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Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 97-2624]

Emergency Alert System National Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name of Committee: National Advisory Committee.

Subject: Emergency Alert System.

Date of Meeting: January 27, 1998.

Time of Meeting: 9 am.

Place: National Association of Broadcasters, 1771 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036-2891.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bonnie Gay, Emergency Alert System Staff, Stop Code 1500B1, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554 (phone: 202-418-1228)(fax: 202-418-2817).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1994, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to replace the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). EAS uses various communications technologies, such as broadcast stations and cable systems, to alert the public regarding national, state and local emergencies. At the same time, the FCC added a new part 11 to its rules containing EAS regulations. 47 CFR part 11. The National Advisory Committee (NAC) was established to assist the FCC administer EAS. Its first meeting will be held on January 27, 1998, in Washington, DC, and the

general topic will be emergency communication matters relating to EAS.

Summary of Proposed Agenda

- Orientation.
- Remarks by FCC Chairman and/or FCC Defense Commissioner.
- Presentations by the National Weather Service and Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Review of issues and FCC actions/items concerning EAS.
- Updates on state and local EAS plans.
- EAS working groups.
- Future EAS requirements and NAC recommendations to FCC.
- Other Business.
- Adjournment.

Administrative Matters

Attendance at the NAC meeting is open to the interested public, but limited to space availability. Members of the general public may file a written statement with the FCC at the above contact address before or after the meeting. Members of the public wishing to make an oral statement during the meeting must consult with the NAC at the above FCC contact address prior to the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be available after the meeting at the above contact address.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Request for Public Comments Regarding Extensions to Existing OMB Clearances

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FMC is preparing submissions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for continued approval of the following information collections (extensions with no changes) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35): OMB No. 3072-0055 (Tariffs and Service Contracts); OMB No. 3072-0045 (Agreements); and OMB No. 3072-0001 (Admission to Practice). Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval and will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Edward P. Walsh, Managing Director, Federal

Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5800).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Send requests for copies of the current OMB clearances to: George D. Bowers, Director Office of Information Resources Management, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5834).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0055
Expires May 31, 1998.

Abstract: Section 8 of the Shipping Act of 1984 requires common carriers and conferences of such common carriers to file with the Commission and keep open for public inspection, tariffs showing all rates, charges, classifications, rules and practices for transportation of cargo between the U.S. and foreign ports. Section 8(c) of the Act also provides for the filing of service contracts and statements of the contracts' essential terms with the Commission. 46 CFR 514 establishes the requirements, format and user charges for the electronic publication, filing and retrieval of tariffs, as well as service contracts and their essential terms, covering the transportation of property performed by common carriers in the foreign commerce of the United States and by combinations of such common carriers, including through transportation offered in conjunction with one or more carriers not otherwise subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

Needs and Uses: In order to effectively discharge its statutorily-assigned duties, the Commission uses filed tariff and service contract data for surveillance and investigatory purposes, and, in its proceedings, adjudicates related issues raised by private parties.

Frequency: The publishing and filing of tariffs and the filing of service contracts are not assigned a specific time frame by the Commission; they are submitted as circumstances warrant. That is, a common carrier or conference of such carriers can only charge its customers rates that are on file with the Commission. Rate increases must be filed on 30 days notice, while decreases can be filed to take effect on immediate notice.

Type of Respondents: Common carriers by water are persons who hold themselves out to the general public to provide transportation by water of cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation, who assume the responsibility for the transportation from origin to destination and use a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a U.S. port and a foreign country.

Number of annual respondents: The Commission estimates an annual respondent universe of 3,267. This number varies as persons file tariffs.

Estimated time per response: The average time for preparing and filing tariffs and service contracts is estimated at 122 person hours. Estimated time per respondent for recordkeeping requirements is estimated at 6 person hours.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the manhour burden to file foreign tariffs, service contracts and essential terms at 399,829; recordkeeping requirements are estimated at 12,080 person hours.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0045 (Expires May 31, 1998).

Abstract: The Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1701 *et seq.*, requires certain classes of agreements between and among ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators to be filed with the Commission, specifies the mandatory content of those agreements, and defines the Commission's authorities and responsibilities in overseeing these agreements. 46 CFR 572 establishes the form and manner for filing agreements and for the underlying commercial data necessary to evaluate agreements.

Needs and Uses: Under its pre-effective review process, the Commission reviews agreement filings to determine statutory and regulatory compliance, as well as to assess their anticompetitive impact. After agreements become effective, the Commission monitors agreement activities to ensure continued statutory and regulatory compliance. To accomplish this, the Commission continually gathers, reviews, and interprets commercial data regarding the impact of agreements on competition, prices, and service in the U.S. foreign commerce.

Frequency: The Commission has no control over how frequently agreements are entered into; this is solely a matter between the negotiating parties. When parties do reach an agreement that falls under the jurisdiction of the 1984 Shipping Act, that agreement must be filed with the Commission. Ongoing surveillance of agreement activities is conducted through the review of minutes and quarterly monitoring reports filed by the more anticompetitive agreements.

Type of Respondents: Parties that enter into agreements subject to the Commission's oversight are ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators operating in the foreign oceanborne commerce of the United States.

Number of Annual Respondents: Over the last five years the Commission has averaged 358 agreement filings a year from an estimated potential universe of 764 regulated entities. Starting in mid-1996, certain agreements are required to file quarterly monitoring reports under these regulations. The number of annual respondents under this program will vary according to the number of agreements subject to the reporting obligation. Last year, 235 agreements were subject; they filed 940 monitoring reports.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time for preparing and filing an agreements can range anywhere from as little as three staff-hours to as much as 150 staff-hours. The estimated average burden per respondent is 90 staff-hours. Time required for preparing monitoring reports varies according to the complexity of the filing obligation. Class C agreements have the least burden, and it is estimated to be about 20 staff-hours. Class A/B agreements require more specific data and hence a greater burden. It is estimated that Class B monitoring reports require about 120 staff-hours, and Class A reports about 160 staff-hours. Estimated time per respondent under the record-keeping obligations of the regulation is five staff-hours.

Total Annual Burden: The total annual burden on respondents is estimated at 115,000 staff-hours, 110,000 staff-hours as the filing burden, and 5,000 staff-hours as the record-keeping burden. These estimates are based on anticipated filings over the next year.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0001 (Expires May 31, 1998).

Abstract: Qualified persons who desire to practice before the Commission must complete and file Form FMC-12 (Application for Admission to Practice before the Federal Maritime Commission) with the Commission.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses data contained in the application to determine to whether applicant have the necessary qualifications to enable them to represent others in matters before the Commission.

Frequency: The collection of the information is on a one-time only basis.

Type of Respondents: Persons desiring to practice before the Commission in quasi-judicial hearings.

Number of annual respondents: The Commission estimates there are approximately 10 respondents annually for this one-time response.

Estimated Time per response: Approximately one hour.

Total Annual Burden: Ten manhours per year.

Before the Commission submits these renewal packages to the Office of Management and Budget, the Commission is inviting public, written comments on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates for the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Ronald D. Murphy,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 202-010714-023

Title: Trans-Atlantic American Flag Liner Operators

Parties:

Farrell Lines Incorporated
Lykes Lines Ltd., LLC
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment would sectionalize the Agreement's geographic scope into three subsections and would provide for sectional membership, voting, independent action, and service contracting. A member not participating in a section to which it otherwise provides service would be free to act unilaterally with respect thereto. The amendment also makes a number of nonsubstantive, administrative changes to the Agreement.

Agreement No.: 203-011325-013