

Needs and Uses: Local exchange carriers are required to make tariff filings: (1) To provide new switched transport expanded interconnection services, and (2) to comply with new Commission standards governing nonrecurring charges. The tariffs and cost support information accompanying them will be used by FCC staff to ensure that tariff rates to be paid for expanded interconnection and switched transport services are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory. Without this information the FCC would be unable to determine whether the rates for these services are just, reasonable, nondiscriminatory, and otherwise in accordance with the law. Tariffs will also be used by parties using expanded interconnection and switched transport offerings to ascertain the charges and other terms and conditions applicable to those offerings.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1179-DR]

Texas; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1179-DR), dated July 7, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 7, 1997

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated July 7, 1997, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Texas, resulting from severe thunderstorms and flooding beginning on June 21, 1997, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford

Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Texas.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas. Public Assistance may be added at a later date, if warranted. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint James E. McClanahan of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Texas to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Bandera, Bexar, Burnet, Guadalupe, Kendall, Llano, Medina, Real and Uvalde Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of Texas are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Dated: July 10, 1997.

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1179-DR]

Texas; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas, (FEMA-1179-DR), dated July 7, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery

Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of July 7, 1997:

Kerr, Mason, and Travis Counties for Individual Assistance.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance.)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1180-DR]

Wisconsin; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Wisconsin (FEMA-1180-DR), dated July 7, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 7, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated July 7, 1997, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Wisconsin, resulting from severe storms and flooding on June 21-23, 1997, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Wisconsin.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas. Consistent

with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Gary Pierson of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Wisconsin to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha, and Washington Counties for Individual Assistance.

Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Waukesha Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Wisconsin are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance.)

Dated: July 10, 1997.

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[Docket No. FEMA-REP-4-TN-2]

Tennessee Multi-Jurisdictional Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Finding and Determination.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of approval of the State of Tennessee and local radiological emergency response plans and preparedness site-specific to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

DATES: This certification and approval are effective as of July 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regional Director, FEMA Region IV, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341. Please refer to Docket No. FEMA-REP-4-TN-2.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Rule, Title

44 CFR, Part 350, the State of Tennessee originally submitted the offsite Multi-Jurisdictional Radiological Emergency Response Plan (MJRERP) site-specific to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, located in Rhea County, Tennessee, to the Regional Director of FEMA Region IV in March 1993, for FEMA review and approval. On December 15, 1995, in accordance with Title 44, CFR Part 350 and the Memorandum of Understanding between FEMA and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), FEMA prepared an Interim Findings Report regarding the adequacy of the offsite radiological emergency response plans and preparedness site-specific to Watts Bar, based on a review and evaluation of the MJRERP, and the October 6-7, 1993, and November 15, 1995, exercises of the offsite plans. Subsequently, on May 24, 1996, the Regional Director submitted a final evaluation and recommendation for formal approval of the MJRERP to the Associate Director for Preparedness, Training and Exercises in accordance with Section 350.11 of the FEMA Rule. However, during the Headquarters review process several issues were identified which were referred back to FEMA Region IV for clarification. The Regional Director subsequently addressed the issues requiring clarification and resubmitted the evaluation to FEMA Headquarters on April 14, 1997. Included in this evaluation was a final review of the full participation offsite radiological emergency preparedness exercise conducted on November 15, 1995, in accordance with Section 350.9 of the FEMA Rule. Based on the evaluation and recommendation for approval by the FEMA Region IV Director, the review by the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPPC), and the review by the FEMA Headquarters staff, I find and determine that, in accordance with Section 350.12 of the FEMA Rule, the State of Tennessee and local radiological emergency response plans and preparedness site-specific to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant are adequate to protect the health and safety of the public living in the vicinity of the plant. The offsite radiological emergency response plans and preparedness are assessed as adequate in that there is reasonable assurance that appropriate protective measures can be taken offsite in the event of a radiological emergency and that the plans are capable of being implemented. The prompt alert and notification system installed and operational around the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant was previously approved by FEMA on December 15, 1995, in

accordance with the criteria of NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, Appendix 3, and FEMA REP-10, "Guide for the Evaluation of Alert and Notification Systems for Nuclear Power Plants." FEMA will continue to review the status of offsite plans and preparedness site-specific to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in accordance with Section 350.13 of the FEMA Rule.

Dated: July 3, 1997.

Kay C. Goss,

Associate Director for Preparedness, Training, and Exercises.

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FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards; Interagency Questions and Answers Regarding Flood Insurance

AGENCY: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Compliance Task Force of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) is issuing Interagency Questions and Answers Regarding Flood Insurance (Interagency Questions and Answers). To help financial institutions meet their responsibilities under federal flood insurance legislation and to increase public understanding of their flood insurance regulations, the staffs of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Federal Reserve Board (Board), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), the Farm Credit Administration (FCA), and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) (collectively, the agencies) have prepared answers to the most frequently asked questions about flood insurance. The Interagency Questions and Answers contain informal staff guidance for agency personnel, financial institutions, and the public.

DATES: Public comment is invited on a continuing basis.

ADDRESSES: Questions and comments may be sent to Joe M. Cleaver, Executive Secretary, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037, or by facsimile transmission to (202) 634-6556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OCC: Carol Workman, Compliance Specialist, Compliance Management, (202) 874-4858; or Margaret Hesse, Senior Attorney, Community and