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II. Background

EPA issued its first Scientific Integrity Policy in 2012 and the Agency appointed its first full time Scientific Integrity Official (SIO) in 2013 based on requirements in both the *2009 Scientific Integrity Presidential Memorandum* and the *2010 Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity*. Those documents together with the *2021 Presidential Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-based Policymaking* guided the draft updates of the 2023 Scientific Integrity (SI) Policy. The draft updates are derived from these documents, the collective experience of Federal agencies, and the informed engagement of stakeholders both inside and outside of government captured in the actions of the 2022 National Science and Technology Council Scientific Integrity Fast Track Action Committee and their report, *Protecting the Integrity of Government Science (SI-FTAC Report)* and the National Science and Technology Council 2023 *A Framework for Federal Scientific Integrity Policy and Practice*.

The draft SI Policy updates include but are not limited to the adoption of a new Federal definition of scientific integrity as well as the introduction and clarification of roles and responsibilities, such as the new role of the EPA Chief Scientist. In addition, the draft policy updates will significantly strengthen several policy elements (*e.g.*, protecting scientific processes, reviewing science, ensuring the free flow of scientific information, supporting decision making processes,

ensuring accountability, etc.) that will help ensure a culture of scientific integrity at the Agency.

III. How will comments be used?

EPA values external knowledge and experience with scientific integrity and looks forward to comments pertaining to policy content. Public comment received on the SI Policy will be reviewed and considered to be incorporated into or modify text in the final revised SI Policy. The final revised SI Policy will undergo internal EPA review and revision and be posted on EPA's website.

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EPA Chief Scientist.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. FMC-2024-0003]

Informal Public Hearing on the Impact of Current Conditions in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Regions

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice of informal public hearing and request for information.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission will hold an informal public hearing on February 7, 2024, and continuing February 8, 2024, if needed, to examine how conditions in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden regions are impacting commercial shipping and global supply chains. At this hearing, the Commission will hear from stakeholders in the supply chain on how operations have been disrupted by attacks on commercial shipping, steps taken in response to these events, and the resulting effects.

DATES: The informal public hearing will be held on February 7, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. EST, and continuing February 8, 2024, at 10 a.m. EST, if needed. This hearing will be open for public attendance and will be streamed live. Stakeholders who wish to present testimony at the hearing must send a request to testify by email addressed to secretary@fmc.gov and received no later than 5 p.m. EST on January 31, 2024. Submission of written testimony by hearing stakeholders is optional; any such written testimony, and written comments by any other interested persons, must be submitted to the Commission by email at secretary@fmc.gov and received no later than 5 p.m. EST on January 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The informal public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room at the

Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423, and will be streamed live. All requests to present testimony at the hearing, and submissions of written testimony and comments for the hearing should be addressed to the Commission and emailed to secretary@fmc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Eng, Secretary; Phone: (202) 523-5725; Email: secretary@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Commission will hold an informal public hearing to examine how conditions in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden regions are impacting commercial shipping and global supply chains. The hearing will allow stakeholders in the supply chain to communicate with the Commission regarding how operations have been disrupted by attacks on commercial shipping, steps taken in response to these events, and the resulting effects. In addition, the hearing will allow the Commission to gather information and identify any new issues related to these disruptions that might be subject to Commission statutes and regulations.

The hearing will be held on February 7, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. EST, and continuing February 8, 2024, at 10 a.m. EST, if needed, in the Hearing Room at the Surface Transportation Board. This hearing will be open for public attendance and will also be streamed live. More information about accessing the live stream will be posted on the Commission's web page at www.fmc.gov. If technical issues prevent the Commission from streaming live, the Commission will post a recording of the meeting as soon as possible on the Commission's web page at www.fmc.gov. Any person wishing to attend the hearing in person should report to the Surface Transportation Board with enough time to clear building security procedures before the scheduled start time.

II. Public Participation at the Hearing

How do I participate at the hearing?

This hearing will be open for public attendance and will also be streamed live. Stakeholders who wish to present testimony at the hearing must send a request to testify by email addressed to secretary@fmc.gov and received no later than 5 p.m. EST on January 31, 2024. The request should include the name, company name and job title, street address, email address, phone number of the requester, a summary of how operations have been disrupted by attacks on commercial shipping, steps

taken in response to these events, and the resulting effects, as applicable. Testifying stakeholders must appear at the hearing in person; there is no virtual option for presentations.

There may not be sufficient time for all interested stakeholders to present testimony, and the Commission will notify stakeholders selected to testify no later than February 2, 2024. To ensure a diversity of views and perspectives from vessel-operating common carriers and shippers, the Commission may also extend invitations to testify. The panels and stakeholders selected to testify will be announced at a later date on the Commission's web page at www.fmc.gov.

III. Written Testimony and Comment

How do I submit written testimony or a comment for the hearing?

Any person wishing to submit written testimony or a comment for the hearing must submit their testimony or comment to the Commission by email at secretary@fmc.gov and received no later than 5 p.m. EST on January 31, 2024.

What will the Commission do with my written testimony or comment?

All written testimony and comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will be included in the record and made available to the public. Please do not include personally identifiable information (such as name, address, or other contact information) or confidential business information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

How do I submit confidential information?

The Commission will provide confidential treatment for identified confidential information to the extent allowed by law. If you would like to request confidential treatment of any written testimony or comment, you must submit the following, by email, to secretary@fmc.gov:

- A transmittal letter requesting confidential treatment that identifies the specific information in the written testimony or comment for which protection is sought and demonstrates that the information is a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information.

- A confidential copy of your written testimony or comment, consisting of the complete filing with a cover page marked "Confidential-Restricted," and the confidential material clearly marked on each page.

- A public version of your written testimony or comment with the confidential information excluded. The public version must state "Public Version—confidential materials excluded" on the cover page and on each affected page and must clearly indicate any information withheld.

How can I read written testimony and comments submitted by others?

You may read the written testimony and comments received by the Commission at www.regulations.gov under Docket No. FMC-2024-0003.

Alanna Beck,

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Federal Maritime Commission.*

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or documents regarding the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments will be most helpful to the Commission if received within 12 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, and the Commission requests that comments be submitted within 7 days on agreements that request expedited review. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202)-523-5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 012486-001.

Agreement Name: Crowley/King Ocean Vessel Sharing Agreement.

Parties: Crowley Latin America Services, LLC; King Ocean Services Limited, Inc.

Filing Party: Wayne Rohde; Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The Amendment revises Article 8 to extend the duration of the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 3/4/2024.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/2005>.

Agreement No.: 201416.

Agreement Name: CMA CGM to ONE USEC—Caribbean—WCSA Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: CMA CGM S.A.; Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.

Filing Party: Draughn Arbona; CMA CGM S.A.

Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes CMA CGM to charter space to ONE in the trade between Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile on the one hand, and the U.S. East Coast on the other hand.

Proposed Effective Date: 1/18/2024.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/86542>.

Dated: January 19, 2024.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in paragraph 7 of the Act.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551-0001, not later than February 8, 2024.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Jeffrey Imgarten, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, 64198-0001. Comments can also be sent electronically to KCApplicationComments@kc.frb.org;

1. *Patrick Kenner, Hebron, Nebraska;* a member of the Kenner Family Group, to retain additional voting shares of