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**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0096.

*Title:* Application for Ship Radio Station License (and Temporary Operating Authority).

*Form Numbers:* FCC 506/FCC 506A.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 8,200.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 22 mins. (0.36 hrs.).

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirements.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,952 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* \$623,676 (filing fees).

*Needs and Uses:* FCC rules require that applicants file the FCC 506 to apply for a new or modified ship radio station license. The form can also be used to renew a ship radio station license when the applicant does not receive the renewal application FCC Form 405B automatically generated by the Commission. The FCC 506A is used by the applicant to self certify to a temporary operating authority while the ship application is being processed by the FCC. This form is being revised to delete the fee payment and Taxpayer Identification Number blocks. Any payment to the FCC requires an FCC Form 159 (Fee Remittance Advice), and this information is duplicated on that form. The instructions have been revised and renumbered to accommodate these changes.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0795.

*Title:* ULS TIN Registration and FCC Form 606.

*Form Number:* FCC 606.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 429,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Annual Burden:* 429,000 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* None.

*Needs and Uses:* FCC Form 606 is used (1) to register a licensee's Taxpayer

Identification Number (TIN) and its associated Wireless

Telecommunications call signs with the FCC; (2) to register the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of a first time application for a Wireless Telecommunications license with the FCC; or (3) to register the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the owner of an antenna structure and its associated antenna structure registration numbers with the FCC. This form is also used by an antenna structure tenant licensee who is required to register the antenna structure because the owner is subject to the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. It must be submitted before filing any subsequent applications associated with the existing license or antenna structure registration and prior to applying for a Wireless Telecommunications license or antenna structure registration for the first time.

The form and its instructions are being revised to add information about the antenna structure owner TIN registration requirements due to the implementation of Antenna Structure Registration in the Universal Licensing System (ULS).

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

[FLRA Docket No. WA-RP-80061]

### Notice of Opportunity To Submit Amici Curiae Briefs in a Representation Proceeding Pending Before the Federal Labor Relations Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Labor Relations Authority.

**ACTION:** Notice of the opportunity to file briefs as amici curiae in a proceeding before the Federal Labor Relations Authority in which the Authority is determining the representational status of employees who have been subject to reorganizations that modified chains of command at managerial levels, but did not otherwise affect the employees' day-to-day working conditions.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Labor Relations Authority provides an opportunity for all interested persons to file briefs as amici curiae on significant issues arising in a case pending before the Authority. The Authority is considering the case pursuant to its responsibilities under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute and its regulations.

The issue concerns how the Authority should resolve a representation case arising from an agency reorganization where employees in an installation-wide unit were separated along functional lines, and where their chains of command changed, but where their day-to-day working conditions did not otherwise change.

**DATES:** Briefs submitted in response to this notice will be considered if received by mail or personal delivery in the Authority's Office of Case Control by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 1999.

Placing submissions in the mail by this deadline will not be sufficient.

Extensions of time to submit briefs will not be granted.

**Format:** All briefs shall be captioned "U.S. Department of the Navy, Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia, Case No. WA-RP-80061."

Briefs must contain separate, numbered topic-headings. Parties must submit an original and four copies of each amicus brief, on 8½ by 11 inch paper. Briefs must include a signed and dated statement of service that complies with the Authority's regulations showing service of one copy of the brief on all counsel of record or other designated representatives. 5 CFR 2429.27 (a) and (c). The designated representatives are: George L. Reaves, Jr., Union Representative, National Association of Government Employees, 36 Wine Street, Hampton, VA 23669; Joseph R. Barco, Agency Representative, U.S. Department of the Navy, Human Resources Service Center East, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Building 17, Portsmouth, VA 23709-5000; and Gerald M. Cole, Regional Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority, 901 Market Street, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94103-1791.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver briefs to Peter Constantine, Director, Case Control Office, Federal Labor Relations Authority, 607 14th Street, NW, Room 415, Washington, DC 20424-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Constantine, Director, Case Control Office, Federal Labor Relations Authority, (202) 482-6540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 25, 1999, the Authority granted an application for review of the Regional Director's Decision and Order in *U.S. Department of the Navy, Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia*, Case No. WA-RP-80061 (55 FLRA No. 89 (1999)). The Authority is considering the case pursuant to its responsibilities under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute, 5 U.S.C. 7101-7135 (1994 & Supp. III 1997) (the Statute) and its regulations, set forth at 5 CFR part 2422. A summary of that case follows.

A copy of the Authority's complete decision may be obtained by telephoning Peter Constantine at the number listed above.

