

government programs designed to address their needs.

8. The Notice seeks comment on the current trends in deployment and whether they indicate that certain segments of the population may be underserved by the market. The Notice also notes that in rural and inner-city communities, the market may fail to deliver advanced telecommunications capability. The Notice seeks comment on whether advanced telecommunications capability is or will be deployed in these areas.

9. Congress directs the Commission in section 706(b) to exercise its regulatory authority to remove barriers to infrastructure investments if it finds that deployment is not occurring "in a reasonable and timely fashion." The Notice seeks comment on how the Commission should do so. The Notice specifically seeks comment on how the Commission should exercise its forbearance authority and which statutory provisions or rules it should forbear from applying.

10. The Notice also seeks comment on the appropriate balance between section 706 and the policy and program for universal service under 47 U.S.C. § 254.

11. The Commission seeks comment on what structure of regulation will best promote the deployment of advanced telecommunications capability and will preserve a competitive market for advanced services. This question may become important if competition in advanced services emerges among common carriers (wire and wireless), cable television, broadcasters, and information service providers.

12. Section 706 calls on the State commissions to encourage deployment of advanced telecommunications capability. The Commission seeks comments from the states on how it can best interact with them to ensure that the goals of section 706 are achieved.

Procedural Matters

A. Ex Parte Presentations

13. Subject to the provisions of 47 CFR § 1.1203 concerning "Sunshine Period" prohibitions, this proceeding is exempt from ex parte restraints and disclosure requirements, pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.1204(b)(1). Because many of the matters on which we request comment in the Notice may call on parties to disclose proprietary information, we suggest that parties consult 47 CFR § 0.459 about the submission of confidential information.

B. Comment Filing Procedures

14. Pursuant to §§ 1.415, 1.419, and 1.430 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR

1.415, 1.419, and 1.430, interested parties may file comments on or before September 8, 1998. Reply comments are due on or before October 8, 1998. To file formally in the proceeding, you must file an original and six copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. If you want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of your comments, you must file an original and twelve copies. Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Suite 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, with a copy to John W. Berresford of the Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2033 M Street, N.W., Suite 399, Washington, D.C. 20036. Parties should also file one copy of any document filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800.

15. Comments may also be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (May 1, 1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Only one copy of electronically filed comments must be submitted. Commenters must note on the subject line whether an electronic submission is an exact copy of formal comments. Commenters also must include their full name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address in their submission. Further information on the process of submitting comments electronically is available at <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file>>.

16. Parties are also asked to submit comments and reply comments on diskette. Such diskette submissions would be in addition to and not a substitute for the formal requirements addressed above. Parties submitting diskettes should submit them to: Ms. Terry Conway, Common Carrier Bureau, Industry Analysis Division, 2033 M Street, N.W., Room 500, Washington, D.C. 20554. Such diskettes should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows software. The diskette should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the party's name, proceeding, type of pleading (comment or reply comment), and date of submission. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter.

16. *Other requirements.* Comments and reply comments must also comply with § 1.49 and all other applicable sections of the Commission's rules. We also direct all interested parties to include the name of the filing party and the date of the on each page of their comments and reply comments.

Ordering Clause

17. Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, that notice is hereby given of the inquiry described above and that comment is sought on these issues.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy 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.

CrossBar, Inc., 2012 E. Phelps, Suite A1, Springfield, MO 65802, Officer: Ray Walker Crossland, President

Washington World Trading Corp. d/b/a Washington World International Freight Forwarders, 1280 Golfview Drive East, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026, Officers: Lucia Novoa, President, Lauro W. Novoa, Exec. Vice President
Sari Express, Inc., 8282 NW 66th Street, Miami, FL 33166, Officers: Ruggeiro Suppa, President, Elena Martinez, Vice President

Woojin Shipping, Inc. d/b/a Axon Int'l, 960 Rand Road, #228, Des Plaines, IL 60016, Officer: Young H. Kim, President

Dynamic Network Team, Inc. d/b/a DNT Container Line, 150-40 183rd Street, Rm. 117, Jamaica, NY 11413, Officers: Wendy Wei, President, David Wei, General Manager

Highland Forwarding, Inc., 3 Highlander Way, Suite #315, Manchester, NH 03103, Officers: Radek Maly, President, Edward Kaplan, Treasurer

Tradewinds USA, Inc., 4027 S. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60609, Officers: Cynthia Ramirez-Berry, President, Steven Cohen, Secretary/Treasurer N.I. Logistics American Corporation, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, Officer: Hidetsugu Akagi, President

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

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 assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 8, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *First National Bancshares, Inc.*, Bradenton, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Manatee, Bradenton, Florida.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Associated Banc-Corp.*, Green Bay, Wisconsin; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Associated Bank Illinois, N.A., Rockford, Illinois (in organization).

2. *Holland Financial Corporation*, Holland, Michigan; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Holland, Holland, Michigan (in organization).

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Eggemeyer Advisory Corp.*, *Castle Creek Capital, LLC*, and *Castle Creek Capital Partners Fund-I, LP*, all of Rancho Santa Fe, California; to acquire more than 5 percent of the voting shares of Continental National Bancshares, Inc., El Paso, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Continental National Bank, El Paso, Texas.

2. *State National Bancshares, Inc.*, Lubbock, Texas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Continental National Bancshares, Inc., El Paso, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Continental National Bank, El Paso, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 7, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 982-3050]

Allied Domecq Spirits & Wine Americas, Inc. et al.; Analysis 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 that accompanies the consent agreement 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 October 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Peeler, FTC/S-4002, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-3090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's 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 sixty (60) 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 6, 1998), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted an agreement, subject to final approval, to a proposed consent order from Allied Domecq Spirits & Wine Americas, Inc. and Allied Domecq Spirits & Wine USA, Inc. d/b/a Hiram Walker, Delaware and Michigan corporations, respectively (hereinafter collectively referred to as Allied).

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement and take other appropriate action or make final the agreement's proposed order.

The Commission's complaint in this matter concerns two nearly identical television advertisements for Allied's Kahlua White Russian pre-mixed