various issues that may include, but not be limited to, basic retail financial services such as check cashing, money orders, remittances, stored value cards, short-term loans, savings accounts, and other services to promote asset accumulation and financial stability. The structure and responsibilities of the Committee are unchanged from when it was originally established in November 2006. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Committee Management Officer of the FDIC, at (202) 898–7043.

Dated: December 3, 2008. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. E8–29126 Filed 12–9–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6714–01–P

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.: 011922–002. Title: TNWA/GA Cooperative Working Agreement.

Parties: APL Co. Pte. Ltd.; American President Lines, Ltd.; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Hapag-Lloyd AG; Nippon Yusen Kaisha; Orient Overseas Container Line Limited; Orient Overseas Container Line Inc.; and Orient Overseas Container Line (Europe) Limited.

Filing Party: Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher & Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW., Suite 900: Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The amendment adds the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the geographic scope of the agreement.

Agreement No.: 201176–001. Title: License Agreement—Guam/ Matson Navigation Co., Inc/Horizon Lines, Inc.

Parties: Horizon Lines, LLC; Matson Navigation Co.; and Port Authority of Guam.

Filing Party: Matthew J. Thomas; Troutman Sanders LLP; 401 9th Street, NW., Suite 1000; Washington, DC 20004–2134.

Synopsis: This amendment extends the deadline for Matson & Horizon to acquire and install the cranes and clarifies that the License Agreement does not affect any other Port charges.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: December 5, 2008.

Karen V. Gregory,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as a Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. Chapter 409 and 46 CFR part 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

AMS Container Line, Inc., 126 Orion Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854, Officer: Inderpal S. Khokhar, President (Qualifying Individual).

PATJAM Shipping Moving and Storage Inc., dba Patrick's Shipping, Inc., 3477 NW 19th Street, Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311, Officers: Patrick McNeil, President, (Qualifying Individual), Terrance Pennicooke, Vice President.

AWOT Global LLC, 58 Aspen Way, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274, Officers: Michael T. Huang, President (Qualifying Individual), Diana T. Huang, Secretary.

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants: The Pasha Group dba Asiatic Trans-

Pacific, dba Pasha Distribution Services, Pasha Freight, CTC Transportation dba Pasha International, 5725 Paradise Drive, Ste. 1000, Corte Madera, CA 94925, Officer: Elaine Brown, Exec. Secretary (Qualifying Individual).

Astec North America Inc. dba Astec Logistics, 11461 NW 34th Street, Doral, FL 33178, Officer: Paulo H. Carvalho, President (Qualifying Individual).

NK America, Inc., 2640 Campbell Road, Sidney, OH 45365, Officers: Jaime J. Reyes, Vice President (Qualifying Individual), Masakatsu Kuroiwa, President.

Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants: Newesco, Inc. dba Nelson Westerberg International, 1500 Arthur Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, Officers: John R. Westerberg, Chairman/CEO, Edward J. Pionke, President (Qualifying Individuals).

Tarraf Inc. dba Tarraf Shipping, 15846 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48228, Officer: Mohamad Tarraf, President (Qualifying Individual).

Dated: December 5, 2008

Karen V. Gregory,

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 applications 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 website 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 January 5, 2009.

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

1. Armed Forces Benefit Association, AFBA Investment Trust, and 5Star Financial, LLC, all of Alexandria, Virginia, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting sshares of 5Star Bank, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 5, 2008.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
	TRANSACTIONS GR	ANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/17/20	008
20090082 20090098 20090101 20090102	Bank of America Corporation	BlackRock, Inc	BlackRock, Inc. Wavecom S.A. HomeAway, Inc. Equus GP Holdco LLP.
20090103	Manulife Financial Corporation	Harbinger Independent Power Fund II,	Equus LP Holdco LLC. Equus Power I, LP. HD Freeport LLC. Pinelawn Power LLC. Equus GP Holdco LLC.
20000404	Coldon Coto Conital Opportunity Fund		Equus GP Holdco LLP. Equus Power I, LP. HD Freeport LLC. Pinelawn Power LLC.
20090104	Golden Gate Capital Opportunity Fund, L.P.	Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Fund, I, Ltd.	USS Holdings, Inc.
20090112	Trian Star Trust	Wendy's/Arby's Group. Inc	Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc.
20090113	Trian Partners, L.P	Wendy's/Arby Group, Inc	Wendy's/Arby Group, Inc.
20090118	Blackstone Capital Partners III Merchant Banking Fund Services, Inc.	Republic Services, Inc	Republic Services, Inc.
20090119	Dayton-Cox Trust A	Comcast Corporation	SpectrumCo LLC.
20090120	Madrone Partners, LP	Solyndra, Inc	Solyndra, Inc.
	TRANSACTIONS GR	ANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/18/20	008
20090095	Walgreen Co	McKesson Corporation	ivpcare, inc. McKesson Specialty Pharmaceutical: LLC.
20090096	Novartis AG	Nektar Therapeutics	NektarTherapeutics.
	TRANSACTIONS GR	ANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/21/20	008
20090116	CHS Inc	Agri Co-op	Agri Co-op.
20090121	CenturyTel, Inc	Embarg Corporation	Embarg Corporation.
20090126	Plains Capital Corporation	First Southwest Partners, Ltd	First Southwest Holdings, Inc.
20090128	Eldorado Resorts, LLC	Tropicana Entertainment Holdings, LLC	Aztar Indiana Gaming Company, LLC.
20090129	Giorgio Armani S.p.A	Ong Beng Seng	Presidio Holdings Limited.
20090130	GenStar Capital Partners V, L.P	LTCG Holdings Corp	Long Term Care Group, Inc. Nation's Care, LLC.
20090133	Citigroup, Inc.	Schafer Corporation	Schafer Corporation.
	TRANSACTIONS G	RANTED EARLY TERMINATION 11/24/20	08
20090123	Bank of America Corporation	Markit Group Holdings Limited	Markit Group Holdings Limited.