

manuals and occasional updates are subject to the uniform format and standard procedures specified in RAO letter 19. The Commission proposes to, among other things, eliminate or modify some of the information required in the CAMs for mid-sized incumbent LECs. (*No. of respondents*: 18; *estimated time per response*: 300 hours (about two filings per respondent); *total annual burden*: 10,800 hours).

c. *Annual Auditor's Certification—Section 64.904*—Independent auditors must evaluate the results of the carrier's cost allocation manuals in light of the requirements of the manuals as well as the Commission's joint cost rules and rules and regulations including 47 CFR 32.23, 32.27, 64.901 and 64.903 in force as of the date of the auditor's report. Independent auditors must follow all of the ten standards of generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) in preparing the required reports. The Commission proposes to, among other things, to relax the audit requirement for mid-sized incumbent LECs. (*No. of respondents*: 19; *estimated time per response*: 500; *total annual burden*: 6500 hours). The proposed information collection requirements will provide the necessary information to enable this Commission to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities. These proposed accounts and recordkeeping requirements are intended to achieve the following goals: (1) to facilitate uniform reporting among ILECs; and (2) to ensure that regulated ratepayers do not bear the costs of ILECs' competitive activities. If the proposals are adopted, the Commission will realize a burden reduction of 633,500 hours. Obligation to comply: Mandatory.

Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection Approved by Office of Management and Budget

October 22, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office

of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 96-511. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Questions concerning the OMB control numbers and expiration dates should be directed to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0214.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0262.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2001.

Title: Section 90.179 Shared Use of Radio Stations

Form No. N/A.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,238 annual hours; .75 hours per response; 1,650 responses.

Description: This rule section is necessary to identify users of a shared land mobile radio station. The information is used by the Commission personnel to investigate interference complaints.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONS

[Report No. 2302]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

October 21, 1998.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room 239, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed November 12, 1998. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—

Competitive Bidding for Commercial Broadcast and Instructional Television Fixed Service Licenses (MM Docket No. 97-237).

Reexamination of the Policy Statement on Comparative Broadcast Hearings (GC Docket No. 92-52).

Proposals to Reform the Commission's Comparative Hearing Process to Expedite the Resolution of Cases (GEN Docket No. 90-264).

Number of Petitions Filed: 31.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

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.: 203-011636

Title: The Ancillary Agreement

Parties:

Canadian Pacific Management (Bermuda) ("CPML")
Bollere Technologies S.A.
SCAC Delmas Vieljeux—SDV
Brierley Investments Limited
Union Shipping Group Limited

Synopsis: The proposed agreement authorizes the parties to not compete with the Australia-New Zealand Direct Line ("ANZDL") in the trade between the United States and Australia, New Zealand, and adjacent islands in the Pacific Ocean for a period of three years in connection with the acquisition of ANZDL by CPML. The parties have requested expedited review.

Agreement No.: 224-201062

Title: Philadelphia-Penn City Lease and Operating Agreement

Parties:

Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Penn City Investments, Inc.

Synopsis: The agreement provides for a lease of certain piers as a warehouse and as a marine terminal as well as for the lessee being the exclusive operator of those piers. The agreement runs through June 20, 2003.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

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 November 23, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Mason-Dixon Bancshares, Inc.*, Westminster, Maryland; to merge with Sterling Bancorp, Baltimore, Maryland, and thereby indirectly acquire Sterling Bank & Trust Co., Baltimore, Maryland.

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

1. *Freedom Holdings, L.C.*, West Des Moines, Iowa; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of

the voting shares of Freedom Financial Bank, West Des Moines, Iowa.

2. *First American Credit Corporation*, Jewell, Iowa; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Freedom Holdings, L.C., West Des Moines, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Freedom Financial Bank, West Des Moines, Iowa.

3. *First American Bank Group, Ltd.*, Fort Dodge, Iowa; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First American Credit Corporation, Jewell, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Freedom Holdings, L.C., West Des Moines, Iowa, and Freedom Financial Bank, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 23, 1998.

Barbara R. Lowrey,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will meet on November 24, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Empire Room of the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St., NW., Washington DC. 20008. The meeting will be entirely open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the October 8, 1998 Report of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight titled, Hepatitis C: Silent Epidemic, Mute Public Health Response.

Prospective speakers should notify the Executive Security of their desire to address the Committee and should plan for no more than 5 minutes of comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen D. Nightingale, M.D., Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Safety, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201. Phone (202) 690-5560, FAX (202) 690-6584 e-mail SNIGHTIN@osophs.dhhs.gov.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Stephen D. Nightingale,

Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notice of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) announces the appointment of members to the AHCPR Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB). This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S. Code, Section 4314(c)(4) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 which requires members of performance review boards be published in the **Federal Register**.

The function of the PRB is to ensure consistency, stability and objectivity in SES performance appraisals, and to make recommendations to the Administrator, AHCPR, relating to the performance of senior executives in the Agency.

The following persons will serve on the FY 1999 AHCPR SES Performance Review Board:

Chairperson

Lisa A. Simpson, M.B., B.Ch. Deputy Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

Members

Douglas B. Kamerow, M.D., Director, Center for Practice and Technology, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Gregg S. Meyer, M.D., Director, Center for Quality Measurement and Improvement, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

William A. Robinson, M.D., Director, Center for Quality, Health Resources and Services Administration

Evelyn M. White, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources, Office of the Secretary

Phyllis M. Zucker, Public Health Advisor, Immediate Office of the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

For further information about the AHCPR Performance Review Board, contact Mr. Jeffrey Toven, AHCPR Human Resources Management Staff, Executive Office Center, Suite 601, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Dated: October 15, 1998.

John M. Eisenburg,
Administrator.

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