

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket No. 18–122; DA 20–609; FRS
16871]

Order Denying Stay Petition

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) denies the Joint Petition for Stay of Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification Pending Judicial Review of ABS Global Ltd., Empresa Argentina de Soluciones Satelitales S.A., and Hispamar Satélites S.A., and Hispasat S.A.

DATES: The Order Denying Stay Petition (DA 20–609) was released on June 10, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Gentry of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418–7769 or Anna.Gentry@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Order Denying Stay Petition (DA 20–609) released on June 10, 2020. The complete text of the Order is available for viewing via the Commission's ECFS website by entering the docket number, GN Docket No. 18–122. The complete text of the Order is also available for public inspection and copying from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday through Thursday or from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET on Fridays in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW, Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202–488–5300, fax 202–488–5563, or you may contact BCPI at its website: <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. When ordering documents from BCPI, please provide the appropriate FCC document number, for example, DA 20–609.

Synopsis

On May 15, 2020, ABS Global Ltd., Empresa Argentina de Soluciones Satelitales S.A., and Hispamar Satélites S.A., and Hispasat S.A. filed a Joint Petition for Stay Pending Judicial

Review of the Commission's Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification in the above-captioned proceeding. Petitioners asked the Commission to stay the C-band auction and transition process while their challenges to the *3.7 GHz Report and Order* are pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In their Stay Petition, Petitioners argue that the *3.7 GHz Report and Order* will trigger a chain of events—beginning with the May 29, 2020 election by eligible space station operators to relocate on an accelerated basis—that may be irreversible and that will harm them by benefiting competing space station operators that are eligible for relocation and accelerated relocation payments and depriving them of spectrum access rights without compensation. They argue that the Commission exceeded its authority to modify their spectrum access rights, allocated too much money available to certain space station incumbents in the form of accelerated relocation payments and reimbursement of relocation costs associated with new satellites, and arbitrarily excluded Petitioners from receiving any relocation payments.

The Commission denies the Stay Petition. First, Petitioners have not shown that they will suffer irreparable harm. The harm that Petitioners allege is not imminent, is conjectural, and consists of economic injuries that are not severe enough to be cognizable as irreparable harm. Second, Petitioners have not shown a likelihood of success on the merits. The Commission addressed Petitioners' principal arguments at length in the *3.7 GHz Report and Order*. The Stay Petition does not persuade the Commission that the Petitioners' arguments are likely to succeed in court any more than they did before the agency. Third, Petitioners have not shown that the equities favor a stay. Petitioners have not met their burden of showing that the public interest militates in favor of a stay and that others would not be harmed by a stay. Moreover, Petitioners have not shown that the public interest would favor grant of the stay. The Commission's actions to repurpose the C-band are an indispensable element of its overall strategy of promoting the deployment of fifth generation (5G) wireless services, with millions of jobs, and billions of dollars in economic growth and other public benefits, at stake. Grant of a stay pending judicial review would significantly delay the auction and transition process and harm multiple stakeholders, including prospective bidders and the diverse

incumbents involved in the transition process. The cost of such delay and disruption could be enormous. In addition to the public interest harms, grant of a stay would undercut the specific goal of U.S. leadership in 5G and the general goals of the auction program. Accordingly, we conclude that a stay of the Order and Order and Proposed Modification Pending Judicial Review is not warranted.

Federal Communications Commission.

Amy Brett,

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 20–10; Petition No. P1–20]

Investigation Into Conditions Created by Canadian Ballast Water Regulations in the U.S./Canada Great Lakes Trade

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice of investigation and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission has initiated an investigation into the allegations made in a petition filed by the Lake Carriers' Association that conditions created by the Government of Canada are unfavorable to shipping in the United States/Canada trade.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 22, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. 20–10, by the following method:

- *Email:* secretary@fmc.gov. For comments, include in the subject line: "Docket No. 20–10, Comments on Conditions Created by Canadian Ballast Water Regulations in the U.S./Canada Great Lakes Trade." Comments should be attached to the email as a Microsoft Word or text-searchable PDF document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or public comments received, go to the Commission's Electronic Reading Room at: www2.fmc.gov/readingroom/proceeding/20-10/.

