

LauritzenCool AB;
Seatrade Group NV;
FESCO Ocean Management Inc.;
A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S; and Lykes
Lines Limited, LLC

Synopsis: The amendment adds Lykes Lines Limited, LLC as a party to the agreement; updates the name of Maersk; and corrects the addresses of ANZDL, LauritzenCool, and Seatrade.

Agreement No.: 011407-006
Title: Australia/United States
Containerline Association

Parties:

Hamburg-Sud;
P&O Nedlloyd Limited;
Australia-New Zealand Direct Line;
and Lykes Lines Limited, LLC

Synopsis: The amendment adds Lykes Lines Limited, LLC as a party to the agreement and corrects the addresses of Hamburg-Sud and ANZDL.

Agreement Nos.: 011510-022
Title: West African Discussion
Agreement

Parties: Atlantic Bulk Carriers, Ltd.;
HUAL A/S;
and P&O Nedlloyd Limited

Synopsis: The amendment deletes P&O Nedlloyd Limited as a party to the agreement effective November 21, 2003.

Agreement No.: 011665-005
Title: Specialized Reefer Shipping
Association

Parties:

LauritzenCool AB, NYK Star Reefers,
and Seatrade Group NV

Synopsis: The amendment deletes NYK Star Reefers as a party to the agreement.

Agreement No.: 011866
Title: NYK/MP Line Cooperative
Working Agreement

Parties: Nippon Yusen Kaisha and MP
Line de Mexico,
S.A. de C.V.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement would authorize NYK to charter a ro-ro vessel to MP Line to operate generally between Florida and the U.S. Gulf coast, on the one hand, and Mexico, East coast of Central America, the North coast of South America, and the Caribbean, on the other hand. The agreement would also authorize MP Line to charter space back to NYK on the vessel.

By Order of the Federal Maritime
Commission.

Dated: October 31, 2003.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03-27856 Filed 11-4-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6730-01-P

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as a 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:

IFE Global Logistics Inc., 100 N. Hill Drive, #15, Brisbane, CA 94005,
Officer: Eric C. Datanagan, President (Qualifying Individual)

LA World Express Inc. dba Guangyi USA, 2800 Plaza Del Amo, #202, Torrance, CA 90503, Officers:
Raymond Chou, Operating Manager (Qualifying Individual), Glenda Chu, President

Sunwoo International, Inc. dba Gen-X, International Freight Company, 2558 Landmeier Road, Suite C, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, Officer: Kook Seong Lee, President (Qualifying Individual)
Marine Transport Logistic Inc., 602 20th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218, Officer: Alla Solovyeva, President (Qualifying Individual)

Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicant:
Transporte Medrano, Inc. dba Medrano Express, 134 North Franklin Street, Hempstead, NY 11550-1318, Officers:
Jorge A. Medrano, President (Qualifying Individual), Telma Ayala, Vice President

Dated: October 31, 2003.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03-27855 Filed 11-4-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6730-01-P

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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

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 28, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Alpha Financial Group, Inc.*, Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Toluca, Illinois; to acquire an additional 12.58 percent, for a total of 51.9 percent, of the voting shares of Alpha Financial Group, Inc., Toluca, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Alpha Community Bank, Toluca, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 30, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 03-27762 Filed 11-4-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6210-01-S

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Government in the Sunshine Meeting; Notice

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m., Monday, November 10, 2003.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle A. Smith, Director, Office of Board Members; 202-452-2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: October 31, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 03-27914 Filed 10-31-03; 4:32 pm]

BILLING CODE 6210-01-P

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Docket No. 9307]

Alabama Trucking Association; 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 complaint 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 November 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments filed in electronic form should be directed to: consentagreement@ftc.gov, as prescribed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dana Abrahamsen, FTC, Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2906.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 3.25(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 3.25(f), 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 thirty (30) 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 October 30, 2003), on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2003/10/index.htm>. A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "confidential." Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to email messages directed to the following email box: consentagreement@ftc.gov. Such comments 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 for public comment an Agreement Containing Consent Order with Alabama Trucking Association, Inc. ("ATA" or "Respondent") to resolve matters charged in an Administrative Complaint issued by the Commission on July 9, 2003. The agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for receipt of comments from interested

members of the public. The Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by ATA that the law has been violated as alleged in the Complaint or that the facts alleged in the Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

The Commission's decision to issue its Complaint in this matter was made after considering whether Respondent's activities were protected by the state action defense. As discussed in detail in Section III below, a key element of the state action defense is the extent to which the State supervises private action. The facts developed during staff's investigation pertaining to the extent to which Alabama supervised rates contained in tariffs filed by Respondent are discussed in this Analysis to illustrate how the Commission analyzed Respondent's ability to establish a state action defense.¹

I. The Commission's Complaint

The Complaint alleged that Respondent Alabama Trucking Association, Inc., a corporation, violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act. Specifically, the Complaint alleged that Respondent agreed to engage, and had engaged, in a combination and conspiracy, an agreement, concerted action or unfair and unlawful acts, policies and practices, the purpose or effect of which was to unlawfully hinder, restrain, restrict, suppress or eliminate competition among household goods movers in the household goods moving industry.

Respondent is an association organized for and serving its members, which are approximately 80 household goods movers that conduct business within the State of Alabama. One of the primary functions of ATA is preparing, and filing with the Alabama Public Service Commission, tariffs and supplements on behalf of its members. These tariffs and supplements contain rates and charges for the intrastate transportation of household goods and for related services.

The Complaint alleged that Respondent engaged in initiating, preparing, developing, disseminating, and taking other actions to establish and maintain collective rates, which had the

¹ Settlement in this matter precludes the possibility of a litigated record. Thus, the Commission's understanding of the facts as set forth in this Analysis is based on the record developed during staff's investigation. The Commission has decided to include discussion of the relevant parts of the investigatory record to provide the best guidance it can on the scope of the state action defense and to facilitate comment on the proposed Consent Agreement.