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Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-23]

NPR, Inc. v. Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by NPR, Inc. ("Complainant") against Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans ("Respondent") was served November 27, 1998. Complainants allege that Respondents violated section 10(b)(11), (b)(12) and (d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. secs. 1709(b)(11), (b)(12) and (d)(1), by forcing Complainant to make a multi-million dollar early termination payment for ceasing direct ocean common carrier service to the Port of New Orleans, while demanding no such early termination payment from other tenants seeking early termination of lease agreements.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 29, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 28, 2000.

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[Docket No. 98-22]

Trek Bicycle Corporation v. Classic Cargo International, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by Trek Bicycle Corporation ("Complainant") against Classic Cargo International, Inc. ("Respondent") was served November 25, 1998. Complainant alleges that Respondent violated sections 10(a)(1), (b)(16)(A) and (d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1709(a)(1), (b)(16)(A) and (d)(1), by falsely representing transit time and by offering, soliciting, and routing complainant's property without consent of the shipper or consignee, thereby requiring replacement property to be air freighted.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 26, 1999, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 27, 2000.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Charges for Certain Disclosures

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice regarding charges for certain disclosures.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission announces that the current ceiling on allowable charges under section 612(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) will remain unchanged for 1999. Under 1996 amendments to the FCRA, the Federal

Trade Commission is required to increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional charges rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The Consumer Price Index increased only 1.49 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 1998. This increase is too small to trigger an increase in the \$8.00 figure given the requirement that the figure be rounded to the nearest \$0.50. The figure therefore remains at \$8.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith B. Anderson, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580, 202-326-3428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fair Credit Reporting Act, originally enacted in 1970,¹ was extensively amended in 1996. Most of the amendments to the law, including the one discussed in this notice, went into effect on September 30, 1997. Section 612(a)(1)(A) states that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609, the charge shall not exceed \$8 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(a)(2) goes on to state that the Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") shall increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

The Commission considers the \$8 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(a) to be the baseline for the effective ceiling on reasonable charges dating from the time the amended FCRA took effect, i.e., September 30, 1997. In November of each year, the Commission calculates the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September of the current year. The Commission then determines what modification, if any, from the original base of \$8 should be made effective on January 1 of each subsequent year, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 1681-1681u; Title VI of the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

Between September 1997 and September 1998, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers and all items increased by 1.49 percent—from an index value of 161.2 in September 1997 to a value of 163.6 in September 1998. An increase of 1.49 percent in the \$8.00 base figure would lead to a new figure of \$8.12. However, because the statute directs that the resulting figure be rounded to the nearest \$0.50, the increase is too small to result in any change in the allowable charge.

The Commission therefore determines that there will be no modification from the base of \$8.00 for 1999.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Premerger Notification: Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of postponement of the effective date of Formal Interpretation 15.

SUMMARY: On October 13, 1998, 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"), published a notice of the adoption of a Formal Interpretation of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, which requires certain persons planning certain mergers, consolidations, or other acquisitions to report information about the proposed transactions to the FTC and DOJ. 63 FR 54713 (October 13, 1998). The Interpretation concerns the reportability of certain transactions involving a Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Under the Interpretation, the formation of an LLC would be reportable if it would unite two or more pre-existing businesses under common control.

This Formal Interpretation was to have become effective on December 14, 1998, after a thirty day comment period. The PNO has postponed the effective date of this Formal Interpretation until February 1, 1999, in order to review and analyze the comments received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph G. Krauss, Assistant Director for the Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room 301, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. Telephone: (202) 326-2713. Thomas F. Hancock,

Attorney, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room 301, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. Telephone: (202) 326-2946.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting on December 21.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Monday, December 21, 1998 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in room 7C13, the Comptroller General's Briefing Room, of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the exposure drafts on *Recognition of Contingent Liabilities Arising From Litigation*, and *Deletion of Paragraph 65.2—Material Revenue-Related Transactions Disclosures*.

Any interested person may attend the meeting as an observer. Board discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW., Room 3B18, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pub. L. No. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5 U.S.C. app. section 10(a)(2)(1988); 41 CFR 101-6.1015 (1990).

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[INFO-99-04]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

The National Nursing Home Survey (NNHS)—(0920-0353)—Revision—The National Center for Health Statistics—Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act states that the National Center for Health Statistics "shall collect statistics on health resources * * * [and] utilization of health care, including utilization of * * * services of hospitals, extended care facilities, home health agencies, and other institutions." The data system responsible for collecting this data is the National Health Care Survey (NHCS). The National Nursing Home Survey (NNHS) is part of the Long-term Care Component of the NHCS. The NNHS was conducted in 1973-74, 1977, 1985, 1995, and 1997. NNHS data describe this major segment of the long-term care system and are used extensively for health care research, health planning and public policy. The survey provides detailed information on utilization