

Land and Non Federal Land, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kittitas and Lewis Counties, WA, Due: August 19, 1996, Contact: Doug Schrenk (206) 888-1421.

EIS No. 960306, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Kaweah River Basin Investigation Feasibility Study, Flood Protection of Terminus Dam, Increase Storage Space in Lake Kaweah for Irrigation of Water Supply, Construction, Modification and Operation, San Joaquin Valley, Tulare and King Counties, CA, Due: August 27, 1996, Contact: Jane Rinck (916) 557-6715.

EIS No. 960307, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Augusta Timber Sale, Implementation, Willamette National Forest, Blue River Ranger District, Willamette Meridian, Blue River, Lane County, OR, Due: August 19, 1996, Contact: Lynn Burditt (503) 822-3317.

EIS No. 960308, Draft EIS, DOE, CT, SIC Prototype Reactor Plant Disposal, Windsor Site Located at the Knolls Atom Power Laboratory, CT, Due: August 19, 1996, Contact: Christopher G. Overton (860) 687-5610.

EIS No. 960309, Final EIS, EOE, WA, Northwest Regional Power Facility (NRPF), Construction and Operation if a 838 Megawatt (MW) Gas-fired Combustion Turbine Facility. Approval of Permits, Located near the Town of Creston, WA, Due: August 05, 1996, Contact: Nancy Wittpen (503) 230-3297.

EIS No. 960310, Final EIS, FHW, MO, US Route 71/Range Line Road Bypass east of the Joplin City Limits Construction, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Jasper County, MO, Due: August 05, 1996, Contact: Donald Neumann (573) 636-7104.

EIS No. 960311, Final EIS, FRC, WA, Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project (FERC) No. 2145) Operating License Amendment Issuance to Increase Lake Entiat Reservoir, Chelan and Douglas Counties, WA, Due: August 05, 1996, Contact: James Hastreiter (503) 326-5858.

Dated: July 1, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division Office
of Federal Activities.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Fourth Meeting of the WRC-97 Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the next meeting of the WRC-97 Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, July 8, 1996, at the Federal Communications Commission. The purpose of the meeting is to continue preparations for the 1997 World Radiocommunication Conference.

DATES: July 8, 1996; 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 856, Washington, D.C. 20554

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Foster, FCC International Bureau, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, at (202) 418-0749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the Advisory Committee for the 1997 World Radiocommunication Conference to provide advice, technical support and recommendations relating to the preparation of recommended United States proposals and positions for the 1997 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-97). In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the fourth meeting of the WRC-97 Advisory Committee.

2. This meeting will continue reviewing the work of the Advisory Committee. It will provide an update on the FCC's preparatory process for WRC-97 and discuss issues for the agenda of WRC-99.

3. The WRC-97 Advisory Committee has an open membership. All interested parties are invited to participate in the Advisory Committee and to attend its meetings. Further information regarding the WRC-97 Advisory Committee is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/wrc97/>.

4. The proposed agenda for the fourth meeting is as follows:

Agenda

Fourth Meeting of the WRC-97 Advisory Committee, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 856, Washington, D.C. 20554, Monday, July 8, 1996; 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Remarks

2. Agenda Approval
3. Administrative Matters
4. Update on NTIA's Radiocommunication Conference Subcommittee

5. Report of the Chairs of the Informal Working Groups
6. Consideration of Draft Proposals of the Informal Working Groups
7. Discussion of Issues for the Agenda of WRC-99
8. Meeting Schedules
9. Other Business

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Notice of Opportunity to Submit Amicus Curiae Briefs in Representation Proceedings Pending Before the Federal Labor Relations Authority

AGENCY: Federal Labor Relations Authority.

ACTION: Notice of the opportunity to file briefs as amici curiae in proceedings before the Federal Labor Relations Authority raising issues regarding: (1) the relationship between sections 7111(f)(1) and 7120 of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (5 U.S.C. 7111(f)(1) and 5 U.S.C. 7120); and (2) the criteria to be used by the Authority in resolving representation cases under section 7111(f)(1) of the Statute arising from an agency reorganization where both successorship and accretion principles are claimed to apply.

