

Electric), tendered for filing a letter of commitment providing for the sale of capacity and energy to the Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID), under Service Schedule J of the Contract for Interchange Service between them. Tampa Electric requests that the letter of commitment be made effective on May 1, 1998.

Copies of the filing have been served on RCID and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment date: March 19, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings, March 1998

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notification is hereby given that two committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All time noted are Eastern Daylight Time. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office.

1. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on March 24-25, 1998 in the Conference Facility at the New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110, telephone (617) 973-5220. The meeting is open to the public, but seating will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on March 24, and at 8:00 a.m. on March 25, and end no later than 5:30 pm on both days. The purpose of the meeting is to: (a) Review the final report from the Blackstone River Initiative, Water Quality Analysis of the Blackstone River Under Wet and Dry Weather Conditions; and (b) conduct general committee business, including discussion of potential strategic projects to be undertaken in 1998.

Background—Blackstone River Initiative: The Blackstone River, which flows through south central Massachusetts into northeastern Rhode Island, is an important natural, recreational, and cultural resource to MA and RI and a major source of freshwater to Narragansett Bay. Over the years, the Blackstone River watershed has been the site of industrial and urban/suburban development, with the resultant hydrologic alteration (e.g., dams and impoundments) and pollutant loadings to the river. EPA Region I began the Blackstone River Initiative in 1991, in part to address concerns about the pollutant loadings contributed by the river to Narragansett Bay and to foster river restoration efforts. The final report from the Blackstone River Initiative, which describes the wet and dry weather monitoring efforts, application of fate and transport models, and determination of annual pollutant loading rates, has been submitted to the Science Advisory Board for review with regard to the following questions.

Overall Charge Question

(a) The Blackstone River Initiative was a multi-phased, interagency, interstate project established to: (1) Determine the current water quality of the Blackstone River under both wet and dry weather conditions; (2) assess the relative contribution of pollutant loadings from point and non-point sources in the watershed; and (3) forecast annual pollutant loading rates. In general, were the study design and implementation appropriate to fulfill these objectives?

More Specifically, the Committee Is Asked To Consider the Following

(b) Please comment on the approach used to describe the fate of dissolved oxygen in the Blackstone River. Are the procedures used to calibrate and validate the dissolved oxygen model appropriate?

(c) A basic, mathematical model was used to describe the fate of suspended solids and trace metals in the Blackstone River. Please comment on this approach. The dry weather trace metal data was also used to define aquatic life criteria violations. Please comment on this approach and its relevance to ambient water toxicity.

(d) The data from the Blackstone River Initiative were used to determine the relative importance between dry and wet weather pollutant loads and point and non-point sources of pollution. The analysis led to the identification of river reach pollutant hot spots. Please comment on whether this analysis appears appropriate.

(e) A procedure was followed to combine the dry weather modeling and dry and wet weather data analysis to estimate annual loading rates to Narragansett Bay by the Blackstone River. Is the application of this procedure appropriate and is the methodology transferable to other watersheds?

(f) The Blackstone River Initiative has generated a substantial data base of information for a moderately sized watershed. What is the utility of this data base on CD-ROM as a resource for other applications?

*For Further Information—*Any member of the public wishing to obtain copies of the Blackstone River review materials provided to the SAB for the meeting should contact Peter Nolan, Office of Environmental Measurement and Evaluation, U.S. EPA Region I, at (781) 860-4343 or E-mail at nolan.peter@epa.gov. (Review documents are NOT available from the SAB office).

For a copy of the draft meeting agenda, please contact Ms. Wanda R. Fields, Secretary for EPEC, at (202) 260-8414, Fax at (202) 260-7118, or E-mail: fields.wanda@epa.gov. Any member of the public wishing to submit brief oral comments to the Committee must contact Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer for EPEC, in writing, no later than 4:00 pm Eastern Time on March 17, 1998 at Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, tel. (202) 260-6557; fax (202)-260-7118; or E-mail: sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov. Written comments in any length may be

provided to Ms. Sanzone at the above address prior to the meeting. See below for details on providing comments to the SAB.

2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 pm, Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 2103 of the Mall at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at (202) 260-8414 by March 18, 1998.

In this meeting the Executive Committee plans to review drafts from several of its Committees. These anticipated drafts include: (a) Environmental Engineering Committee Review of Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Environmental Indicators Project; (b) Environmental Engineering Committee Review of ORD Pollution Prevention Research Plan; (c) Integrated Human Exposure Committee's Commentary on the Importance of Indoor Air Environment; and (d) Research Strategies Advisory Committee's Review of the ORD FY99 Budget Request.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or wishing to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-4126; FAX (202) 260-9232; and via the INTERNET at: barnes.don@epa.gov. Copies of the relevant documents are available from the same source. Draft documents will also be available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) at least one week prior to the meeting.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen

minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in *The FY1997 Annual Report of the Staff Director* which is available from the SAB Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (CESS) by contacting US EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400), Attention: CESS, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 or via fax (202) 260-1889. Additional information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Home Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Dated: March 2, 1998.

A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.
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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, NW., 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.: 202-010689-073.

Title: Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement ("TWRA").

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd. and APL Co. PTE Ltd., Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH, Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., A.P. Moller-Maersk Line, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Neptune Orient Lines, Ltd., Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc., P&O Nedlloyd Limited, P&O Nedlloyd B.V., Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed modification provides for an alternative form of short notice independent action on non-refrigerated commodities in which IA can be taken on two-days notice on a

matter that was proposed as an Agreement action but failed to be adopted.

Agreement No.: 224-201046.

Title: Alabama-Odyssea Agreement.

Parties: Alabama State Docks

Department, Odyssea Stevedoring, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement concerns the terms and conditions under which the contractor performs cargo and freight handling services at the port. The term of the agreement runs until December 31, 2002.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Ronald D. Murphy,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

JFJ Freight Forwarders Inc., 320 N.W. 102nd Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026, Officer, Junetide F. Johnson, President

All Continental Group, Inc., 924 E. Main Street, Suite 106, Alhambra, CA 91801, Officers: GE Jia, Chief Executive Officer

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Ronald D. Murphy,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the