

comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6461-4]

Notice of Fifth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Fifth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force, consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, is to understand and address nutrient management and hypoxia related issues in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds. The matters to be discussed at the meeting include the Integrated Assessment of the causes and consequences of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Action Plan issues, approach, and schedule, including sharing ideas for consultation with States, Tribes, and stakeholders within the Mississippi River Basin (see agenda on EPA website at <<http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/>>). The Integrated Assessment and the Action Plan were requested by the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (CENR) as required by section 604(a) and 604(b) of Public Law 105-383 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998. The meeting of the Task Force will be open to the public, and the public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input during open discussion periods.

DATES: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., November 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn O'Hare International, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL; (847) 671-6350. The meeting is open to the public and is limited only by the space available. The room accommodates approximately 125 people.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Belefski, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), 401 M Street, SW (4503F), Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7061; Internet: belefski.mary@epa.gov. For additional information on hotel accommodations contact Marquietta Davis, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030, telephone: (703) 385-6000; Email: davisma@tetratetech.com.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Robert Wayland,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6461-3]

Notice of Availability of an Integrated Assessment of the Causes and Consequences of Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with the National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce, invites public comments on an integrated assessment of the causes and consequences of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico as required by section 604(a) of Public Law 105-383. The Integrated Assessment was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Working Group under the auspices of the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (CENR) and will be delivered to the President, Congress and the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. **DATES:** Comments must be received by December 20, 1999. Any comments received after the formal comment period will be reviewed by the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Working Group and delivered to the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force for their consideration along with the final Integrated Assessment.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Working Group, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Centers for Coastal Ocean

Science, Room 9127, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald Pryor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, Room 9127, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-3000x127, Internet: don.pryor@noaa.gov; or Dr. Mary Belefski, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), 401 M Street, SW (4503F), Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7061; Internet: belefski.mary@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose

The Environmental Protection Agency leads the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members. The Task Force has accepted the responsibility to develop an Action Plan, based on the Integrated Assessment and other information, for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The Action Plan is required by section 604(b) of Public Law 105-383.

Status

The Integrated Assessment, as required in section 604(a) of Public Law 105-383, examines the distribution, dynamics, and causes of hypoxia; ecological and economic consequences; sources and loads of nutrients transported by the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico; effects of reducing nutrient loads; methods for reducing nutrient loads; and the social and economic costs and benefits of such methods.

Six topical reports, each covering one of the aspects listed above, were prepared by teams of scientists. Each of the reports underwent extensive peer review by independent scientific experts. These reports, along with the public comment on them, were considered in developing the Integrated Assessment. (See 64 FR 23834-23835 dated May 4, 1999.)

The Integrated Assessment, as well as the six topical reports and the public comments, may be reached via either the EPA or NOAA/NOS websites: at <<http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/>> or <http://www.nos.noaa.gov/Products/pubs_hypox.html>; or contact those listed above for information on how to obtain the reports.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Robert Wayland,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

October 14, 1999.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0854.

Expiration Date: 09/30/2002.

Title: Truth-In-Billing Format—CC Docket No. 98-170 (Final Rule).

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3099 respondents; 62.72 hours per response (avg.); 194,388 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$1,800,000-\$9,000,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Third party disclosures.

Description: Under Section 201(b) of the Communications Act, the charges, practices, and classifications of common carriers must be just and reasonable. The Commission believes that the telephone bill is an integral part of the relationship between a carrier and its customer. The manner in which charges are identified and articulated on the bills is essential to the consumer's understanding of the services that have been rendered, such that a carrier's provision of misleading or deceptive billing information may be an unjust and unreasonable practice in violation of Section 201(b). In the First Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 98-170, released May 11, 1999, the Commission imposes the following collections of information to ensure that telephone bills contain the information

necessary for consumers to determine the validity of charges assessed on the bills and to combat telecommunications fraud. a. *Clear identification of service providers.* Section 64.2001 requires that all telephone bills clearly identify the name of the service provider associated with each charge. (No. of respondents: 3099; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 3099).

b. *Separation of charges by service provider and highlighting new service provider information.* Section 64.2001 requires that all telephone bills containing charges for wireline common carrier service (1) separate charges by service provider and (2) clearly and conspicuously show any change in service providers by identifying all service providers that did not bill for services on the previous billing statement and, where applicable, describing any new presubscribed or continuing relationship with the customer. (No. of respondents: 2295; hours per response: 80 hours; total annual burden: 183,600 hours).

c. *Full and non-misleading billed charges.* Section 64.2001 requires that (1) all telephone bills for wireline service, include for each charge a brief, clear, plain-language description of the services rendered; and (2) all telephone bills that contain additional carrier charges along with charges for local wireline service must differentiate between charges for which non-payment could result in termination of local telephone service and those charges for which non-payment would not result in termination of such basic service. (No. of respondents: 2295; hours per response: 2 hours; total annual burden: 4590 hours).

d. *Clear and Conspicuous Disclosure of Inquiry Contacts.* Section 64.2001 requires that all telephone bills display a toll-free number or numbers by which consumers may inquire about or dispute any charge on the bill. The number(s) must be displayed in a manner that permits a customer to identify easily the appropriate number to use to inquire about a particular charge. (No. of respondents: 3099; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 3099 hours). The information will be used by consumers to help them understand their telephone bills. Consumers need this information to protect themselves against fraud and to resolve billing disputes on their own. Obligation to comply: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Note: The Commission issued a Public Notice announcing the effective date of the requirements. See DA 99-2030, released 9/30/99.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0515.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2002.

Title: Miscellaneous Common Carrier Annual Letter Filing Requirement—47 CFR Section 43.21(c).

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 32 respondents; 1 hour per response (avg.); 32 total annual burden hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Description: Pursuant to Section 43.21(c), each miscellaneous common carrier with operating revenues in excess of the indexed threshold as defined in 47 CFR Section 32.9000 must file a letter showing its operating revenues for that year and the value of its total communications plant at the end of that year. The letter must contain information pertaining to the carrier's revenues, expenses, net income, assets, liabilities and owners' equity. These letters must be filed by no later than April 1 of the following year. Those miscellaneous common carriers with annual operating revenues that equal or surpass the indexed revenue threshold for the first time may file the letter up to one month after publication of the adjusted revenue threshold in the **Federal Register**, but in no event shall such carriers be required to file the letter prior to April 1. The information is used by staff members to regulate and monitor the telephone industry and by the public to analyze the industry. The information on revenue and total plant is compiled and published in the Commission's annual common carrier statistical publication and long distance market share report. Obligation to comply: Mandatory.

Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following