SUMMARY: The Federal Labor Relations Authority provides an opportunity for all interested persons to file briefs as amici curiae on significant issues arising in cases pending before the Authority. The Authority is considering the cases pursuant to its responsibilities under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute, 5 U.S.C. 7101-7135 (1994) (the Statute) and its regulations, set forth at 5 CFR part 2422 (1995), revised by 5 CFR part 2422 (1996). The issues concern how the Authority should: (1) determine whether a labor organization is subject to corrupt influences or influences opposed to democratic principles within the meaning of section 7111(f)(1) of the Statute; and (2) resolve representation petitions arising from a reorganization where both successorship and accretion principles are claimed to apply to the same employees.

DATES: Briefs submitted in response to this notice will be considered if filed by close of business on July 24, 1996.

Extensions of time will not be granted. The date of filing shall be determined by the date of mailing, as indicated by the postmark date. If no postmark date is evident on the mailing, it shall be presumed to have been mailed 5 days prior to receipt. If filing is by personal delivery, it shall be considered filed on the date it is received by the Authority.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver briefs to James H. Adams, Acting Director, Case Control Office, Federal Labor Relations Authority, 607 14th Street, NW, Suite 415, Washington, D.C. 20424-0001.

FORMAT: All briefs regarding the relationship between sections 7111(f)(1) and 7120 of the Statute shall be captioned "Division of Military and Naval Affairs (New York National Guard), Latham, New York, Case No. BN-RO-40060, Amicus Brief." All briefs regarding the criteria to be used in resolving representation cases arising from a reorganization where both successorship and accretion principles are claimed to apply shall be captioned "Department of Navy, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Case Nos. WA-CU-50061, WA-CU-50062 and SF-CU-50071, Amicus Brief." Briefs shall also contain separate, numbered headings for each issue discussed. An original and four (4) copies of each amicus brief must be submitted, with any enclosures, on 8½ x 11 inch paper. Briefs must include a signed and dated statement of service that complies with the Authority's regulations showing service of one copy of the brief on all counsel of record or other designated representatives. 5 C.F.R. 2429.27(a) and (c). Copies of the Authority's decisions granting applications for review in these cases and a list of the designated representatives for each case may be obtained in the Authority's Case Control Office at the address set forth below. Copies will be forwarded (by mail or by facsimile) to any person who so requests by contacting James H. Adams at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James H. Adams, Acting Director, Case Control Office, Federal Labor Relations Authority, 607 14th Street, NW., Suite 415, Washington, D.C. 20424-0001, Telephone: FTS or Commercial (202) 482-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A summary of Division of Military and Naval Affairs (New York National Guard), Latham, New York, Case No. BN-RO-40060, and Department of Navy, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Case Nos. WA-CU-50061, WA-CU-50062 and SF-CU-50071, follows.

A. Division of Military and Naval Affairs (New York National Guard), Latham, New York, Case No. BN-RO-40060

1. Background

On September 15, 1995, the Authority granted review of the Regional Director's Decision and Order in the captioned case under the Authority's regulations in effect at the time of the application for review, 5 CFR 2422.17(c)(1) and (3) (1995), on the grounds that: (1) a substantial question of law or policy is raised because of the absence of Authority precedent; and (2) the conduct of the hearing held or any ruling made in connection with the proceeding has resulted in prejudicial error. The Authority has directed the parties to file briefs addressing certain questions, as set forth below.

The petition in this case, which was filed by the National Federation of Civilian Technicians (NFCT), seeks an election to decide the exclusive representative in a unit of employees of the New York National Guard. The Association of Civilian Technicians (ACT) currently is the exclusive representative for the unit and is the Intervenor in the case.

