

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION****Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of Albania**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding regarding the Social Insurance System of Albania.

**Finding**

Section 202(t)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1)) prohibits payment of monthly benefits to any individual who is not a United States citizen or national for any month after he or she has been outside the United States for 6 consecutive months, and prior to the first month thereafter for all of which, the individual has been in the United States. This prohibition does not apply to such an individual where one of the exceptions described in sections 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)–(5)) affects his or her case.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act provides that, subject to certain residency requirements of section 202(t)(11), the prohibition against payment shall not apply to any individual who is a citizen of a country which the Commissioner of Social Security finds has in effect a social insurance system which is of general application in such country and which:

(a) Pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and  
(b) Permits individuals who are United States citizens but not citizens of that country and who qualify for such benefits to receive those benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, while outside the foreign country regardless of the duration of the absence.

The Commissioner of Social Security has delegated the authority to make such a finding to the Associate Commissioner for International Policy. Under that authority, the Associate Commissioner for International Policy has approved a finding that Albania, as of October 1, 1993, has a social insurance system of general application which:

(a) Pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and  
(b) Permits United States citizens who are not citizens of Albania and who qualify for the relevant benefits to receive those benefits, or their actuarial equivalent, while outside of Albania, regardless of the duration of the absence of these individuals from Albania.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that Albania has in effect, as of October 1, 1993, a social insurance system which meets the requirements of

section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)).

This is our first finding under section 202(t) of the Social Security Act for Albania. For the period September 7, 1948 through September 29, 1992, U.S. Treasury Department regulations prohibited sending U.S. Government checks (including U.S. Social Security checks) to, or on behalf of, individuals in Albania. These restrictions were lifted on September 30, 1992.

However, prior to October 1, 1993, the date that the People's Assembly Law on Social Insurance in the Albanian Republic, Act No. 7703, entered into force, there was no provision for the payment of benefits to U.S. citizens residing outside Albania as required under section 202(t)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act. Consequently, payment of benefits to Albanian citizens under the social insurance exception was not possible until the new law went into effect.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Powers, Room 1104, West High Rise Building, P.O. Box 17741, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3568.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

Dated: February 5, 1998

**James A. Kissko,**

*Associate Commissioner for International Policy.*

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1501).

**TIME AND DATE:** 9 a.m. (CST), February 20, 1998.

**PLACE:** Winston County Courthouse, 2d Floor Courtroom, 113 Main Street, Louisville, Mississippi.

**STATUS:** Open.

**Agenda**

Approval of minutes of meeting held on January 28, 1998.

**New Business****C—Energy**

C1. Delegation of authority to the Vice President of Fuel Supply and Engineering to award a contract for the sale of up to 100,000 tons per year of fly ash from Bull Run Fossil Plant to Babb

Cellular Concrete (BBC), LLC, and approval of a grant of an industrial term easement to BCC affecting approximately 10 acres of the Bull Run site for construction and operation of an autoclaved cellular concrete plant (Tract No. XBRSP-3IE).

**E—Real Property Transactions**

E1. Sale of a permanent easement to the Town of Smyrna, Tennessee, affecting approximately 0.08 acre of the Smyrna 161-kV Substation property (Tract No. XSMNSS-1H).

E2. Abandonment of easement rights affecting approximately 3.01 acres of the Gallatin-Portland-Franklin transmission line in Sumner County, Tennessee (Tract Nos. GPF-46-47-48, and GFI-1).

E3. Sale of a permanent industrial easement and four 30-year gas supply line easements to the United States Gypsum Company affecting approximately 5 acres of Guntersville Lake in Jackson County, Alabama, and Marion County, Tennessee (Tract Nos. XGR-7411E, -742P, -744P, and -745P).

E4. Nineteen-year commercial recreation lease to Randy C. Allen affecting 39.5 acres of TVA's Goat Island Recreation Area on Pickwick Lake in Tishomingo County, Mississippi (Tract No. XPR-458L).

**Information Items**

1. Approval for the sale of Tennessee Valley Authority Power Bonds.

2. Approval of new investment managers and proposed new Investment Management Agreements between the TVA Retirement System and MacKay-Shields Financial Corporation and CastleInternational Asset Management Limited.

3. Approval to file condemnation cases affecting Tract Nos. OM-1000TE and -10001TE in McCreary County, Kentucky.

4. Approval of back-up generation services for East Mississippi EPA to supply the Meridian Naval Air Station.

5. Approval of variable time of use rates for use in telecommunications pilot programs.

6. Approval to modify and extend coal Contract No. P-95P-07-148296 with Leslie Resources, Inc.

7. Grant of easement to the City of Benton, Kentucky, for a 6-inch natural gas pipeline in Marshall County, Kentucky.

8. Approval of decision denying Carolina Trout Corporation's request for a trout-rearing net-pen facility on Fontana Lake.

9. Approval of recommendations resulting from the 62nd Annual Wage Conference, 1997—Annual Trades and Labor Agreement wage rates.

10. Approval to enter into a contract with the City of New Albany, Mississippi, to provide natural gas management services.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

**Edward S. Christenbury,**

*General Counsel and Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Executive Committee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meetings

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of dates for special meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on March 6, April 9, June 12, July 15, and July 21, 1998, beginning at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The March 6 meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6246-6248, Washington, DC. All other meetings will be held in Washington, DC, at locations to be determined.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miss Jean Casciano, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9683; fax (202) 267-5075; e-mail Jean.Casciano@faa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of special meetings of the Executive Committee to be held on March 6, April 9, June 12, July 15, and July 21, 1998. The sole agenda item for these meetings will be a status report from the Fuel Tank Harmonization Working Group.

Attendance is open to the interested public but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements no later than 10 calendar days in advance to present oral statements at the meeting. The public

may present written statements to the executive committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to him at the meeting.

Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 13, 1998.

**Jean Casciano,**

*Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Joint RTCA Special Committee 180 and EUROCAE Working Group 46 Meeting; Design Assurance Guidance for Airborne Electronic Hardware

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint RTCA Special Committee 180 and EUROCAE Working Group 46 meeting to be held March 24-26, 1998, starting at 8:30 a.m. on March 24. The meeting will be held at EUROCAE Headquarters, 17 rue Hamelin, Paris, France.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Joint Meeting; (4) Leadership Team Meeting Report; (5) Review Action Items; (6) Review Issue Logs; (7) Issue Team Status; (8) Plenary Disposition of Document Comments; (9) New Items for Consensus; (10) Special Committee 190 Committee Activity Report; (11) Other Business; (12) Establish Agenda for Next Meeting; (13) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 11, 1998.

**Janice L. Peters,**

*Designated Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (97-03-000-RDG) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at the Reading Regional Airport, Reading, PA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Rule on Application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Reading Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Daboin, Manager, Harrisburg Airports District Office, 3911 Hartzdale Dr., suite 1, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Rick Sokol, Executive Director of the Reading Regional Airport Authority at the following address: Reading Regional Airport, 2501 Bernville Road, Reading, Pennsylvania 19605.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Reading Regional Airport Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Daboin, Manager, Harrisburg Airports District Office, 3911 Hartzdale Dr., suite 1, Camp Hill, PA 17011. 717-782-4548. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Reading Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and