#### A. Background

The National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) was certified in 1985 as the exclusive representative of a consolidated unit of 325 professional and nonprofessional employees of the original Weapons Station Yorktown (WSY). Working conditions for the employees were set by the commanding officer of WSY, and their competitive area for RIF was limited to WSY employees. In 1997 and 1998, the Agency underwent reorganizations.

As a result of the reorganizations, the original WSY's functions were split among three separate entities: (1) WSY; (2) the Atlantic Ordnance Command (AOC); and (3) the Housing Department and Regional Resource Services Office of the U.S. Department of the Navy, Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk (COMNAVBASE). Of the bargaining unit employees who worked for WSY prior to the reorganizations, 84 employees continue to work for WSY, and they have experienced no change in their working conditions. The commanding officer of WSY now reports to the commanding officer of COMNAVBASE.

Of the bargaining unit employees who worked for WSY prior to the reorganizations, 239 employees have been transferred to AOC. They have experienced no change in their working conditions, although they now report to the commanding officer of AOC, who reports, in turn, to the commanding officer of COMNAVBASE. Their competitive area for RIF is now limited to AOC employees.

Three bargaining unit employees from the original WSY now work for the Housing Department of COMNAVBASE, and three other bargaining unit employees from the original WSY now work for the Regional Resource Services Office of COMNAVBASE. Their working conditions have not changed, except that one of the employees now splits his time between Yorktown and COMNAVBASE's Norfolk headquarters. The six employees report to the commanding officer of COMNAVBASE. Their competitive area for RIF includes all COMNAVBASE employees.

The Agency has conducted simultaneous negotiations with NAGE for employees of both WSY and AOC, and has submitted similar, but not identical, proposals to the Union to cover employees of both entities.

#### B. The Regional Director's Decision

The Regional Director dismissed the Union's petition seeking certification of a unit consisting of all of the employees of the original WSY. The Regional Director found that WSY, AOC, and COMNAVBASE constitute three distinct activities, and as such, the employees are now employed by three different entities. Specifically, he found that the employees' working conditions are set by three different commanding officers, they are in three different competitive areas for RIF, and they support three different missions. The Regional Director concluded that the employees do not continue to share a community of interest, and that, consequently, the unit is not appropriate, within the meaning of section 7122(a) of the Statute. The Regional Director also found that recognition of the proposed unit would not promote effective dealings with the Agency, because the working conditions of the employees are established by three separate commanding officers, and because two different human resources offices provide personnel services to the employees. The Regional Director dismissed the petition.

#### C. The Application for Review

NAGE filed the application for review, contending that review of the Regional Director's decision is warranted, under 5 CFR 2422.31, because: There is an absence of relevant Authority precedent; the Regional Director failed to apply established precedent; the Regional Director committed several clear and prejudicial errors concerning substantial factual matters; and established law and policy warrants reconsideration.

#### D. Question on Which Briefs Are Solicited

The Authority granted the application for review under 5 CFR 2422.31(c). The Authority found that Authority precedent warrants reconsideration because that precedent does not provide sufficient guidance in cases where units have been certified on an installation-wide basis, and where organizational changes affect the chains of command but do not otherwise affect day-to-day working conditions of bargaining unit employees. In granting the application on these grounds, the Authority found that some precedent supports a conclusion that changes in chains of command are sufficient to destroy a unit's community of interest, while other precedent supports continued recognition of the existing unit despite such changes in chains of command.

The Authority directed the parties in the case to file briefs addressing the following question: How should the Authority assess the effect on bargaining units of reorganizations that modify portions of the chains of command at managerial levels, but do not affect the day-to-day working conditions of bargaining unit employees? As this matter is likely to be of concern to agencies, labor organizations, and other interested persons, the Authority finds it appropriate to provide for the filing of amicus briefs addressing this issue.

For the Authority.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

**Peter Constantine,**

*Director of Case Control.*

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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.:* 202-007690-027

*Title:* India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ceylon and Burma Outward Freight Conference

*Parties:*

The Shipping Corporation of India, Ltd.

Waterman Steamship Corporation  
*Synopsis:* The proposed Amendment revises Articles 13 and 14 of the Agreement to comply with the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 for independent action and service contract authorities.

*Agreement No.:* 202-011454-001

*Title:* U.S.A./Oceania Agreement

*Parties:*

Safbank Line, Ltd.

Mediterranean Shipping Co., S.A.

*Synopsis:* The proposed Amendment revises Articles 13 and 14 of the Agreement to comply with the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 for independent action and service contract authorities.

Dated: June 25, 1999.