

with respect to the retail sale of diesel fuel are the local markets in and around Fairfield, Bethel, Milford, and Shelton.

The geographic markets for retail gasoline and retail diesel fuel are highly localized, depending on the unique circumstances of each area. Each relevant market is distinct and fact-dependent, reflecting many considerations, including commuting patterns, traffic flows, and outlet characteristics. Consumers typically choose between nearby retail fuel outlets with similar characteristics along their planned routes. The geographic markets for the retail sale of diesel fuel are similar to the corresponding geographic markets for retail gasoline, as many diesel fuel consumers exhibit preferences and behaviors similar to those of gasoline consumers.

The Acquisition would substantially lessen competition in each of these local markets, resulting in five highly concentrated markets for the retail sale of gasoline and four highly concentrated markets for the retail sale of diesel fuel. Retail fuel outlets compete on price, store format, product offerings, and location, and pay close attention to competitors in close proximity, on similar traffic flows, and with similar store characteristics.

In each of the local gasoline and diesel fuel retail markets where the Commission alleges harm, the Acquisition would reduce the number of competitively constraining independent market participants to three or fewer. Absent the Acquisition, Global and Wheels would continue to compete head-to-head in these local markets. Post-Acquisition, the combined entity would be able to raise prices unilaterally in markets where Global and Wheels are close competitors.

Moreover, the Acquisition would enhance the incentives for interdependent behavior in local markets where only two or three competitively constraining independent market participants would remain. Two aspects of the retail fuel industry make it vulnerable to such coordination. First, retail fuel outlets post their fuel prices on price signs that are visible from the street, allowing competitors to easily observe each other's fuel prices. Second, retail fuel outlets regularly track their competitors' fuel prices and change their own prices in response. These repeated interactions give retail fuel outlets familiarity with how their competitors price and how changing prices affect fuel sales.

Entry into each relevant market would not be timely, likely, or sufficient to deter or counteract the anticompetitive effects arising from the Acquisition.

Significant entry barriers include the availability of attractive real estate, the time and cost associated with constructing a new retail fuel outlet, and the time and uncertainty associated with obtaining necessary permits and approvals.

V. The Consent Agreement

The proposed Order would remedy the Acquisition's likely anticompetitive effects by requiring Global to divest certain Global and Wheels retail fuel assets to Petroleum Marketing Investment Group, LLC ("PMG") in each local market. PMG is an experienced operator of retail fuel sites and will be a new entrant into the local markets.

The proposed Order requires that the divestiture be completed no later than 20 days after Global consummates the Acquisition. The proposed Order further requires Global and Wheels to maintain the economic viability, marketability, and competitiveness of each divestiture asset until the divestiture to PMG is complete.

In addition to requiring outlet divestitures, the proposed Order requires Respondents to obtain prior approval from the Commission before acquiring retail fuel assets within a two-mile driving distance of any divested outlet for ten years. The prior approval provision is necessary because an acquisition in close proximity to the divested assets likely would raise the same competitive concerns as the Acquisition. The proposed Order further requires PMG to obtain prior approval from the Commission for a period of three years before transferring any of the divested stations to any buyer, and for a period of seven years to any buyer with an interest in a retail fuel outlet within two miles of a divested station.

The Consent Agreement contains additional provisions designed to ensure the effectiveness of the relief. For example, Respondents have agreed to an Order to Maintain Assets that will issue at the time the proposed Consent Agreement is accepted for public comment. The Order to Maintain Assets requires Respondents to operate and maintain each divestiture outlet in the normal course of business through the date the Respondents complete the divestiture. The proposed Order also includes a provision that allows the Commission to appoint an independent third party as a Monitor if necessary to oversee the Respondents' compliance with the requirements of the Order.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the Consent Agreement and proposed Order to aid the Commission in determining whether it should make the proposed

Order final. This analysis is not an official interpretation of the proposed Order and does not modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Joel Christie,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by January 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Website address at: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Registration Application; *Use:* Physicians and practitioners complete the Form CMS-855O (Medicare Enrollment Application—Enrollment for Eligible Ordering, Certifying Physicians and Other Eligible Professionals) if they are enrolling in Medicare not to obtain Medicare billing privileges but strictly to order, refer, or certify certain Medicare items and services. It is used by Medicare contractors to collect data that helps ensure the applicant has the necessary credentials to order and certify certain Medicare items and services.

The MAC establishes Medicare Identification Numbers. The MACs store these numbers and information in CMS' Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). The application is used by the CMS' contractors to collect data ensures that the applicant has the necessary information for unique identification. The license numbers are validated against state licensing websites. All the

license numbers are captured and stored in the MAC database. Social Security Numbers (SSNs) are validated against the Social Security Administration database (SSA) and only the valid entries are allowed to proceed in the process of getting a Medicare billing number. Correspondence address and contact information is captured to contact the provider/supplier.

The collection and verification of this information defends and protects our beneficiaries from illegitimate providers/suppliers. These procedures also protect the Medicare Trust Fund against fraud. It gathers information that allow Medicare contractors to ensure that the physician or eligible professional is not sanctioned from the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s), or debarred, or excluded from any other Federal agency or program. The data collected also ensures that the applicant has the necessary credentials to order and certify health care services. This is sole instrument implemented for this purpose. *Form Number:* CMS-855O (OMB Control Number: 0938-1135); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profits), State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 448,000; *Number of Responses:* 24,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 243,600. For questions regarding this collection contact Alisha Sanders (410) 786-0671.

Dated: December 27, 2021.

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Notice of Meeting; National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States

AGENCY: Office on Trafficking in Persons, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting and call for public comment on states' efforts to improve the nation's response to the sex trafficking of children and youth.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the Preventing Sex

Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, that a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States (Committee) will be held on January 6, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to finalize the distribution plan for the Committee's January 2022 report. The members of the Committee request comment from the public to inform their ongoing work. Please submit your comments to NAC@nhhtac.org with the subject "NAC Comments," as soon as possible and before January 3, 2022.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. Please register for this event online at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/national-advisory-committee>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katherine Chon (Designated Federal Officer) at EndTrafficking@acf.hhs.gov or (202) 205-5778, or 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201. Additional information is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/the-national-advisory-committee>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The formation and operation on behalf of the Committee are governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary and the Attorney General on practical and general policies concerning improvements to the nation's response to the sex trafficking of children and youth in the United States. HHS established the Committee pursuant to section 121 of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-183).

Tentative Agenda: The agenda can be found at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/the-national-advisory-committee>. To submit written statements, email NAC@nhhtac.org by January 3, 2022. Please include your name, organization, and phone number. More details on these options are below.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public virtually.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public may submit written statements in response to the stated agenda of the meeting or to the