

Proposed Agenda

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

1. Approval of June 20–21 and July 18–19, 2000, meeting minutes.
2. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) Report. Presentation of Enterprise Services and associated prices. Discussion of September 27 notice regarding INC issue 220.
3. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) Oversight Working Group Report. Status of NANPA technical requirements document.
4. Report of Numbering Resource Optimization (NRO). Status of NRUF Requirements Document and ITN Recommendations.
5. JFAX presentation on UMS Issues.
6. Industry Numbering Committee Report. Status of UNP.
7. Report of Toll Free Access Codes IMG.
8. Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA) Working Group Report. Wireless Number Portability Subcommittee report, Third Wireline Wireless Integration Report, and Review of Report on LNP & Pooling.
9. Report of Cost Recovery Working Group.
10. Report from NBANC.
11. Ad Hoc Voluntary UNP Study Group Report. Presentation of Business Rule Model.
12. Steering Group Meeting. Update Table of NANC Projects.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000

13. Steering Group Report.
14. Reseller CIC IMG Status Report.
15. NANC Discussion Group on Charging for Telephone Numbers.
16. UMS IMG Report.
17. Oversight of LLCs NPAC.
18. Public participation (5 minutes each, if any).
19. Other Business.
20. Action Items.

Federal Communications Commission.

L. Charles Keller,

Chief, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meetings**

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, October 12, 2000 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes. Dole for President—Statement of Reasons (LRA#467).

Dole/Kemp '96, Inc.—Statement of Reasons (LRA#506).

Advisory Opinion 2000–25: Minnesota House of Representatives Democratic Farmer Labor Caucus by counsel, Allan W. Weinblatt.

Advisory Opinion 2000–26: Joel Deckard, Reform Party candidate, U.S. Senate, Florida.

Administrative Matters:

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies**

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

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments

must be received not later than October 19, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer), 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. *Paul A. Jones*, Glenview, Illinois, William J. Jones, Barrington, Illinois, and Anne Jones White, Mundelein, Illinois; to retain voting shares of Cummins-American Corp., Glenview, Illinois, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Glenview State Bank, Glenview, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 29, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**Notice Announcing Dates and Location of Public Forum**

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission has: (1) set October 26, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and October 27, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. as the dates and times for its public forum on “Warranty Protection for High-Tech Products and Services,” announced in 65 FR 30411 (May 11, 2000); and (2) announced the location of the public forum to be the Federal Trade Commission headquarters at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580.

DATES: The public forum will be held at the Federal Trade Commission headquarters, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580 on October 26, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and October 27, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: A forum agenda, a list of participants, and all public comments submitted in connection with the public forum will be posted closer to the date of the forum on the Federal Trade Commission Web site, *ftc.gov*. For further information about the public forum, contact any of the following persons by mail at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 238, Washington, DC 20580, or by telephone or email as follows: April Major, Attorney, Division of Marketing Practices, telephone 202–326–2972, email *amajor@ftc.gov*; Daniel Salsburg, Attorney, Division of Marketing Practices, telephone 202–326–3402, email *dsalsburg@ftc.gov*; or Carole Danielson, Investigator, Division

of Marketing Practices, telephone 202-326-3115, email cdanielson@ftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 2000, the Federal Trade Commission published a **Federal Register** Notice announcing a public forum in the fall of 2000 to discuss warranty protection for software and other computer information products and services that are marketed to consumers, and soliciting academic papers and written comment relating to those issues. The Commission has not set October 26 and 27, 2000, as the dates for the forum. The forum will be held at the offices of the Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on October 26 and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on October 27, 2000. The forum is open to the public, and there is no formal registration process for those wishing to attend. Seating is limited, but overflow rooms will be available.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 001 0100]

Agrium, Inc., and Union Oil Company of California and Unocal Corporation; Analysis 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 Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement 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 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Kirkwood, FTC Northwest Region, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 2896, Seattle, Washington 98174, (206) 220-4484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade

Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46, and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desists, 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 29, 2000), on the World Wide Web, at "<http://www.ftc.gov/os/2000/09/index.htm>." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627.

Public comment is invited. Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Two paper copies of each comment should be filed, and should be accompanied, if possible, by a 3½ inch diskette containing an electronic copy of the comment. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of the Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted for public comment an Agreement Containing Consent Order with Agrium, Inc. ("Agrium") and Union Oil Company of California and Unocal Corp. ("Unocal"). The purpose of the agreement is to remedy the anticompetitive effects of Agrium's proposed acquisition of Unocal's nitrogen fertilizer business. The proposed order would require that Agrium divest assets that are integral to the sale of nitrogen fertilizers in the Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho).

Nitrogen fertilizers are used by farmers around the world to improve crop yields by supplying the nitrogen essential to plant growth. Agrium, with production facilities in Texas and near its headquarters in Alberta, Canada, is one of the world's largest producers of nitrogen fertilizers. In 1998, Agrium's wholesale sales of nitrogen fertilizers were \$501 million. Unocal produces and sells nitrogen fertilizers through its

subsidiaries Alaska Nitrogen Products LLC and Proclia LLC, which have production and distribution facilities in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California. Unocal's 1998 wholesale sales of nitrogen fertilizers were approximately \$377 million.

Agrium and Unocal are the leading sellers of anhydrous ammonia, urea, and UAN 32% solution, which are the most popular nitrogen fertilizers in the Northwest. Substitution among these fertilizers, and between them and other nitrogen fertilizers, is limited because of agricultural considerations (they differ in their suitability for particular crops, soils, weather conditions, etc.) and commercial factors (e.g., each of these fertilizers requires different storage and application equipment). In the manufacture of an important resin, there is no substitute for urea.

The complaint alleges that Agrium's proposed acquisition of Unocal, if consummated, may substantially lessen competition in violation of 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. The complaint identifies three relevant lines of commerce (product markets) in which to analyze the effects of this acquisition: urea, ammonia, and UAN 32%. The Relevant Section of the country (geographic market) alleged in the complaint is the Northwest, which consists of the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. In urea, Agrium's acquisition of Unocal would result in an increase in the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (commonly referred to as "HHI") from 2200 to over 4800; in ammonia, the HHI rises from 1922 to over 4200; and in UAN 32% it rises from 1560 to over 3800. By eliminating competition between Agrium and Unocal, who are the top two suppliers of each of these products in the Northwest, the acquisition would enable Agrium to unilaterally increase the prices of ammonia, urea, and UAN 32% in that geographic market.

It is unlikely that the competition eliminated by the proposed acquisition would be replaced by new entry into the Northwest. The construction of a new nitrogen fertilizer plant to supply the Northwest appears to be uneconomic. One recent attempt at building a plant in the region was abandoned four years after it was first announced. Design, site selection, permitting and construction of a new plant to supply the Northwest would require considerably more than two years. Producers with plants in the Northwest cannot expand output because these plants are operating at capacity. Importers of offshore fertilizers are unlikely to ship significantly more