

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8965-6; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0517]

Extension of Public Comment Period: Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The EPA published a notice in the *Federal Register* of Monday, August 31, 2009 (74 FR, 44842-44843), announcing the extension of the public comment period for the "Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter—Second External Review Draft" (EPA/600/R-08/139B and EPA/600/R-08/139BA). The closing date of the extended comment period is a Federal holiday, October 12, 2009. Thus, the comment period is being extended to October 13, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lindsay Wichers Stanek, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-7792; fax: 919-541-2985; or e-mail: stanek.lindsay@epa.gov.

Correction

In the *Federal Register* of August 31, 2009, in FR Doc. FRL-8951-4, on page 44842, in the second column, correct the **DATES** caption to read:

DATES: The public comment period started on July 31, 2009 (74 FR 38185). This notice announces the extension of the deadline for public comment from October 12, 2009, to October 13, 2009. Comments must be received on or before October 13, 2009.

Dated: September 23, 2009.

Rebecca Clark,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

[Public Notice 123]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Final Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.
ACTION: Submission for OMB Review and Comments Request.

Form Title: Application for Medium-Term Insurance or Guarantee (EIB 03-02).

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Our customers will be able to submit this form on paper or electronically. The information collected will be used to make a determination of eligibility under the Export Import Bank's medium-term insurance and guarantee programs.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before November 4, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20038 OMB Number 3048-0014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles and Form Number: EIB 03-02. Medium Term Insurance or Guarantee Application.

OMB Number: 3048-0014.

Type of Review: Regular.

Need and Use: The information collected will be used to make a determination of eligibility under the Export Import Bank's medium-term insurance and guarantee program.

Affected Public: This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

Annual Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.5 hours.

Government Annual Burden Hours: 300.

Frequency of Reporting or Use: As needed to request support for a medium-term export sale.

Sharon A. Whitt,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding**

September 11, 2009.

A Petition for Reconsideration has been filed in the Commission's Rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-B402, 445 12th

Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI) (1-800-378-3160). Oppositions to this petition must be filed by October 20, 2009. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

Subject: In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Fond du Lac, Wisconsin) (MB Docket No. 09-115).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 901 0086]

K+S Aktiengesellschaft; Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order 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 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 October 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form. Comments should refer to "K+S International Salt, File No. 901 0086" to facilitate the organization of comments. Please note that your comment — including your name and your state — will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including on the publicly accessible FTC website, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtml>).

Because comments will be made public, they should not include any sensitive personal information, such as an individual's Social Security Number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or

credit or debit card number. Comments also should not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, comments should not include any “[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential. . . .” as provided in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and Commission Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).¹

Because paper mail addressed to the FTC is subject to delay due to heightened security screening, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form. Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following weblink: (<https://public.commentworks.com/ftc/mortonsalt>) and following the instructions on the web-based form. To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the web-based form at the weblink: (<https://public.commentworks.com/ftc/mortonsalt>). If this Notice appears at (<http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>), you may also file an electronic comment through that website. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it. You may also visit the FTC website at (<http://www.ftc.gov/>) to read the Notice and the news release describing it.

A comment filed in paper form should include the “K+S International Salt, File No. 901 0086” reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex D), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions.

The Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”) and other laws the

Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC website, to the extent practicable, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtml>). As a matter of discretion, the Commission makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC website. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtml>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Frumin, Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-2458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 2.34 the Commission 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 September 25, 2009), on the World Wide Web, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions.shtml>). A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, and must be received on or before the date specified in the **DATES** section.

Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

I. Introduction

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) has accepted, subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Order (“Consent Agreement”) from K+S

Aktiengesellschaft (“K+S”), and its subsidiary, International Salt Company LLC (“ISCO”), that is designed to remedy the anticompetitive effects that would otherwise result from K+S’s proposed acquisition of Morton International, Inc. (“Morton”), from The Dow Chemical Company (“Dow”). Under the terms of the proposed Consent Agreement, K+S is required to divest assets related to its bulk de-icing salt business in Maine to an up-front buyer, Eastern Salt Company, Inc. (“Eastern Salt” or “Maine Purchaser”), and to divest assets related to its bulk de-icing salt business in Connecticut to an up-front buyer, Granite State Minerals, Inc. (“Granite State” or “Connecticut Purchaser”).

The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days to solicit comments from interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the proposed Consent Agreement and will decide whether it should withdraw from the proposed Consent Agreement, modify it, or make final the Decision and Order (“Order”).

Pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated April 1, 2009 (the “Agreement”), K+S proposes to acquire Morton from Dow for approximately \$1.675 billion (the “Acquisition”). The Commission’s complaint alleges that the proposed Acquisition, if consummated, would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18, and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, by lessening competition in Maine and Connecticut for the sale and delivery of bulk de-icing road salt.

II. The Parties

K+S is currently one of the world’s leading suppliers of salt products. K+S sells salt into the United States through its U.S. subsidiary, ISCO. Morton, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dow, is a leading salt vendor in North America. Morton produces consumer salt, industrial salt, and de-icing salt. The acquisition of Morton will make K+S the largest producer and distributor of de-icing road salt for customers in Maine and Connecticut.

