

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 August 11, 2003, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by December 12, 2003.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 02-10]

All Flags Forwarding Inc.—Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 19(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984, as Well as Section 19(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984 as Amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998; Order of Investigation and Hearing

Notice is given that on August 1, 2002, the Federal Maritime Commission served an Order of Investigation and Hearing on All Flags Forwarding, Inc. ("All Flags"). All Flags is a previously licensed ocean transportation intermediary ("OTI") operating as a freight forwarder and a non-vessel-operating common carrier. Until May 12, 2002, All Flags maintained an ocean freight forwarder bond and an NVOCC bond. Subsequent to the termination of All Flags' financial responsibility on May 12, 2002, its OTI license was automatically revoked on the same date pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 46 CFR 515.26.

It appears that between April 2, 1997 and August 17, 1999, All Flags and its principals knowingly and willfully collected freight forwarder compensation from at least three ocean common carriers on thousands of shipments without performing any of the required functions. This activity appears to have resulted from another NVOCC consistently listing All Flags and the name of its President in the freight forwarder box on oceans bills of lading for shipments processed entirely

by that NVOCC's employees. Furthermore, between April 18, 1997 and December 15, 1998, it appears that on at least twenty-one occasions All Flags and its principals knowingly and willfully shared a portion of the compensation with the NVOCC.

This proceeding therefore seeks to determine (1) whether All Flags violated section 10(a)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act") and 46 CFR 510.22(a) by directly allowing another NVOCC to obtain ocean transportation at less than the rates and charges otherwise applicable by knowingly and willfully sharing a portion of its unwarranted freight forwarder compensation with that NVOCC; (2) whether All Flags violated section 19(d) of the 1984 Act and 19(e) of the 1984 Act as amended, as well as 46 CFR parts 510 and 515 as amended, by knowingly and willfully obtaining freight forwarder compensation without performing the services required for the receipt of such compensation; (3) whether, in the event violations of sections 10(a)(1), 19(d), and 19(e) of the 1984 Act and/or 46 CFR parts 510 and 515 are found, civil penalties should be assessed and, if so the amount, and (4) whether, in the event violations are found, an appropriate cease and desist order should be issued.

The full text of the Order may be viewed on the Commission's home page at <http://www.fmc.gov/> or at the Office of the Secretary, Room 1046, 800 N. Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC. Any person may file a petition for leave to intervene in accordance with 46 CFR 502.72.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 02-11]

Empire United Lines Co., Inc.—Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 10(b)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, and Section 10(b)(2)(A) of the Shipping Act of 1984 as Amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, as Well as the Commission's Regulations at 46 CFR 515.31(e) as Amended; Order of Investigation and Hearing

Notice is given that on August 1, 2002, the Federal Maritime Commission served an Order of Investigation and Hearing on Empire United Lines Co., Inc. ("Empire") an ocean transportation intermediary ("OTI") operating as a

non-vessel-operating common carrier. It appears that, with respect to thousands of shipments between April 2, 1997 and October 5, 1999, Empire knowingly and willfully provided false information by listing a freight forwarder on numerous bills of lading for Empire's shipments thereby allowing the freight forwarder to collect unwarranted compensation from several ocean common carriers. Also, between April 18, 1997 and December 15, 1998, it appears that on at least twenty-one occasions Empire collected a portion of the unwarranted compensation from the freight forwarder through invoices for various alleged services and products. It further appears that during the same approximate time period, Empire processed twenty shipments documented by invoices that indicate that the rates assessed and collected differ from those set forth in Empire's ATFI tariff.

This proceeding therefore seeks to determine (1) whether Empire violated section 10(a)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act") by knowingly and willfully obtaining transportation at less than the rates and charges otherwise applicable by the receipt of an unlawful rebate resulting from Empire's collection of a portion of unwarranted freight forwarder compensation from another OTI; whether Empire violated section 10(b)(1) of the 1984 Act and 10(b)(2)(A) of the 1984 Act as amended, by charging different compensation for the transportation of property than the rates set forth in its published tariff; whether Empire violated the Commission's regulations at 46 CFR 515.31(e) as amended, by knowingly and willfully providing false information to several ocean common carriers on documents concerning Empire's shipments; whether, in the event violations of sections 10(a)(1), 10(b), and 10(b)(2)(A) of the 1984 Act and/or 46 CFR 515.31(e) are found, civil penalties should be assessed against Empire and, if so, the amount of the penalties to be assessed; whether, in the event violations of sections 10(a)(1) and 10(b)(1) of the 1984 Act are found, the tariff of Empire should be suspended; whether the OTI license of Empire should be suspended or revoked; and whether, in the event violations are found, an appropriate cease and desist order should be issued.

The full text of the Order may be viewed on the Commission's home page at <http://www.fmc.gov/> or at the Office of the Secretary, Room 1046, 800 N. Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC. Any person may file a petition for leave

to intervene in accordance with 46 CFR 502.72.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 9, 2002.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc.*, Columbia, South Carolina; to merge with C B Financial Corp., Warrenton, Georgia, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens Bank, Warrenton, Georgia.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470:

1. *MCB Financial Group, Inc.*, Carrollton, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of McIntosh Commercial Bank (in organization), Carrollton, Georgia.

2. *GB&T Bancshares, Inc.*, Gainesville, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Hometown Bank of Villa Rica, Villa Rica, Georgia.

3. *NW Services Corporation*, Ringgold, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Sharon, Sharon, Tennessee.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *State Capital Corporation, and State Bank & Trust Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, both of Greenwood Mississippi; to acquire up to 100 percent of the voting shares of Mississippi Southern Bank, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

2. *State Bank & Trust Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Greenwood, Mississippi; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 25.08 percent of the voting shares of State Capital Corporation, Greenwood, Mississippi, and thereby indirectly acquire State Bank & Trust Company, Cleveland, Mississippi

D. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *New Corporation*, Oakland, California; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Met Financial Corporation, Oakland, California, and thereby indirectly acquire Metropolitan Bank, Oakland, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 9, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02083]

Cooperative Agreement for the Development of International Surveillance Systems, Enhancement of Epidemiologic Practice, and the Development of Epidemiologic Training Programs, Workshops, and Conferences for Ministries of Health (MOH) and Other International Health Organizations; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program for the development of international surveillance systems, enhancement of epidemiologic practice, and the development of epidemiologic training programs, workshops, and conferences for Ministries of Health (MOH) and international health organizations.

The purpose of this program is to provide leadership and technical assistance activities to assure that international health organizations have the infrastructure to support effective epidemiologic activities that are essential in providing public health services.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals encourage Ministries of Healths to develop efficient and comprehensive public health information and surveillance systems by promoting the use of the internet and by focusing on development of standards for communications and data elements and Efficiently respond to the needs of our Ministries of Health partners through the provision of epidemiologic assistance.

B. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 301 and 307 of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. sections 241 and 242], as amended]. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283

C. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be limited to organizations that have at least one year proven scientific and technical experience to carry out international