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Federal Maritime Commission  
800 North Capitol Street, N.W  
Washington, D.C. 20573

Att: The Secretary

RE: Baltic Auto Shipping, Inc. v. Michael Hitrinov a/k/a Michael Khitrinov, Empire  
United Lines Co., Inc.  
Docket No: 14-16  
Respondents' Status Report per Order of August 8, 2016

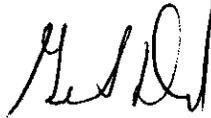
Federal Maritime Commission:

In response to the Commission's Order of August 8, 2016 ordering the parties to file a joint status report, please be advised:

1. I am counsel for Respondents in this matter; but the parties are engaged in several other lawsuits and proceedings, of which I am not a part, and have not been briefed on the outstanding issues.
2. However, as is now apparent from the email traffic shared with the Commission, the Complainant is supposed to be withdrawing its exceptions to Judge Guthridge's Initial Decision on Respondents' Motion for Partial Summary Decision (served Sept. 15, 2015).
3. Counsel for Complainant has prepared a document which he describes (in an email) as a joint Stipulation to withdraw "Complainant's appeal". Counsel for Complainant has not explained why a joint stipulation is necessary.
4. In any event, the proposed "Stipulation" does more than "withdraw Complainant's appeal"; by its terms it states that "this matter shall be discontinued with prejudice, and without costs, attorneys' fees or disbursements to either party as against each other".

5. Respondents cannot agree to the language quoted in item 4, and which amount to an amendment of Judge Guthridge's Initial Decision.
6. Respondents await Complainant's withdrawal of the exceptions.

Respectfully submitted,



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