

at the address below on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

After the expiration date of the public notice, the Director, Office of Water, EPA Region 10, will make a final determination with respect to reissuance of the general permit. The tentative requirements contained in the draft general permit will become final conditions if no substantive comments are received during the public comment period. The permit will become effective on August 5, 2000.

Within 120 days following the service of notice of EPA's final permit decision under 40 CFR 124.15, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may appeal the permit in the Federal Court of Appeals in accordance with section 509(b)(1) of the CWA. Persons affected by a general permit may not challenge the conditions of the Permit as a right of further EPA proceedings.

In addition to the tentative requirements of the draft general permit, the State of Alaska will issue a Determination of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and State Certification which may contain specific requirements which will be incorporated into the final permit. Persons wishing to comment on the State Certification should contact Judy Kitagawa of the Alaska Department of Conservation, Valdez, at (907) 835-4698.

The following project is proposed in coastal zone areas throughout Alaska and also is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Comments, particularly on the proposed project's consistency with the affected local coastal district management programs, are requested. Persons wishing to comment on the State Determination of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Zone Management Plans should contact Maureen McCrea at (907) 269-7473. To be considered, written comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, Division of Governmental Coordination, 550 West Seventh, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Fax: 907-269-3981, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2000. Comments regarding inconsistency with an affected coastal district's enforceable policy or a state standard set out in 6 AAC 80.040-6 AAC 80.150 must identify the enforceable policy or standard and explain how the project is inconsistent.

Public Hearing

A public hearing has tentatively been scheduled for June 1, 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, room 135, Federal Building.

However, this public hearing will be canceled if there is no written request for a public hearing. A public workshop is planned for June 1, 2000, for all interested parties. Details of this public workshop will be sent to all interested parties.

Administrative Record

The complete administrative record for the draft permit is available for public review. Contact Florence Carroll at the address below to view the administrative record. Copies of the draft general NPDES permit and fact sheet are available upon request; call Florence Carroll at 1-800-424-4EPA (4372) (within Region 10 only) or (206) 553-1760 or email your request to "epa-seattle@epa.gov". The draft permit, the fact sheet, and the public notice will be available April 28, 2000, on Region 10's website: "www.epa.gov/r10earth/water.htm".

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be sent to: Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, NPDES Permit Unit (OW-130), Attn: Burney Hill, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Florence Carroll, of EPA Region 10, at the address listed above or telephone (206) 553-1760 or e-mail "carroll.florence@epa.gov" or Burney Hill, of EPA Region 10, at the address listed above or telephone (206) 553-1761 or e-mail "hill.burney@epa.gov".

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, a federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of [the Administrative Procedure Act (APA)], or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the RFA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that this general permit, if issued, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: April 13, 2000.

Christine Psyk,

Acting Director, Office of Water.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate, supervisory, and personnel activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., concurred in by Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Donna Tanoue, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice earlier than April 14, 2000, of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10), of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: April 18, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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 matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board;
202-452-3204.

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: April 19, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 991 0192]

BP Amoco p.l.c., et al.; 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 draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement 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 May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Parker or Phillip Broyles, FTC/H-374, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2574 or 326-2805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C.

46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), 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 April 13, 2000), on the World Wide Web, at "<http://www.ftc.gov.ftc.formal.htm>." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627.

Public comment is invited. Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580. Two paper copies of each comment should be filed, and should be accompanied, if possible, by a 3½ inch diskette containing an electronic copy of the comment. Such comments or views 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 the Proposed Consent Order and Draft Complaint to Aid Public Comment**I. Introduction**

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted for public comment from BP Amoco p.l.c. ("BP Amoco") and Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO") (collectively, "Proposed Respondents") an *Agreement Containing Consent Orders* ("Proposed Consent Order"). The Proposed Respondents have also reviewed a draft complaint that the Commission contemplates issuing. The Commission and BP Amoco and ARCO have also agreed to an Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets ("Hold Separate Order") that requires the Proposed Respondents to hold separate and maintain certain divested assets. The Proposed Consent Order is designed to remedy the likely anticompetitive effects arising from BP Amoco's proposed acquisition of ARCO.

II. The Parties and the Transaction

BP Amoco is a United Kingdom corporation with headquarters in

London, England. It is the world's third largest oil company, with total worldwide revenues of more than \$91 billion in 1999. BP Amoco is engaged in exploration, development, and production of crude oil on the Alaskan North Slope ("ANS crude oil"), which it sells to refineries on the West Coast of the United States, Hawaii, and Alaska, and in markets abroad. It also owns capacity on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System ("TAPS") and leasehold interests in Jones Act tankers. These specialized tankers are used by BP Amoco to transport ANS crude oil from the North Slope production fields to its refinery customers.

ARCO is a Delaware corporation with headquarters in Los Angeles, California. In 1999, ARCO had total revenues of more than \$12 billion. ARCO is also engaged in the exploration, development, and production of ANS crude. ARCO also owns capacity on TAPS, and it owns its own Jones Act tankers, which it uses to transport ANS crude oil to the West Coast. ARCO also owns and operates two refineries on the West Coast that refine ANS crude oil.

BP Amoco and ARCO were the pioneers in developing the Alaska North Slope, and today are the two most important oil companies doing business there. They account for more than half of all ANS crude oil discovered over the last decade, and currently produce about 74% of all ANS crude oil. BP Amoco and ARCO are the only two operators of ANS crude oil fields, they each own more proven ANS crude oil reserves than any other oil company, they have the largest leaseholds of exploration and production acres, and they have drilled the largest number of exploration wells on the North Slope. Individually, each has won more exploration tracts than any other company in the last decade.

The Alaska North Slope is a major oil-producing region of the United States. ANS crude oil is used to supply refineries in Alaska, Hawaii, the West Coast of the United States, and Asia. Approximately 90% of all ANS crude oil is refined on the United States West Coast, and approximately 45% of all crude oil refined on the United States West Coast is ANS crude oil.

BP Amoco and ARCO entered into an agreement on March 31, 1999, to merge their companies. The size of the transaction, based upon the value of the deal when it was announced, was about \$26 billion.

III. The Proposed Complaint and Consent Order

The proposed complaint alleges that merger of BP Amoco and ARCO would