

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER REBECCA DYE
REVISED TIMETABLE FOR RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW
OF EXISTING RULES TO INCLUDE SERVICE
CONTRACT RULES**

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Review of Service Contract Filing Regulations

- **I appreciate my fellow Commissioners agreeing to require consideration of our Service Contract filing rules in 2013.**
- **As you know, the staff recommendation before us updates our plan to implement the President's Executive Order 13563.**
- **That Order requires agencies to periodically review their existing regulations to make their regulatory programs more effective and less burdensome in achieving the agencies' regulatory objectives.**

- **Originally, our plan for the Commission's Retrospective Review of Existing Rules called for the review of our service contract filing rules in 46 CFR Part 530 in 2015.**
- **When we published that Plan for public comment, we received suggestions from representatives of ocean carriers and ocean transportation intermediaries.**
- **These suggestions focused on ways to make the Commission's programs and regulations more efficient and less burdensome, and included ways to improve our service contract filing and NVOCC Service Arrangement regulations.**
- **I have also received e-mails and letters from many shippers and NVOCC's who encourage us to sit down with them, their ocean carrier and forwarder business partners, and come up with a system that is easier to administer, at less cost.**

- **I appreciate these expressions of support from our shipper community.**
- **The updated plan before us today requires a review of our service contract filing rules in 2013.**

Cut Costs from International Supply Chain

- **Fact-Finding Investigation 26 concluded that the most effective long-term solutions to the commercial problems experienced by U.S. exporters and importers would be developed by ocean carriers working closely with their customers.**
- **Making our contract filing requirements less time consuming and costly would give shippers and carriers the contractual flexibility they need to meet their business goals.**
- **The savings from eliminating certain unnecessary service contract filing**

requirements would make our international supply chain more efficient and reliable.

- **I look forward to working together with shippers, intermediaries, and ocean carriers to make the market-based reforms necessary to increase the resiliency of our international ocean transportation system.**