Unless otherwise directed by the commenter, all comments will be treated as confidential under 46 U.S.C. 42105 and 46 CFR 550.104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding submitting comments or the treatment of confidential information, contact Rachel E. Dickon, Secretary; Phone: (202) 523–

5725; Email: secretary@fmc.gov. For technical questions, contact: Peter J. King, Deputy Managing Director; Phone (202) 523-5800; Email: OMD@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On March 6, 2020, the Lake Carriers' Association (Petitioner), a trade association made up of U.S. owners and operators of vessels serving the Great Lakes (Lakers), filed a petition alleging that conditions created by Transport Canada, an agency of the Government of Canada, are unfavorable to shipping in the United States/Canada trade, pursuant to Section 19(1)(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (Section 19) codified in 46 U.S.C. 42101. Section 19 authorizes the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) to investigate these conditions and to adopt regulations to adjust or meet such conditions. In this instance, Petitioner requests that the Commission adopt regulations in order to remedy a condition it alleges will result in irreparable harm to Petitioner's members.

II. Summary of Petition

Petitioner argues that Transport Canada's proposed regulations to require the installation of ballast water management systems (BWMS) on Laker vessels will effectively drive out U.S.-flag vessels from the cross-lakes U.S. export trade to Canada. These regulations, which were proposed by Transport Canada on June 8, 2019, would require Canadian vessels and vessels in waters under Canadian jurisdiction to develop and implement a ballast water management plan and comply with a performance standard that would limit the number of organisms discharged, with a compliance date of September 8, 2024. *Ballast Water Regulations*, Canada Gazette, Part 1, Vol. 153, No. 23 at 15.

The proposed regulations would exempt vessels of a non-signatory party to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Convention on the Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, such as the United States, if those vessels operate exclusively within the Great Lakes Basin and do not load ballast water from or release ballast water into Canadian waters. Petitioner alleges that this exemption would not apply to its members' vessels because they need to load ballast water after offloading export cargo at Canadian ports, and that in order for its members' vessels to comply with the proposed regulations, they would need to install a BWMS on each vessel.

Petitioner argues that because of the vessel type and age differences between the Canadian and U.S. fleets, the respective costs of implementing the proposed regulations will be very different. Transport Canada estimates the cost of implementing the requirements on all Canadian vessels currently serving the trade would be approximately 632 million Canadian dollars. Petitioner argues that implementing these same regulations on all U.S. vessels currently serving the trade would cost nearly 1.132 billion Canadian dollars. Ultimately, Petitioner argues the proposed regulations will essentially double the U.S. Laker cost of participating in the trade while Canadian carriers would experience a less than 1 Canadian dollar per ton cost increase.

Petitioner argues that its members cannot comply with the regulations because of the prohibitive cost, and they cannot avoid the regulations and continue to carry United States exports to Canada because they must load ballast water as they offload cargo at Canadian ports. Petitioner also states that its members cannot operate their vessels outside of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River because of their ship design and current U.S. Coast Guard certification is restricted to service on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Should the regulations be finalized and if U.S. vessels were thereby forced out of the trade, Petitioner contends that Canadian vessels would enjoy a monopoly on the cross-lakes U.S. export trade to Canada.

Petitioner argues that prohibiting the loading of ballast water without a BWMS serves no environmental purpose because, unlike discharging ballast water, loading ballast water in Canadian waters does not result in the potential introduction of nonnative organisms into Canadian waters. Petitioner asserts that the regulations serve no environmental purpose and the cost of compliance is prohibitively high for U.S. vessels, and suggests that the real purpose of the regulations is to drive out U.S. vessels from this trade.

Petitioner is asking the Commission to issue a regulation to meet the unfair competitive conditions created by Transport Canada. Petitioner has provided a proposed regulation that would assess a fee of 300,000.00 U.S. dollars each time a Canadian vessel enters any U.S. port.

III. Investigation and Initial Request for Comments

The Commission has reviewed the Petition and determined that it meets the threshold requirements for

consideration under the Commission's regulations. See 46 CFR part 550, subpart D. The Commission has therefore determined to initiate an investigation into whether the proposed Transport Canada regulations create unfavorable conditions to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States. To that end, the Commission has designated the Deputy Managing Director to lead an investigation into the Petitioner's allegations and to prepare a report on the investigation's findings and recommendations for Commission consideration.

As an initial step in the investigation, interested persons are requested to submit views, arguments and/or data on the Petition. Comments may address any aspect of the Petition.

As the Commission proceeds with this investigation, it may determine the need to request additional comment or gather information through other means as authorized under 46 U.S.C. 42104 and 46 CFR part 550.

By the Commission.

Rachel Dickon,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. NIOSH 278]

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following virtual meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by the availability of telephone ports and webinar capacity. Time will be available for public comment. If you wish to attend by webcast or teleconference, please register at the NIOSH website <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/bsc/> or call (404-498-2581) at least five business days in advance of the meeting.