III. The Proposed Complaint

According to the Commission’s proposed Complaint, the relevant product market in which to assess the competitive effects of the proposed Acquisition is the sale and delivery of bulk de-icing salt. The evidence indicates that there are no practical

¹The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission’s General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

substitutes for bulk de-icing salt to melt snow and ice. The relevant geographic markets in which to assess the impact of the proposed Acquisition are the states of Maine and Connecticut.

The relevant markets are highly concentrated. ISCO and Morton are the two principal bidders in the states of Maine and Connecticut for the sale and delivery of bulk de-icing salt. Post acquisition, the combined entity will have a market share exceeding 70 percent in both Maine and Connecticut. Post-merger HHIs for Maine and Connecticut are 5,142 and 5,834, and the acquisition will increase HHI levels by 1,914 and 2,642, respectively. These market concentration levels far exceed the thresholds set forth in the *Horizontal Merger Guidelines* and thus create a presumption that the proposed merger will create or enhance market power.

Entry into the relevant markets is difficult because, among other things, there is a lack of acceptable stockpile space along the coasts of Maine and Connecticut. As a result, new entry sufficient to achieve a significant market impact within two years is unlikely.

Finally, the Complaint alleges that the proposed Acquisition will reduce competition in the relevant markets by eliminating direct and substantial competition between ISCO and Morton, and by increasing the likelihood that ISCO would increase prices either unilaterally or through coordinated interaction with the few remaining firms in the relevant markets.

IV. The Consent Agreement

To preserve the competition that otherwise would be eliminated by the Acquisition, the proposed Consent Agreement requires ISCO to divest to Commission-approved buyers, Eastern Salt and Granite State, assets sufficient to enable these buyers to become viable competitors for the de-icing salt business in the relevant markets beginning with the 2010-2011 bidding cycle. ISCO will divest to Eastern Salt the Maine Divestiture Assets, including: 1) stockpile space in the state, 2) all associated handling and trucking contracts, and 3) a book of de-icing salt business for the 2009-2010 winter season. ISCO will divest to Granite State the Connecticut Divestiture Assets, including: 1) stockpile space in the state, 2) all associated handling and trucking contracts, 3) a book of de-icing salt business for the 2009-2010 winter season, and 4) a three-year supply of de-icing salt at a price that is no more than ISCO's costs.

The Commission has preliminarily determined that Eastern Salt is a well-

qualified buyer of the Maine Divestiture Assets and is well situated to replace the competition Morton provided in the state. Eastern Salt is a family-owned company that has been a de-icing salt supplier in other geographic markets along the East Coast for roughly 60 years. Eastern Salt is a vertically-integrated supplier with a dependable, high-quality supply of de-icing salt. With the divested assets, Eastern Salt will be well positioned to compete for future business in Maine and to deliver salt to customers in a timely manner.

The Commission has preliminarily determined that Granite State is a well-qualified buyer of the Connecticut Divestiture Assets and is well situated to replace the competition Morton provided in the state. Granite State has experience supplying de-icing salt to customers in a number of states along the East Coast. The Consent Agreement requires ISCO to provide Granite State with a three-year supply of bulk de-icing salt at no more than ISCO's costs. The supply requirement will ensure that Granite State has a supply of salt in Connecticut during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 bid cycles while Granite State develops the necessary supply arrangements to serve Connecticut customers in subsequent years. With the divested assets, Granite State will be well positioned to compete for future business in Connecticut and to deliver salt to customers in a timely manner.

The proposed Consent Agreement requires that the divestitures occur no later than twenty (20) days after the Acquisition is consummated. However, if ISCO divests the assets to Eastern Salt or Granite State during the public comment period, and if, at the time the Commission decides to make the Order final, the Commission notifies K+S or ISCO that either purchaser is not an acceptable acquirer or that the asset purchase agreement with the Maine Purchaser or Connecticut Purchaser is not an acceptable manner of divestiture, then ISCO must immediately rescind the transaction in question and divest those assets to another buyer within six (6) months of the date the Order becomes final. At that time, Respondents must divest those assets only to an acquirer and in a manner that receives the prior approval of the Commission. The proposed Consent Agreement also enables the Commission to appoint a trustee to divest any assets identified in the Order that K+S or ISCO has not divested to satisfy the requirements of the Order.

The proposed Consent Agreement further requires K+S and ISCO to maintain the viability and marketability of the Maine Divestiture Assets and the

Connecticut Divestiture Assets and to prevent the destruction, removal, wasting, deterioration, or impairment of those assets prior to divestiture.

In order to ensure that the Commission remains informed about the status of the divestitures, the proposed Consent Agreement requires K+S and ISCO to file reports with the Commission periodically until the divestitures are completed. Written reports describing how K+S and ISCO are complying with the Order must be filed one year after the Order becomes final and annually for the next three (3) years.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Consent Agreement, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Consent Agreement or to modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Pandemic Influenza Vaccines—Amendment

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 247d-6d.

ACTION: Notice of first amendment to the June 15, 2009 Republished Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act.

SUMMARY: Amendment to declaration issued on June 15, 2009 (74 FR 30294) pursuant to section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d) to provide targeted liability protections for pandemic countermeasures to add provisions consistent with other declarations issued under this authority that may facilitate vaccination campaigns, and republication of the declaration to reflect the declaration in its entirety, as amended.

DATES: The first amendment of the republished declaration issued on June 15, 2009 is effective as of September 28, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Telephone