Following the filing of NFCT's petition, ACT filed a challenge under section 7111(f)(1) of the Statute. It asserts that NFCT is subject to "corrupt influences or influences opposed to democratic principles" and asks that the petition be dismissed.

The Statute provides that exclusive recognition shall not be accorded to a labor organization if the Authority determines that the labor organization is subject to corrupt influences or influences opposed to democratic principles. 5 U.S.C. § 7111(f)(1).

Section 7120(a) of the Statute provides that an agency shall only accord recognition to a labor organization that is free from corrupt influences and influences opposed to basic democratic principles. Section 7120(d) directs the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations to prescribe regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of section 7120, and further provides that complaints of violations of this section shall be filed with the Assistant Secretary.

2. The Regional Director's Decision

The Regional Director advised the parties that ACT's challenge raised issues concerning NFCT's compliance with internal union standards of conduct imposed by section 7120 of the Statute and concluded that because standards of conduct issues are

committed to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary of Labor by section 7120 of the Statute, they were not appropriate for investigation or adjudication in a representation proceeding before the Authority. Because there had been no decision by the Assistant Secretary that NFCT was subject to corrupt influences or influences opposed to democratic principles, the regional director directed that an election be conducted among the employees in the petitioned-for unit.

3. The Application for Review

ACT filed an application for review and for a stay of the Regional Director's decision and order. It contends that section 7111(f)(1) of the Statute requires the Authority to determine whether a labor organization involved in a representation proceeding is subject to corrupt influences or influences opposed to democratic principles. NFCT filed a reply to ACT's application for review, and attached a letter from a regional director of the U.S. Department of Labor. The letter states that the Office of Labor-Management Standards of the Department of Labor had considered ACT's argument that NFCT was subject to corrupt influences and did not find that the officers of NFCT had violated standards of conduct set forth in 5 U.S.C. 7120.

4. Questions on Which Briefs are Solicited

The Authority has directed the parties in this case to file briefs addressing the following questions:

1. In making the required determination under section 7111(f) of the Statute, should the Authority rely on the investigation conducted by the Assistant Secretary pursuant to section 7120, or should the Authority conduct its own investigation?

2. If the Authority relies on investigations conducted by the Assistant Secretary:

a. What procedures should be used (e.g., should any pending Authority proceedings be placed in abeyance pending the Assistant Secretary's final action; should the Authority's regional director examine the Assistant Secretary's findings in a hearing)?

b. How should the Authority proceed if no complaint has been filed with the Assistant Secretary under section 7120(d)?

c. Should the Authority defer to the Assistant Secretary's findings and conclusions? What standard of review should be applied in reviewing such findings and conclusions?

3. If the Authority conducts its own investigation:

a. What procedures should be used (e.g., should the determination be made in an adversarial or nonadversarial proceeding)?

b. What criteria should be applied to determine whether a labor organization is subject to corrupt influences or influences opposed to democratic principles?

4. Do the answers to these questions depend on whether, at the time the section 7111(f)(1) issue is raised:

a. a petition has been filed seeking to represent a unit that has no current exclusive representative;

b. a petition has been filed seeking to decertify an exclusive representative; or

c. there is an exclusive representative and no representation petitions are pending?

As these matters are likely to be of concern to agencies, labor organizations, and other interested persons, the Authority finds it appropriate to provide for the filing of amicus briefs addressing these issues.

B. Department of Navy, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Case Nos. WA-CU-50061, WA-CU-50062 and SF-CU-50071

On June 24, 1996, the Authority granted, in part, applications for review of the Regional Director's Decision and Order in *United States Department of the Navy, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia*, Case Nos. WA-CU-50061 and WA-CU-50062 (51 FLRA No. 114) (FISC Norfolk) and the Regional Director's Decision and Order in *Naval Supply Center, Puget Sound*, Case No. SF-CU-50071 (51 FLRA No. 115) (FISC Puget Sound).

