliance Officer (Qualifying Individual), Rodolfo Joffroy, President, *Application Type:* New NVO License.

Maritime and Intermodal Logistics Systems, Inc. dba MILS dba Fesco Integrated Transport (NVO & OFF), 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 1310, Seattle, WA 98104, *Officers:* Junko Altman, Secretary (Qualifying Individual), Mike Evans, President, *Application Type:* Trade Name Change.

Nippon Express U.S.A. (Illinois), Inc. (NVO & OFF), 950 N. Edgewood Avenue, Wood Dale, IL 60191-1257, *Officers:* Michiya Shimizu, Senior Vice President/General

Manager (Qualifying Individual), Kenryo Senda, President/CEO, *Application Type:* QI Change. Praxis SCM, LLC (NVO & OFF), 5725 Paradise Drive, #1000, Corte Madera, CA 94925, *Officers:* George W. Pasha, IV, President/CEO (Qualifying Individual), James Britton, CFO, *Application Type:* New NVO & OFF License.

Rado International, Inc. dba Rado Logistics (NVO & OFF), 2251 Sylvan Road, Suite C, East Point, GA 30344, *Officers:* Lovett Brooks, CEO (Qualifying Individual), Maria Caceres, Secretary, *Application Type:* Add Trade Name. Renaissance Global Logistics LLC (NVO & OFF), 4333 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48209, *Officers:* Kathleen M. Green, Vice President Logistics Services (Qualifying Individual), John James, CEO, *Application Type:* New NVO & OFF License.

Rose Containerline, Inc. dba Fabius Containerline (NVO), 259 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001, *Officer:* Neal M. Rosenberg, President (Qualifying Individual), *Application Type:* Remove Trade Name.

Sea Cargo Inc. (NVO), 19130 Figueroa Street, Carson, CA 90248, *Officers:* Shane J. Kennedy, Secretary/Chief Financial Officer (Qualifying Individual), Andrei V. Pilipenko, Chief Executive Officer, *Application Type:* New NVO License.

Sea Horse Express Inc. (OFF), 1250 Newark Turnpike, 1st Floor, Kearny, NJ 07032, *Officer:* Desiree Herrera, President/Vice President/Secretary (Qualifying Individual), *Application Type:* New OFF License.

Tricon Container Line, LLC (NVO & OFF), 259 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001, *Officers:* Neal M. Rosenberg, Member/Manager (Qualifying Individual), Joshua Rosenberg, Manager, *Application Type:* New NVO & OFF License. USTC Global, Inc. (NVO), 20695 S. Western Avenue, #132, Torrance, CA 90501, *Officers:* Hyunmo (A.K.A. Sean) Yang, Secretary (Qualifying Individual), Michelle Suh, President/CEO, *Application Type:* New NVO License.

Valueway Global Logistics Inc. (NVO & OFF), 136-56 39th Avenue, Suite 406, Flushing, NY 11354, *Officers:* Zong (David) W. Chen, Vice President (Qualifying Individual), Qian (Arthur) Xie, President/Secretary/Treasurer, *Application Type:* New NVO & OFF License.

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Karen V. Gregory,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 101 0074]

Tops Markets LLC; Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Orders to Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Consent Agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint and the terms of the consent order — embodied in the consent agreement — that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 7, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form. Comments should refer to “Tops-Penn Traffic, File No. 101 0074” to facilitate the organization of comments. Please note that your comment — including your name and your state — will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including on the publicly accessible FTC website, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtml>).

Because comments will be made public, they should not include any sensitive personal information, such as an individual’s Social Security Number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. Comments also should not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, comments should not include any “[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential. . . .” as provided in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and Commission Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled

“Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).¹

Because paper mail addressed to the FTC is subject to delay due to heightened security screening, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form. Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following weblink: (<https://ftcpubcommentworks.com/ftc/penntraffic/>) and following the instructions on the web-based form. To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the web-based form at the weblink: (<https://ftcpubcommentworks.com/ftc/penntraffic/>). If this Notice appears at (<http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>), you may also file an electronic comment through that website. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it. You may also visit the FTC website at (<http://www.ftc.gov/>) to read the Notice and the news release describing it.

A comment filed in paper form should include the “Tops-Penn Traffic, File No. 101 0074” reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex D), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions.

The Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”) and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC website, to the extent practicable, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtml>). As a matter of discretion, the Commission makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before

¹ The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission’s General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

placing those comments on the FTC website. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtml>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Perry (202-326-2331), FTC, Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 2.34 the Commission Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for August 4, 2010), on the World Wide Web, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions.shtml>). A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, and must be received on or before the date specified in the **DATES** section.

Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

I. Introduction and Background

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) has accepted for public comment, and subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) from Morgan Stanley Capital Partners V U.S. Holdco LLC (“Holdco”), its subsidiary, Tops Markets LLC (“Tops”), and The Penn Traffic Company (“Penn Traffic”), (collectively “Respondents”), that is designed to remedy the anticompetitive effects that would otherwise result from Tops’ acquisition of the supermarket assets of Penn Traffic. The proposed Consent Agreement requires divestiture of seven Penn Traffic supermarkets and related assets to a Commission-approved buyer.

On November 18, 2009, Penn Traffic filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Through the expedited bankruptcy proceeding, Tops sought to acquire substantially all of Penn Traffic’s assets, including its 79 supermarkets in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and New Hampshire (the “Acquisition”). The purchase price for the Acquisition was \$85 million. In addition, Tops agreed to assume from Penn Traffic approximately \$70 million in liabilities and claims. Because the only remaining bidder for the supermarkets was a liquidator, the Acquisition represented the only opportunity to avoid mass closing of the Penn Traffic supermarkets.

In light of the extremely tight deadlines inherent in the bankruptcy proceeding, and in an effort to avoid mass liquidation of 79 supermarkets in more than 50 metropolitan areas, Commission staff crafted a remedy that would permit timely consummation of the Acquisition while preserving the Commission’s ability to obtain full relief to cure the anticompetitive harm that the Acquisition would otherwise cause in certain local areas where Tops and Penn Traffic operated competing supermarkets. In light of this extraordinary set of circumstances, the Commission determined that this unique remedy would best serve the interests of consumers.

In particular, before the Acquisition was consummated, Respondents agreed in writing to divest all of the Penn Traffic stores in each local geographic market in which the transaction presented potential competitive concerns. Respondents further agreed to maintain the viability of the acquired stores and to cooperate fully with staff’s investigation, which continued after the Acquisition was consummated. As a result of this agreement, even before a meaningful investigation could be completed, Respondents had committed themselves in writing to the broadest relief that might ultimately be necessary, thereby preserving completely the Commission’s ability to protect consumers through remedial action, while at the same time enabling Tops to consummate the Acquisition and prevent the mass shuttering of Penn Traffic stores.

In accordance with the agreement reached between Respondents and staff, early termination of the HSR waiting period was granted on January 25, 2010. A few days later, Respondents closed on the Acquisition.

The proposed Complaint alleges that the agreement among Respondents for the sale of the Penn Traffic assets to Tops constitutes a violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and that the

Acquisition constitutes a violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18, and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, by lessening competition in connection with the retail sale of food and other grocery products in supermarkets.

II. The Parties

Tops is a New York limited liability company with its office and principal place of business in Williamsville, New York. Prior to the Acquisition, Tops owned and operated 71 supermarkets in New York and Pennsylvania, all under the Tops banner. In addition, five supermarkets are owned and operated by franchisees under the Tops banner. Tops is a subsidiary of Holdco, a Delaware limited liability company with its office and principal place of business in New York, New York.

Penn Traffic is a Delaware corporation headquartered in Syracuse, New York. Prior to the Acquisition, Penn Traffic operated 79 supermarkets in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and New Hampshire under the following banners: Bi-Lo, P&C Foods ("P&C"), and Quality Markets.

III. The Proposed Complaint

As outlined in the proposed Complaint, the relevant product market in which to analyze the Acquisition is the retail sale of food and other grocery products in supermarkets. Supermarkets are full-line grocery stores that carry a wide variety of food and grocery items in particular product categories, including bread and dairy products, refrigerated and frozen food and beverage products, fresh and prepared meats and poultry, produce, shelf-stable food and beverage products, staple foodstuffs, and other grocery products, including non-food items, household products, and health and beauty aids. The hallmark of supermarkets is that they offer consumers the convenience of one-stop shopping for food and grocery products. To achieve this, supermarkets typically carry more than 10,000 different products and have at least 10,000 square feet of selling space.

