

- Tehama Counties, CA, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Matt Davis (916) 557-6708.
- EIS No. 980018, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Crane and Rowan Mountain Timber Sales, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, Kuiu Island, AK, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Everett Kissenger (907) 772-3841.
- EIS No. 980019, Final EIS, FHW, WI, La Crosse North-South Transportation Corridor Study, I-90 to US 14/61 (South Avenue) Transportation Improvements including US 53, WI-35 and WI-16, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, La Crosse County, WI, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Jaclyn Lawton (608) 829-7517.
- EIS No. 980020, Final EIS, AFS, CO, Dome Peak Timber Sale, Timber Harvesting and Road Construction, White River National Forest, Eagle Ranger District, Glenwood Spring, Eagle and Garfield Counties, CO, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: David T. Van Norman (970) 827-5715.
- EIS No. 980021, Final EIS, FHW, PA, Southern Beltway Transportation Project, Construction from PA-60 in Finlay Township to US 22 in Robinson Township, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Allegheny and Washington Counties, PA, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461.
- EIS No. 980022, Final EIS, UAF, ID, Idaho Enhanced Training Project, Training for the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Approval for Rights-of-Way Permit by (BLM) and Airspace Modifications by (FAA), Owyhee County, ID, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Ms. Brenda Cook (757) 764-6197.
- EIS No. 980023, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, Sandpoint Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, Proposing to control noxious weeds on 46 sites, Idaho Panhandles National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonner County, ID, Due: March 25, 1998, Contact: Betsy Hammet (208) 263-5111.
- EIS No. 980024, Final EIS, NOAA, AK, Juneau Consolidated Facility, Space for the University of Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Science (UAF), Site Lena Point, Fisheries Management Operation, 'Vision for 2005', Juneau, AK, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: John Gorman (907) 586-7641.
- EIS No. 980025, Draft EIS, FRC, ME, Maritimes Phase II Project, Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline, COE Section 10 and 404

Permits, Endangered Species Act (ESA) and NPDE's permits, US Canada border at Woodland (Burleyville) Maine and Westbrook Maine, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1088.

EIS No. 980026, Draft EIS, FTA, FL, Miami North Corridor Project, Transit Improvements between NW 62 Street at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Station and NW 215th Street at the Dade/Broward Counties Line, Funding, Major Investment Study, Dade County, FL, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Elizabeth B. Martin (404) 562-3500.

EIS No. 980027, Regulatory Draft EIS, NOAA, ME, American Lobster Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, To Prevent Overfishing of American Lobster, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the New England and Mid-Atlantic, ME, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Rolland A. Schmitt (301) 713-2239.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 980011, Draft Supplement, BLM, CO, NM, TransColorado Gas Pipeline Transmission Project, Updated Resource Information, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, COE Section 404 and 10 Permits, Right-of-Way Grants and Special Use Permit, La Plata, Delta, Dolores, Garfield, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, Rio Blanco, San Miguel Counties, CO and San Juan County, NM, Due: March 18, 1998, Contact: Bill Bottomly (970) 240-5337. Published FR-02-06-98—Due Date correction.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Public Meetings on Drinking Water Issues

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding three series of public meetings for purposes of information exchange and technical discussion on issues related to the development of regulations to control microbial pathogens and disinfection byproducts in drinking water.

The first series of meetings includes issues related to the development of the

Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR) and the Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBP). The Agency is developing this set of rules to take into account risk trade-offs between microbial contaminants and chemical byproducts of disinfection processes, as well as to consider the need for improved control in each of these areas. Information exchange and technical discussions in these meetings will address analysis of source water occurrence data and drinking water treatment plant and distribution system data collected under EPA's Information Collection Rule (ICR). Topics such as microbial and disinfection byproduct research, methods development, supplemental survey data or other related issues may also be discussed under this series of meetings. As part of this series, a public meeting is scheduled for February 18, and 19 at the office of RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC, that will include technical discussion on defining analyses of the ICR and plans to extract data from the ICR Federal Database to support those analyses. Discussions regarding data extraction planning will continue on February 20 at the EPA Systems Development Center, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia.

The second series of meetings includes issues related to the development of the Ground Water Disinfection Rule (GWDR). The Safe Drinking Water Act as amended in 1996 directs EPA to promulgate regulations requiring disinfection "as necessary" for ground water systems. The intention of the GWDR is to reduce microbial contamination risk from public water sources relying on ground water. The rule will establish a framework to identify public water supplies vulnerable to microbial contamination and to develop and implement risk control strategies including but not limited to disinfection. This rulemaking will apply to all public water systems that use ground water, which includes noncommunity systems.

