the Office of the Secretary to secure contact names and numbers for individual Commissioners.

The Commission has determined to waive the service requirements found at 46 CFR 502.114(b). Instead, copies of all filed comments, and copies of summaries or transcripts of oral presentations, may be viewed on the Commission's web page at *http:// www.fmc.gov.*

By the Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition P9-03]

Petition of C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc. for Exemption Pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984 To Permit Negotiation, Entry and Performance of Confidential Service Contracts; Reopening of Comment Period; Oral Presentations

C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. ("Petitioner") has petitioned, pursuant to section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1715, and 46 CFR 502.67, for an exemption from the Shipping Act, to permit it to negotiate, enter into and perform service contracts. The period for the filing of comments in response to the petition closed on October 10, 2003.

The Commission has determined to re-open the comment period. Interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the petition, or in reply to comments already received, no later than January 16, 2004. Comments shall consist of an original and 15 copies, and shall be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573–0001. It is also requested that a copy be submitted in electronic form (WordPerfect, Word or ASCII) on diskette, or e-mailed to *Secretary@fmc.gov*.

The Commission has also determined to permit interested persons to make oral presentations in this proceeding. At the discretion of individual Commissioners, interested persons may request one-on-one meetings at which they may make presentations describing their views on the petition. Any meeting or meetings shall be completed before the close of the comment period. A summary or transcript of each oral presentation will be included in the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission within 5 days of the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should contact the Office of the Secretary to secure contact names and numbers for individual Commissioners.

The Commission has determined to waive the service requirements found at 46 CFR 502.114(b). Instead, copies of all filed comments, and copies of summaries or transcripts of oral presentations, may be viewed on the Commission's Web page at http:// www.fmc.gov.

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[Petition P5-03]

Petition of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for Limited Exemption From Certain Tariff Requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984; Reopening of Comment Period; Oral Presentations

The National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. ("Petitioner") has petitioned, pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1715, and 46 CFR 502.67, for an exemption from the provisions of Section 8 and 10 of the Shipping Act of 1984, which require non-vessel ocean common carriers ("NVOCCs") to establish, publish, maintain and enforce tariffs setting forth ocean freight rates. Alternatively, Petitioner requests that the Commission consider a more limited exemption and rulemaking that would allow NVOCCs to establish "range rates." The period for the filing of comments in response to the petition closed on October 10, 2003.

The Commission has determined to re-open the comment period. Interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the petition, or in reply to comments already received, no later than January 16, 2004. Comments shall consist of an original and 15 copies, and shall be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573–0001. It is also requested that a copy be submitted in electronic form (WordPerfect, Word or ASCII) on diskette, or e-mailed to *Secretary@fmc.gov.*

The Commission has also determined to permit interested persons to make oral presentations in this proceeding. At the discretion of individual Commissioners, interested persons may request one-on-one meetings at which they may make presentations describing their views on the petition. Any meeting or meetings shall be completed before the close of the comment period. A summary or transcript of each oral presentation will be included in the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission within 5 days of the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should contact the Office of the Secretary to secure contact names and numbers for individual Commissioners.

The Commission has determined to waive the service requirements found at 46 CFR 502.114(b). Instead, copies of all filed comments, and copies of summaries or transcripts of oral presentations, may be viewed on the Commission's Web page at http:// www.fmc.gov.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition P7-03]

Petition of Ocean World Lines, Inc., for a Rulemaking To Amend and Expand the Definition and Scope of "Special Contracts" To Include All Ocean Transportation Intermediaries; Reopening of Comment Period; Oral Presentations

Ocean World Lines, Inc. ("Petitioner") has petitioned for the issuance of a rulemaking pursuant to 46 CFR 502.51. Petitioner seeks a rulemaking to address and evaluate the impact of the Commission's rules governing Ocean Transportation Intermediaries ("OTIs"). Specifically, Petitioner seeks a rulemaking that would expand the definition and scope of the term "special contracts" to include all OTIs in the same manner as currently applied to ocean freight forwarders (46 CFR 515.41(c)). The period for the filing of comments in response to the petition closed on October 10, 2003.

The Commission has determined to re-open the comment period. Interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the petition, or in reply to comments already received, no later than January 16, 2004. Comments shall consist of an original and 15 copies, and shall be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC 20573–0001. It is