As alleged in the proposed Complaint, supermarkets compete principally with other supermarkets and base their prices primarily on the prices of food and grocery products sold in other supermarkets. Other types of retail stores, including neighborhood "mom & pop" grocery stores, convenience stores, specialty food stores, club stores, limited assortment stores (e.g., ALDI, Save-A-Lot), and mass merchants, do not, individually or collectively, effectively constrain the prices of food

and grocery products in supermarkets because they do not offer a supermarket's distinct set of products and services that provide consumers with the convenience of one-stop shopping for food and grocery products. Although stores such as limited assortment stores do sell food and certain other grocery items, they do not offer the breadth of services and products sold at supermarkets and thus do not provide an effective constraint on prices in supermarkets. The evidence and the Commission's conclusions on these issues are consistent with its prior supermarket investigations.

The relevant geographic markets in which to analyze the likely competitive effects of the Acquisition are: Bath, New York; Cortland, New York; Ithaca, New York; Lockport, New York; and Sayre, Pennsylvania. All of these relevant markets were already highly concentrated before the Acquisition, and the Acquisition has substantially increased concentration in each of these markets, as measured by the Herfindahl Hirschman Index ("HHI"). Post-Acquisition HHIs in the relevant geographic markets range from 5,000 to 10,000, and the Acquisition has increased HHI levels by between 1,145 and 4,996 points. The high concentration levels and staff's ultimate conclusions regarding the competitive harm likely to result from the acquisition are not sensitive to changes in the precise contours of the relevant geographic markets. Indeed, the transaction would be presumptively unlawful in the geographic areas at issue even if the relevant geographic markets were defined by radii as large as fifteen to twenty miles.

According to the proposed Complaint, the Acquisition has substantially lessened competition in the relevant markets by eliminating direct competition between Tops and Penn Traffic, by increasing the likelihood that Tops will unilaterally exercise market power, and by increasing the likelihood of successful coordinated interaction among the remaining firms. Absent relief, the ultimate effect of the Acquisition would be to increase the likelihood that prices of food and other grocery products would rise above competitive levels, or that there would be a decrease in the quality or selection of food, other grocery products, or services.

For the entry of a new competitor or the expansion of an existing competitor to deter or counteract the anticompetitive effects of an acquisition, entry must be timely, likely, and sufficient. According to the proposed Complaint, new entry or expansion by

supermarket competitors in the relevant geographic markets is unlikely to deter the alleged anticompetitive effects of the Acquisition. The affected markets are insulated from new entry or expansion by significant entry barriers, including the time and costs associated with the need to conduct market research, select an appropriate location for the supermarket, obtain necessary permits and approvals, construct a new supermarket or convert an existing structure to a supermarket, and generate sufficient sales to have a meaningful impact on the market. Commission staff evaluated and considered pending and potential future entry by supermarket competitors in each of the affected geographic markets, as well as entry by other retailers such as mass merchants. In many of the markets, there is unlikely to be any entry in a time period that would prevent the anticompetitive effects. And, in those markets where entry may occur in the near future, the acquisition, despite new entry, still would result in highly concentrated markets, and that entry would not eliminate the anticompetitive harm of the acquisition.

IV. The Proposed Consent Agreement

The proposed Consent Agreement includes two proposed orders: a Decision and Order and an Order to Maintain Assets (collectively "Consent Orders"). The purpose of the proposed Consent Agreement is to: (1) ensure the continued use, and provide for the future use, of the Penn Traffic supermarket assets, subject to divestiture, in the operation of supermarkets at the respective locations; (2) create a viable and effective competitor that is independent of the Respondents in the operation of supermarkets in the relevant geographic markets; and (3) remedy the lessening of competition that has resulted from the Acquisition.

