

(6) W. Gail Willette, Director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate, is designated to represent the general public in this proceeding.

(7) Complainant shall provide a statement, due August 12, 1996, estimating the amount of time it will require to develop and file a direct case in this proceeding.

(8) The Secretary shall cause this Notice and Order to be published in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Cyril J. Pittack,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. A96-21; Order No. 1127]

Moriah, New York 12960 (Katherine E. Baker, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Issued July 30, 1996.

Docket Number: A96-21.

Name of Affected Post Office: Moriah, New York 12960.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Katherine E. Baker.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: July 29, 1996.

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)].
2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. § 404(B)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission

also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission Orders

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by August 13, 1996.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Cyril J. Pittack,
Acting Secretary.

Appendix

July 29, 1996: Filing of Appeal letter

July 30, 1996: Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

August 23, 1996: Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.111(b)]

September 3, 1996: Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief m[see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(a) and (b)]

September 23, 1996: Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(c)]

October 8, 1996: Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(d)]

October 15, 1996: Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.116]

November 26, 1996: Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-22, SEC File No. 270-202

OMB Control No. 3235-0196

Rule 17Ab2-1 and Form CA-1, SEC File No. 270-203 OMB Control No. 3235-0195

Rule 17Ac3-1 and Form TA-W, SEC File No. 270-96 OMB Control No. 3235-0151

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rules and forms:

Rule 17a-22, which was adopted pursuant to Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), requires all registered clearing agencies to file with the Commission three copies of all materials they issue or make generally available to their participants or other entities with whom they have a significant relationship. The filings with the Commission must be made within ten days after the materials are issued, and when the Commission is not the appropriate regulatory agency, the clearing agency must file one copy of the material with its appropriate regulatory agency. The Commission is responsible for overseeing clearing agencies and uses the information filed pursuant to Rule 17a-22 to determine whether a clearing agency is implementing procedural or policy changes. The information filed aids the Commission in determining whether such changes are consistent with the purposes of Section 17A of the Act. Also, the Commission uses the information to determine whether a clearing agency has changed its rules without reporting the actual or prospective change to the Commission as required under Section 19(b) of the Act.

The respondents to Rule 17a-22 generally are registered clearing agencies.¹ The frequency of filings made by clearing agencies pursuant to Rule 17a-22 varies, but on an average there are approximately 200 filings per year per clearing agency. Because the filings consist of materials that have been prepared for widespread distribution, the additional cost to the clearing agencies associated with submitting copies to the Commission is relatively small. The Commission staff estimates that the cost of compliance with Rule 17a-22 to all registered clearing agencies is approximately \$3500. This represents one dollar per filing in postage, or a total of \$2800. The remaining \$700 (or 20% of the total cost of compliance) is the estimated cost of additional printing, envelopes, and other administrative expenses.

Rule 17Ab2-1 and Form CA-1 require clearing agencies to register with the Commission and to meet certain requirements with regard to, among other things, a clearing agency's organization, capacities, and rules. The information is collected from the clearing agency upon the initial application for registration on Form CA-1. Thereafter, information is

¹ Respondents include temporarily registered clearing agencies. Respondents also may include clearing agencies granted exemptions from the registration requirements of Section 17A, conditioned upon compliance with Rule 17a-22.