

range of fees without specific identification of the rate for each individual area. In such circumstances, the operator may advertise a "fee plus" rate that indicates the core rate plus the range of possible additions, depending on the particular location of the subscriber. The Commission has set forth this disclosure requirement to ensure consumer awareness of all costs and fees associated with basic service and cable programming service tier rates.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0674.

Title: Section 76.931, Notification of Basic Tier Availability, and Section 76.932, Notification of Proposed Rate Increase.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 11,365.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.5 to 2.0 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 25,572 hours.

Total Annual Costs: None.

Needs and Uses: Section 76.931 states that a cable operator shall provide written notification to subscribers of the availability of basic tier service by November 30, 1993, or three billing cycles from September 1, 1993, and to new subscribers at the time of installation. This notification is to include the following information: (a) That basic tier service is available; (b) The cost per month for basic tier service; and (c) A list of all services included in the basic service tier. Section 76.932 states that a cable operator shall provide written notice to subscribers of any increase in the price to be charged for the basic service tier or associated equipment at least 30 days before any proposed increase is effective. These notice requirements ensure that subscribers are made aware of the price and availability of basic cable service and ensure that subscribers are given due notice of rate increases with basic cable service.

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, 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.: 207-011640.

Title: The Amazon Express Joint Service Agreement.

Parties:

Associated Transport Line, L.L.C.

("ATL")

Consorcio Naviero Peruano S.A.

("CNP")

Amazon Express ("the Joint Service")

Synopsis: Under the proposed Agreement, ATL and CNP would operate a joint service to be known as Amazon Express in the trade between United States Atlantic and Gulf ports, and inland points via such ports, and ports on the Amazon River in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, and inland points via such ports.

Agreement No.: 232-011641.

Title: The COSCON/YMUK Vessel Sharing Agreement.

Parties:

COSCO Container Lines Company

("COSCON")

Yang Ming (UK) Ltd. ("YMUK").

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement would permit the parties to charter space to one another and to coordinate their vessel services in the trade between United States Atlantic and Gulf ports, and inland U.S. points via such ports, and ports in Asia and on the Mediterranean, and inland points via such ports. YMUK would also be permitted to charter space aboard its vessels and to subcharter its allocated space aboard COSCON's vessels to Yang Ming Transport Corporation.

Agreement No.: 224-201063.

Title: Alabama-Stevedores of Alabama Terminal Agreement.

Parties:

Alabama State Docks Department Stevedores (of Alabama) Inc.

Synopsis: The agreement is a permit which provides for cargo and freight handling services; it specifically excludes stevedoring services. The agreement runs through December 31, 2002.

Agreement No.: 224-201064.

Title: Alabama-Strachan Terminal Agreement.

Parties:

Alabama State Docks Department

Strachan Shipping Company d/b/a Alabama Stevedoring and Terminal Operators

Synopsis: The agreement is a permit which provides for cargo and freight handling services; it specifically excludes stevedoring services. The agreement runs through December 31, 2002.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-24]

Go/Dan Industries, Inc. and Atlantic Customs Brokers, Inc. v. Eastern Mediterranean Shipping Corp. dba Atlantic Ocean Lines, ANIL (aka "ANDY") K. Sharma, Individually, and Atlantic Ocean Line Corp.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by Go/Dan Industries, Inc. and Atlantic Customs Brokers, Inc. ("Complainants") against Eastern Mediterranean Shipping Corp. dba Atlantic Ocean Lines, Anil (aka "Andy") K. Sharma, individually, and Atlantic Ocean Line Corp. ("Respondents") was served November 27, 1998. Complainants allege that Respondents violated section 10(d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. secs. 1709(d)(1), by failing to pay the freight charges to the underlying carrier, resulting in the shipper and its agent having to pay freight charges twice, by failing to provide information about the shipment and causing delay, detention and demurrage charges, and by failing to properly deliver cargo.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record.

Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 29, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 28, 2000.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-23]

NPR, Inc. v. Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by NPR, Inc. ("Complainant") against Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans ("Respondent") was served November 27, 1998. Complainants allege that Respondents violated section 10(b)(11), (b)(12) and (d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. secs. 1709(b)(11), (b)(12) and (d)(1), by forcing Complainant to make a multi-million dollar early termination payment for ceasing direct ocean common carrier service to the Port of New Orleans, while demanding no such early termination payment from other tenants seeking early termination of lease agreements.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 29, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 28, 2000.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-22]

Trek Bicycle Corporation v. Classic Cargo International, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by Trek Bicycle Corporation ("Complainant") against Classic Cargo International, Inc. ("Respondent") was served November 25, 1998. Complainant alleges that Respondent violated sections 10(a)(1), (b)(16)(A) and (d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1709(a)(1), (b)(16)(A) and (d)(1), by falsely representing transit time and by offering, soliciting, and routing complainant's property without consent of the shipper or consignee, thereby requiring replacement property to be air freighted.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 26, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 27, 2000.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Charges for Certain Disclosures

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice regarding charges for certain disclosures.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission announces that the current ceiling on allowable charges under section 612(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) will remain unchanged for 1999. Under 1996 amendments to the FCRA, the Federal

Trade Commission is required to increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional charges rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The Consumer Price Index increased only 1.49 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 1998. This increase is too small to trigger an increase in the \$8.00 figure given the requirement that the figure be rounded to the nearest \$0.50. The figure therefore remains at \$8.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith B. Anderson, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580, 202-326-3428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fair Credit Reporting Act, originally enacted in 1970,¹ was extensively amended in 1996. Most of the amendments to the law, including the one discussed in this notice, went into effect on September 30, 1997. Section 612(a)(1)(A) states that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609, the charge shall not exceed \$8 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(a)(2) goes on to state that the Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") shall increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

The Commission considers the \$8 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(a) to be the baseline for the effective ceiling on reasonable charges dating from the time the amended FCRA took effect, i.e., September 30, 1997. In November of each year, the Commission calculates the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September of the current year. The Commission then determines what modification, if any, from the original base of \$8 should be made effective on January 1 of each subsequent year, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 1681-1681u; Title VI of the Consumer Credit Protection Act.