1. Case Nos. WA-CU-50061, 50062—FISC Norfolk

As a result of a reorganization, on March 1, 1993, the Department of the Navy created the Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers in Norfolk, Virginia (FISC Norfolk) and Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington (FISC Puget Sound). As originally constituted, FISC Norfolk consisted of a headquarters operation at Norfolk, Virginia, the Cheatham Annex at Williamsburg, Virginia, and two detachments at Newport, Rhode Island and Colts Neck, New Jersey (the Leonardo Detachment). The approximately 520 General Schedule (GS) and 330 Wage Grade (WG) employees at Norfolk, Virginia have been represented in separate bargaining units by the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 53, AFL-CIO (AFGE Local 53) and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local Lodge 97, AFL-CIO (IAM Local

97), respectively. The GS and WG employees at Cheatham Annex have been represented by AFGE Local 53 and IAM Local 97, respectively, in separate units at Williamsburg. Employees of the Newport and Leonardo Detachments have been unrepresented.

In October and November 1994, FISC Norfolk established five detachments under its Acquisitions Group and four detachments under its Customer Operations Division, respectively. The FISC Norfolk Detachment at Yorktown, Virginia (Yorktown Detachment) consists of approximately 26 GS and WG employees who were transferred from the Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia, where they were represented by the National Association of Government Employees, Local R4-1, SEIU, AFL-CIO (NAGE Local R4-1). The FISC Norfolk Detachment at Charleston, Goose Creek, South Carolina (Charleston Detachment) consists of approximately 23 GS and WG employees who were transferred from the Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, Goose Creek, where they were represented by the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2298, AFL-CIO (AFGE Local 2298).

The petitions in Case Nos. WA-CU-50061 and WA-CU-50062 were filed by FISC Norfolk and sought to clarify the GS and WG units represented by AFGE Local 53 and IAM Local 97, respectively, by establishing that all of the transferred employees, including those from the Yorktown and the Charleston Detachments, had accreted to these units. Three other petitions were filed wherein, as relevant here, NAGE Local R4-1 and AFGE Local 2298 sought to retain representation of the unit employees transferred to FISC Norfolk from the Yorktown and Charleston Detachments, respectively.

2. Case No. SF-CU-50071—FISC Puget Sound

A bargaining unit of approximately 265 GS and WG employees at FISC Puget Sound has been historically represented by the Bremerton Metal Trades Council (BMTC). In October 1993 and October 1994, FISC Puget Sound established two detachments. The FISC Puget Sound Detachment at Everett, Washington (Everett Detachment) consists of 6 employees who were transferred from the Naval Station Everett where they were represented by the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). The FISC Puget Sound Detachment at Concord, California (Concord Detachment) consists of 21 employees who were transferred from the Naval Weapons Station, Concord, where they

were represented by the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1931, AFL-CIO (AFGE Local 1931).

The petition in Case No. SF-CU-50071 was filed by FISC Puget Sound and sought to clarify the GS/WG bargaining unit represented by BMTC by establishing that all of the transferred employees in the Everett and the Concord Detachments had accreted to the BMTC unit.

3. The Regional Directors' Decisions

In *FISC Norfolk*, the RD found that all the transferred employees, including those located at the Yorktown and Charleston Detachments, had accreted to the AFGE Local 53 and IAM Local 97 bargaining units and granted the petitions for unit clarification. In *FISC Puget Sound*, the RD found that the Everett Detachment employees had accreted into the BMTC. The RD concluded that the Concord Detachment employees had not accreted into the BMTC unit because FISC Puget Sound was a successor employer.

4. The Applications for Review

In *FISC Norfolk*, NAGE Local R4-1 and AFGE Local 2298 filed applications for review challenging the RD's use of accretion principles in resolving the issues presented by their petitions. In particular, AFGE Local 2298 maintains that the RD failed to apply current Authority precedent for determining successorship, as set forth in *Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Port Hueneme, California*, 50 FLRA 363 (1995) (*Port Hueneme*). In *FISC Puget Sound*, the Activity filed the application for review challenging the RD's decision regarding the Concord Detachment as relying "too heavily" upon the *Port Hueneme* successorship criteria. The Activity maintains that a "literal application" of *Port Hueneme* will lead to an increased number of bargaining units and "government inefficiency."

