

Foreign Communications Services to Candidates for Federal Office.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 13 respondents; 8 hours per response (avg.); 104 total annual burden hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Description:* Communications common carriers with operating revenues exceeding \$1 million who extend unsecured credit to a candidate or person on behalf of such candidates for Federal office must file with the FCC a report including due and outstanding balances. The information is used for monitoring purposes. Obligation to respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Public reporting burden for the collection 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, DC 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.  
**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2397]

### Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

March 28, 2000.

Petition for Reconsideration have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding 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 CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to this petition must be filed by April 20, 2000. 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:* Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45)

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 1

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2398]

### Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

March 30, 2000.

Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to this petition must be filed by April 20, 2000. 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:* Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies (MM Docket No. 98-204)

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 1.

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.:* 203-011443-003.

*Title:* Space Charter and Cooperative Working Agreement Between NYK and WW Lines.

*Parties:* Wallenius Wilhelmsen Lines AS. Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

*Synopsis:* The amendment revises the agreement by deleting NYKNOS Joint Service as a party to the agreement and substitutes WW Lines. The amendment restates and changes the name of the agreement, as well as providing for authority for the parties to discuss and voluntarily agree on rates in the trade between the U.S. and the Middle East.

*Agreement No.:* 217-11699.

*Title:* CMA CGM/Wan Hai Lines Ltd. Cooperation Agreement.

*Parties:* CMA CGM S.A. Wan Hai Lines Ltd.

*Synopsis:* Under the proposed agreement, the parties agree to charter slots to each other on vessels operating in the trades between the U.S. West Coast and ports in the Far East in the Japan/Singapore/South East Asia range. The agreement authorizes the parties to consult on the number and size of vessels, sailings, schedules, and port calls as well as certain cooperative activities involving chartering of space, facilities and supplies. The parties request expedited approval.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 00-8359 Filed 4-4-00; 8:45 am]

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Ocean Transportation Intermediary License Applicant

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for licenses as Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

### Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Providence Services Inc., 8565 N.W. 68th Street, Miami, FL 33166; Officer: Rodolfo Lang, President (Qualifying Individual)  
Fulway International, Inc. d/b/a Air-Sea, International Logistics, Inc., 15355 Vantage Parkway W., Suite 103, Houston, TX 77032; Officer:

Mengmeng Liu, President (Qualifying Individual)  
 Sky 2 C Freight Systems, Inc., 39655  
 Trinity Way, #3108, Fremont, CA  
 94538; Officer: Tarun Tandon,  
 Director (Qualifying Individual)

**Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier  
 and Ocean Freight Forwarder  
 Transportation Intermediary  
 Applicants**

Alex Nichols Agency, division of  
 National Horse Transfer, Inc., 31  
 Plainfield Avenue, Elmont, NY 11003;  
 Officers: Ronald Beckerman, Vice  
 President (Qualifying Individual),  
 William A. Nichols, President  
 LRG International, Inc., 8428 Sunstate  
 Street, Tampa, FL 33634; Officer:  
 Henrik A. Jorgensen, President  
 (Qualifying Individual)

**Ocean Freight Forwarders—Ocean  
 Transportation Intermediary  
 Applicants**

Import logistics, Inc., 3847 Exchange  
 Avenue, Aurora, IL 60504; Officers:  
 Carol Gallagher, Director (Qualifying  
 Individuals), Colin P. Hann, President  
 P-Serv Technologies, Inc., 4473 Willow  
 Road, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA  
 94588; Officer: Mitsuko Mizushima,  
 CEO (Qualifying Individual)

Dated: March 31, 2000.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**Premerger Notification: Reporting and  
 Waiting Period Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of Formal  
 Interpretation 17.

**SUMMARY:** The Premerger Notification  
 Office ("PNO") of the Federal Trade  
 Commission ("FTC"), with the  
 concurrence of the Assistant Attorney  
 General in charge of the Antitrust  
 Division of the Department of Justice  
 ("DOJ"), is adopting a Formal  
 Interpretation of the Hart-Scott-Rodino  
 Act, ("the HSR Act," "the Act"), which  
 requires persons planning certain  
 mergers, consolidations, or other  
 acquisitions to report information about  
 the proposed transactions to the FTC  
 and DOJ in order to allow for effective  
 premerger antitrust review. The Act  
 exempts from Hart-Scott-Rodino  
 premerger review certain classes of  
 acquisitions that require premerger  
 competitive review by a specialized  
 regulatory agency. This Interpretation