To achieve the above goals, the proposed Consent Agreement requires the divestiture of seven Penn Traffic supermarkets, together with their related assets, to a Commission-approved buyer at no minimum price within ninety (90) days of the Decision and Order becoming final. Tops and Holdco must secure all third-party consents and waivers necessary to facilitate the divestitures and to allow the Commission-approved buyer(s) to continue the operation of the Penn Traffic stores as supermarkets at their respective locations. As set forth in the Consent Orders, the stores to be divested are located in Bath, NY; Cortland, NY; Ithaca, NY (two stores); Lockport, NY; and Sayre, PA (two

stores). In the event Respondents do not meet their obligations to divest the Penn Traffic assets, the Commission may appoint a divestiture trustee to divest the assets in a manner consistent with the Decision and Order and subject to Commission approval.

Until all of the Penn Traffic assets are divested, the Consent Orders further require Respondents to maintain the viability, competitiveness, and marketability of the seven Penn Traffic supermarkets and related assets. This includes keeping the supermarkets open for business, performing routine maintenance, providing appropriate marketing and advertising, maintaining inventory levels at the stores, and using best efforts to preserve relationships with suppliers, distributors, customers, and employees. The Consent Agreement provides that the Commission may appoint an interim monitor whose principal duties are to ensure that Tops complies with its obligations under the Consent Orders. The Commission has appointed John J. MacIntyre, a former Penn Traffic employee with more than thirty years of experience in the supermarket industry, as interim monitor.

V. Opportunity for Public Comment

The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days to solicit comments from interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the proposed Consent Agreement, as well as the comments received, and will decide whether to withdraw its acceptance of the proposed Consent Agreement or issue its final Consent Orders.

The sole purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Consent Agreement. This analysis does not constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Consent Agreement, nor does it modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark

Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0288; Docket 2010-0002, Sequence 16]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Open Government Citizen Engagement Ratings, Rankings, and Flagging; Submission for OMB Review; OMB Control No. 3090-0288

AGENCY: Office of Citizen Services,
General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of a request for
comments regarding an extension to an
existing OMB information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35), this document
announces that GSA is planning to
submit a request to extend an
Information Collection Request (ICR) to
the Office of Management and Budget
(OMB). Before submitting this ICR to
OMB for review and approval, GSA is
soliciting comments on specific aspects
of the proposed information collection
as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on
or before September 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments
identified by Information Collection
3090-0288 by any of the following
methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit comments via the Federal
eRulemaking portal by inputting
“Information Collection 3090-0288”
under the heading “Enter Keyword or
ID” and selecting “Search”. Select the
link “Submit a Comment” that
corresponds with “Information
Collection 3090-0288”. Follow the
instructions provided at the “Submit a
Comment” screen. Please include your
name, company name (if any), and
“Information Collection 3090-0288” on
your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services
Administration, Regulatory Secretariat
(MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW., Room
4041, Washington, DC 20405. *Attn:*
Hada Flowers/IC 3090-0288.

Instructions: Please submit comments
only and cite Information Collection
3090-0288, in all correspondence
related to this collection. All comments
received will be posted without change
to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including
any personal and/or business
confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Jonathan Rubin, General Services

Administration, Office of Citizen
Services, 1800 F Street NW., Room
G139, Washington, DC 20405; *telephone
number:* 202-501-0855; *fax number:*
202-501-4281; *e-mail address:*
jonathan.rubin@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

One comment was received, although
it was of a general nature and was not
related to our information collection.
The comment was as follows:

“All Government Agencies are very
secretive. None are complying with President
Obama’s Executive Order for transparency.
None. FDA, HHS, USDA, USDOJ, HHS,
MMS, They are all secretive and sneaky. The
employees in those agencies work for
enrichment of their own wallets and not for
the good of American citizens. Greed is the
name of what they act for. Washington DC is
bloated, corrupt far far too expensive for
taxpayers, colossal mess. You need to audit
all agencies. Jean Public 8 Winterberry Court
Whitehouse Station NJ 08889”

What information is GSA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of
the PRA, GSA specifically solicits
comments and information to enable it
to:

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

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the
Agency’s estimate of the burden of the
proposed collection of information,
including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used;

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

(iv) 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.

What should I consider when I prepare my comments for GSA?

You may find the following
suggestions helpful for preparing your
comments.

1. Explain your views as clearly as
possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you
used.
3. Provide copies of any technical
information and/or data you used that
support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or
costs, explain how you arrived at the
estimate that you provide.