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Dated: October 6, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking. The Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues that have particular impact on small community banks throughout the United States and the local communities they serve, with a focus on rural areas. The meeting is open to the public. Out of an abundance of caution related to

current and potential coronavirus developments, the public's means to observe this Community Banking Advisory Committee meeting will be via a Webcast live on the internet. In addition, the meeting will be recorded and subsequently made available on-demand approximately two weeks after the event.

DATES: Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: To view the live event, visit <http://fdic.windrosemedia.com>. To view the recording, visit <http://fdic.windrosemedia.com/index.php?category=Community+Banking+Advisory+Committee>. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact DisabilityProgram@fdic.gov or call 703-562-2096 to make necessary arrangements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Committee Management Officer of the FDIC, at (202) 898-7043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The agenda will include a discussion of current issues affecting community banking. The agenda is subject to change. Any changes to the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

Type of Meeting: This meeting of the Advisory Committee on Community Banking will be Webcast live via the internet <http://fdic.windrosemedia.com>. For optimal viewing, a high-speed internet connection is recommended.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, on October 8, 2020.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 20-16]

Notice of Inquiry; Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Definition and Application of the Term "Merchant" in Bills of Lading

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC" or "Commission") is issuing this Notice of Inquiry ("NOI") to solicit public comment on the practice of vessel-operating common carriers (VOCCs or carrier) defining

"Merchant" in their bills of lading to apply to persons and entities with whom the VOCCs may not be in contractual privity. Generally, the Commission seeks public comment as to 1) how VOCCs apply the term "Merchant" in their bills of lading; 2) whether the definition, as applied, subjects third parties who are not in contractual privity with the carrier to joint or several liability; and 3) whether carriers have enforced the definition of merchant against third parties that have not consented to be bound by, or otherwise accept, the terms and conditions of the bill of lading.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 6, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to: Rachel E. Dickon, Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, secretary@fmc.gov, (email comments at attachments preferably in MS Word or PDF), 800 North Capitol Street NW, Room 1046, Washington, DC 20573-0001, Phone: 202-523-5725.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Benjamin K. Trogdon, Director, and Cory Cinque, Trial Attorney, Bureau of Enforcement, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20573-0001, Phone: 202-523-5783, Email: btrogdon@fmc.gov and ccinque@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submit Comments: Comments may be submitted by email as an attachment (preferably in Microsoft Word or PDF) addressed to secretary@fmc.gov on or before November 6, 2020. Include in the subject line: "Response to FMC NOI—Merchant Clause." The Commission will provide confidential treatment for comments received to the extent permitted by law and will not post comments to the public docket.

Questions regarding filing or treatment of confidential responses to this inquiry should be directed to the Commission's Secretary, Rachel E. Dickon, at the telephone number or email provided above. This NOI will be made available via the **Federal Register** and on the Commission's website at www.fmc.gov.

Background:

The Commission has received information from shipping industry participants that VOCCs have defined "merchant" in their respective bills of lading to include persons or entities who have no beneficial interest in the cargo, but rather are providing service as third parties on behalf of someone specifically identified on the bill of lading. The concerns expressed indicate that VOCCs may be enforcing the terms of the bill of lading (including, without