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DOCKET NO. 01-08

**THE IMPACT OF THE GOVERNMENT PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT
AND THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL
COMMERCE ACT**

ORDER DISCONTINUING PROCEEDING

This proceeding consisted of a Notice of Inquiry soliciting information and comments concerning the impact of the Government Paperwork Elimination Act and the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act on all sectors of the U.S. ocean shipping industry. The Commission received ten comments in response to the Notice, all of which were supportive and encouraging of the Commission's efforts to provide electronic filing options for information collections and to provide the option for electronic signatures.

The Commission's overall E-government strategy focuses on automating as many documents and processes (both internal and external) as possible, and facilitating the dissemination of, and access to, Commission information, documents, forms and applications. The agency has identified all of the Commission's information collections under the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), as well as its non-PRA transactions, and has concluded that establishing electronic options for most of its collections is viable and prudent. Proposed automation of external FMC forms, and the use of e-signature technology, will be addressed in future rulemakings. Accordingly, the Commission is now discontinuing Docket No. 01-08.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that this proceeding is discontinued.

By the Commission.



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