The third series includes issues related to the development of the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). Information exchange and technical discussions under this series of meetings will focus largely on microbial treatment improvements and controlling disinfection byproduct risk trade-offs for small systems (those serving fewer than 10,000 people), but may also address treatment for larger systems (e.g., issues related to *Cryptosporidium* inactivation). Other discussion topics

will also include issues related to the recycling of filter backwash with respect to all public water system sizes.

Each of these series of meetings is anticipated to begin in and continue through this calendar year, and may run concurrently. EPA is hereby providing

notice of and inviting interested members of the public to participate in the meetings. As with all previous meetings in this series, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow members of the public to attend these

meetings. To assist EPA in managing limitations on conference room seating, members of the public who are interested in attending meetings are requested to contact the following individuals:

Rule	Contact	Phone #/E-mail
LT2ESWTR/Stage 2 DBP	Jini Mohanty	(202) 260-6415 mohanty.jini@epa-mail.epa.gov.
GWDR	Tracy Bone ..	(202) 260-2954 bone.tracy@epa-mail.epa.gov.
LT1ESWTR	Valerie Blank	(202) 260-8376 blank.valerie-@epamail.epa.gov.

Members of the public are requested to contact the people listed above also for further information about these or other meetings in these series or to be included on the mailing list to receive notice of further meetings in these series.

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Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 98-162; Report No. AUC-98-19-A (Auction No. 19)]

Comment Sought on Reserve Prices or Minimum Opening Bids for the General Wireless Communications Service (GWCS) in the 4660-4685 MHz Band; Formula Proposed for May 27 GWCS Auction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; seeking comment.

SUMMARY: In this Public Notice, the Commission is seeking comment on a proposed formula for calculating minimum opening bids for the General Wireless Communications Service, Auction No. 19.

DATES: Comment deadline: February 13, 1998; reply deadline: February 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: To file formally, parties must submit an original and four copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room 222, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20554. In addition, parties must submit one copy to Kathleen O'Brien Ham, Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5202, 2025 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathryn Garland, Bob Reagle, or Arthur Lechtman, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Public Notice was released on January 30, 1998, and is available in its entirety, including all attachments, for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, (202) 857-3800, fax (202) 857-3805, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

Summary of Action

I. Reserve Price or Minimum Opening Bid

1. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 calls upon the Commission to prescribe methods by which a reasonable reserve price will be required or a minimum opening bid established when FCC licenses are subject to auction (*i.e.*, because they are mutually exclusive), unless the Commission determines that a reserve price or minimum bid is not in the public interest. Consistent with this mandate, the Commission has directed the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") to seek comment on the use of a minimum opening bid and/or reserve price prior to the start of each auction. The Bureau was directed to seek comment on the methodology to be employed in establishing each of these mechanisms. Among other factors, the Bureau should consider the amount of spectrum being auctioned, levels of incumbency, the availability of technology to provide service, the size of the geographic service areas, the extent of interference with other spectrum bands, and any other relevant factors that could reasonably have an

impact on valuation of the spectrum being auctioned. The Commission concluded that the Bureau should have the discretion to employ either or both of these mechanisms for future auctions.

2. Normally, a reserve price is an absolute minimum price below which an item will not be sold in a given auction. Reserve prices can be either published or unpublished. A minimum opening bid, on the other hand, is the minimum bid price set at the beginning of the auction below which *no bids* are accepted. It is generally used to accelerate the competitive bidding process. Also, in a minimum opening bid scenario, the auctioneer generally has the discretion to lower the amount later in the auction.

3. The Bureau recently announced the auction of 875 licenses for the General Wireless Communications Service which is scheduled to begin May 27, 1998. These licenses encompass the United States, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Specifically, the licenses include: (1) five licenses in each of 172 geographic areas known as Economic Areas (EAs); (2) five licenses in each of three EA-like areas, covering Guam and the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

4. In anticipation of this auction and in light of the Balanced Budget Act, the Bureau proposes to establish minimum opening bids for the GWCS auction, and retain discretion to lower the minimum opening bids.

5. The Bureau believes a minimum opening bid, which has been utilized in other auctions, is an effective bidding tool, and we propose to use this approach in the GWCS auction. A minimum opening bid will help to regulate the pace of the auction and provides flexibility.

6. Specifically, the Commission proposes the following formula for calculating minimum opening bids in Auction No. 19: