a. AAMMS Teleconference, February 10, 2009—Ozone Network Design

In March 2008, the final rule for the Ozone NAAQS was published (73 FR 16436). The rule revised both the primary and secondary standards and set identical, 8-hour standards of 0.075 ppm expressed to three decimal places for both public health and welfare. In the March 2008 rule, EPA committed to develop separate rulemaking to support changes in the monitoring network requirements based on the revisions of the primary and secondary O₃ NAAQS. EPA is also considering changes to the required O₁ monitoring season. EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) requested the consultative advice of the AAMMS on the options for network design and O₁ monitoring season to guide the development of potential monitoring requirements. Additional information on the O₁ monitoring issues is available on the OAR Web page at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s_o3_index.html.

b. AAMMS Teleconference, February 11, 2009—Coarse Particle Speciation

In October 2006, EPA issued the final rule to revise both the primary and secondary NAAQS for PM (71 FR 61144). The Agency decided to retain PM10 as the indicator for thoracic coarse particles as promulgated in July 1997 (62 FR 38652). The final rule establishes ambient air monitoring requirements for a PM10-2.5 indicator of thoracic coarse particles to support research on particle distribution, sources, and health effects. A new Federal Reference Method (FRM) was also promulgated in the rule for measuring the mass concentration of PM10-2.5 in ambient air. As part of the revisions to the Ambient Air Monitoring Regulations, PM10-2.5 speciation monitoring will be required at National Core (NCore) multi-pollutant monitoring stations by January 1, 2011. EPA OAR requested AAMMS consultative advice on the issues related to PM10-2.5 speciation and monitoring. Additional information on the monitoring issues specific to coarse particles is available on the OAR Web page at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_index.html.

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the indicator and ambient air monitoring issues related to the O₃ or PM NAAQS can be directed Mr. Lewis Weinstock, OAQPS, at phone: (919) 541–3661, or e-mail weinstock.lewis@epa.gov.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The Agency documents for both consultations will be posted on the EPA Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Web site on the respective pages for the Ozone and PM NAAQS at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/. Prior to the meetings, the agendas and other materials for these AAMMS teleconferences will be accessible through the calendar link on the blue navigation bar at http://www.epa.gov/casac/.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for consideration on the topics included in this advisory activity. Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Ms. Barry, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by February 6, 2009, at the contact information noted above, to be placed on the list of public speakers for this meeting.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by the same date, so that the information may be made available to the CASAC Panel for its consideration prior to this teleconference. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in writing (preferably via e-mail), in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ms. Barry at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Anthony F. Maciorowski, Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to an open bank assistance transaction.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, seconded by Director John C. Dugan (Director, Comptroller of the Currency), and concurred in by Director Thomas J. Curry (Appointive), Director John M. Reich (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), and Chairman Sheila C. Bair, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters which were to be the subject of this meeting on less than seven days’ notice to the public; that no earlier notice 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)(4), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B)).

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

Valerie J. Best, Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2009–2]

Agency Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.
ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the comment period for a Notice of public hearing on the policies and procedures of the Federal Election Commission. The comment period will be open until February 18, 2009. The Notice of public hearing addresses Federal Election Commission policies and procedures including, but not limited to, policy statements, advisory opinions, and public information, as well as various
elements of the compliance and enforcement processes such as audits, matters under review, report analysis, administrative fines, and alternative dispute resolution. The Commission also seeks comment from the public on the procedures contained in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ("FECA"), as well as the Commission’s implementing regulations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: All comments must be in writing, must be addressed to Stephen Gura, Deputy Associate General Counsel, or Mark Shonkwiler, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either e-mail, facsimile, or paper copy form. Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit comments by e-mail to ensure timely receipt and consideration. E-mail comments must be sent to agencypro2008@fec.gov. If e-mail comments include an attachment, the attachment must be in the Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc) format. Faxed comments must be sent to (202) 219–3923, with paper copy follow-up. Paper comments and paper copy follow-up of faxed comments must be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463. All comments must include the full name and postal service address of the commenter or they will not be considered. The Commission will post comments on its website after the comment period ends.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Gura, Deputy Associate General Counsel, or Mark Shonkwiler, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694–1650 or (800) 424–9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is currently reviewing, and seeks further public comment on, its policies, practices and procedures. The Commission will use the comments received to determine whether its policies, practices or procedures should be adjusted, and whether rulemaking in this area is advisable. The Commission has made no decisions in this area, and may choose to take no action.

The Commission published a Notice of public hearing. See 73 FR 74494 (Dec. 8, 2008) (“Notice”). The Notice explored possible modifications to the Agency’s policies, practices, and procedures in the areas of enforcement, alternative dispute resolution, administrative fines, reports analysis, audits, advisory opinions, and policy statements. The Notice also sought general comment on the procedures contained in the FECA,


Given the complexity and importance of the issues raised by the Notice, the Commission has decided to reopen the comment period to seek additional information that may assist the Commission in its decisionmaking.

On behalf of the Commission.


Steven T. Walther,
Chairman, Federal Election Commission

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on agreements to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within ten days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission’s Web site (http://www.fmc.gov) or contacting the Office of Agreements at (202)–523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 012011–001.
Title: MSC/YML Space Charter Agreement.
Parties: Mediterranean Shipping Co. S.A., and YangMing (UK) Ltd.
Filing Party: Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher & Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW.; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.
Synopsis: The amendment reduces the amount of space Mediterranean Shipping will charter to Yang Ming in the trade between U.S. Atlantic Coast ports and ports in Italy and Spain.

Agreement No.: 012055–001.
Title: Maersk Line/CMA CGM Cooperative Working Agreement.
Parties: A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S, and CMA CGM S.A.
Filing Party: Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher and Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW.; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.
Synopsis: The amendment would add ports in the Mediterranean to the geographic scope of the agreement. The parties request expedited review.