5. Question on Which Briefs are Solicited

The Authority granted the applications for review in *FISC, Norfolk* and *FISC, Puget Sound* under 5 CFR § 2422.17(c)(1) on the ground that there is an absence of, or the Regional Directors' decisions constitute a departure from, Authority precedent on resolving representation cases involving agency reorganizations where both successorship and accretion principles are claimed to apply. The Authority has directed the parties in the two cases to file briefs addressing the following question:

In a representation case arising from a reorganization where both successorship and accretion principles are claimed to apply to the same employees, how should the Authority resolve the representation issues raised by the petitions?

As these matters are likely to be of concern to agencies, labor organizations, and other interested persons, the Authority finds it appropriate to provide for the filing of amicus briefs addressing these issues.

Dated: July 1, 1996.

For the FLRA.

James H. Adams,

Acting Director, Case Control Office.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, D.C. office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in section 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communication with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No.: 232-011384-001.

Title: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd./Hoegh-Ugland Auto Liners, A/S Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Hoegh-Ugland Auto Liners A/S.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment adds non-binding rate authority to the Agreement. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Agreement No.: 202-010689-061.

Title: Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd., Hapag-Lloyd Aktiengesellschaft, Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., A.P. Moller-Maersk Line, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Nedlloyd Lijnen B.V., Neptune Orient Lines, Ltd., Nippon Yusen Kaisha Ltd., Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc., Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment provides for a shortened notice period of three calendar days for independent action on "out-of-gauge" cargo. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Agreement No.: 232-011526-001.

Title: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd./Hoegh-Ugland Auto Liners, A/S Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Hoegh-Ugland Auto Liners A/S.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment adds non-binding rate authority to the Agreement. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Agreement No.: 217-011546.

Title: Wilhelmsen/NYK Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Nippon Yusen Kaisha ("NYK"), Wilhelmsen Lines A/S ("Wilhelmsen").

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes Wilhelmsen to charter space to NYK in the trade between ports and points in Japan and U.S. Atlantic and Gulf Coasts ports and points.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: June 26, 1996.

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Notes of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice that the following agreement(s) has been filed with the Commission pursuant to section 15 of the Shipping Act, 1916, and section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement of the Washington, D.C. office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit protests or comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments and protests are found in section 560.602 and/or 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Any person filing a comment or protest with the Commission shall, at the same time, deliver a copy of the document to the person filing the agreement at the address shown below.

Agreement No.: 224-200969-001.

Title: Port of Houston/Mediterranean Shipping Co., S.A., Terminal Agreement.

Parties: Port of Houston Authority (Port), Mediterranean Shipping Co., S.A. ("MSC").

Filing Agent: Martha T. Williams, Esquire, Port of Houston Authority, P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252-2562.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment permits MSC to relocate its South American service cargo operations to the Port's Fentress Bracewell Barbours Cut Terminal.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: June 28, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Air Cargo Expeditors Inc., 167-17 146th Road, Jamaica, NY 11434. Officers: Harry J. Phieffer, President; John R. Phieffer, Vice President.

Southern International Cargo, Inc., 10131 S.W. 33rd Street, Miami, FL 33165. Officer: Ana Gamarra, President.

Genesis Forwarding Group USA, Inc., 808 Hindry Avenue, Unit E, Inglewood, CA 90301. Officer: Mo-Ling Mary Goon, Assistant Secretary.

Transcargo International, 5155 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 110, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Mario F. Chavarria, Sole Proprietor.

NG Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Randy International Ltd., 590 Belleville Turnpike, Building 26, Kearny, NJ 07032. Officers: Norman Greif, President; Alice F. Sciarra, Vice President.

Dated: June 28, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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