describes the PNO's position regarding  
 transactions that may occur under the  
 recently enacted Gramm-Leach-Bliley  
 Act that have some portions subject to  
 advance competitive review by a  
 banking agency and other, non-bank  
 portions that are not subject to such  
 review. Under the Interpretation, the  
 non-bank portion of such a transaction  
 is subject to the reporting requirements  
 of the HSR Act regardless of whether the  
 non-bank business is housed in an  
 affiliate of a financial holding company  
 or a financial subsidiary of a bank. The  
 Interpretation also addresses HSR  
 treatment of certain transactions in  
 which portions of the transaction  
 require approval under different  
 sections (section 3 and section 4) of the  
 Bank Holding Company Act. This  
 Interpretation does not address  
 questions concerning how to apply the  
 HSR rules to the portion of a mixed  
 transaction that is subject to the HSR  
 Act. These issues will be addressed by  
 the PNO on a case-by-case basis.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Formal Interpretation 17 is  
 effective on April 3, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Marian R. Bruno, Assistant Director,  
 telephone (202) 326-2846, or Thomas F.  
 Hancock, Attorney, telephone (202)  
 326-2946; Premerger Notification  
 Office, Bureau of Competition, Room  
 301, Federal Trade Commission,  
 Washington, DC 20580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of  
 Formal Interpretation Number 17 is set  
 out below:

FORMAL INTERPRETATION 17,  
 PURSUANT TO § 803.30 OF THE  
 PREMERGER NOTIFICATION RULES,  
 16 CFR § 803.30, REGARDING FILING  
 OBLIGATIONS FOR CERTAIN  
 ACQUISITIONS INVOLVING BANKING  
 AND NON-BANKING BUSINESSES  
 UNDER THE (c)(7) AND (c)(8)  
 EXEMPTIONS OF THE HART-SCOTT-  
 RODINO ACT AS AMENDED BY THE  
 GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT

Pursuant to § 803.30 of the Hart-Scott-  
 Rodino premerger notification rules  
 ("the rules"), the Premerger Notification  
 Office ("PNO") of the Federal Trade  
 Commission ("FTC"), with the  
 concurrence of the Assistant Attorney  
 General in charge of the Antitrust  
 Division of the Department of Justice  
 ("DOJ"), collectively, "the enforcement  
 agencies", issues this formal  
 interpretation of the Hart-Scott-Rodino  
 Act, as amended.

<sup>1</sup> Parties wishing to determine the application of  
 the HSR Act and the Rules to a particular set of facts  
 will find source materials on the FTC Web site at  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). Parties may also call the PNO for  
 advice at (202) 326-3100.

**The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act**

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Public  
 Law 106-102, was signed into law by  
 President Clinton on November 12,  
 1999. Title I of Gramm-Leach-Bliley,  
 Facilitating Affiliation Among Banks,  
 Securities Firms and Insurance  
 Companies, generally became effective  
 March 11, 2000. Under the new law,  
 bank holding companies and banks are  
 allowed to affiliate with companies that  
 participate in financial services markets  
 that were previously off limits to such  
 entities. In particular, Gramm-Leach-  
 Bliley repeals the restrictions on banks  
 affiliating with securities firms  
 contained in sections 20 and 32 of the  
 Glass-Steagall Act. The statute creates a  
 new "financial holding company"  
 category under section 4(k) of the Bank  
 Holding Company Act ("BHCA"). Such  
 holding companies can engage in a  
 statutorily provided list of financial  
 activities, including insurance and  
 securities underwriting and agency  
 activities, merchant banking and  
 insurance company portfolio investment  
 activities. Other financial activities and  
 activities incidental to financial  
 activities may be approved if the  
 Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury  
 Department agree. Activities that are  
 "complementary" to financial activities  
 are also authorized and such activities  
 may be specified by the Federal Reserve  
 Board at a later date. A bank holding  
 company that does not become a  
 financial holding company can continue  
 to engage in activities closely related to  
 banking, such as trust services, data  
 processing services, investment advising  
 and ATM network ownership, under  
 section 4(c)(8) of the BHCA.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley also allows a  
 national bank that meets certain  
 standards to engage in the same new  
 financial activities in "financial  
 subsidiaries," except for insurance  
 underwriting, merchant banking (which  
 may be approved as a permissible  
 activity beginning five years after  
 enactment), insurance company  
 portfolio investments, and, unless  
 permitted by other law, real estate  
 development and real estate investment.  
 Other financial activities and activities  
 incidental to financial activities may be  
 approved if the Federal Reserve Board  
 and the Treasury Department agree. The  
 aggregate assets of all financial  
 subsidiaries must not exceed 45% of the  
 parent bank's assets or \$50 billion,  
 whichever is less. National banks may  
 continue to have traditional operating  
 subsidiaries. Gramm-Leach-Bliley  
 prohibits operating subsidiaries of