



Federal Maritime Commission
Washington, D.C. 20573

Office of the Chairman

March 5, 2010

Mr. Peter J. Gatti
Executive Vice President
The National Industrial Transportation League
1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1900
Arlington, VA 22209-1904

Re: Shanghai Shipping Exchange

Dear Mr. Gatti:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of The National Industrial Transportation League's letter to the Federal Maritime Commission dated February 17, 2010, regarding concerns related to the recently-enacted rate filing requirements of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Shanghai Shipping Exchange.

Like the League, I believe there may be potential issues of serious concern in this area. As you know, Commission staff has been reviewing information related to these issues along with any potential impact on the U.S. Trans-Pacific trades. We have also asked the State Department to request that the U.S. Embassy in China obtain more information, especially on the specific questions you have raised. The Commission takes great interest in ensuring that important matters such as this are properly reviewed.

As always, the Commission values and appreciates the assistance of the League with gathering relevant information. In that respect, I encourage the League and/or its members to provide information helpful to the Commission. I would remind the League of the Commission's regulations at 46 C.F.R. 502.119, which describe the procedures related to confidential

submissions. If you have any additional questions and/or concerns or have supplementary information to provide the Commission regarding the above referenced matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr.
Chairman

cc: Commissioner Joseph E. Brennan
Commissioner Rebecca F. Dye
Commissioner Michael A. Khouri
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