

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges at Hydroelectric Generating Facilities in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Lands in the State of Massachusetts**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft NPDES General Permits MAG360000 and NHG360000.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1, is today providing notice of availability of the Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for specific discharges at Hydroelectric Generating Facilities to certain waters of the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Lands in the State of Massachusetts. This draft general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions, and best management practices for classes of discharges at hydroelectric generating facilities.

Owners and/or operators of hydroelectric generating facilities with discharges, including those facilities currently authorized to discharge under individual NPDES permits, will be encouraged to submit an NOI to EPA-Region 1 to be covered by the general permit and will receive a written notification from EPA of permit coverage and authorization to discharge under one of the general permits. The eligibility requirements are discussed in detail in the fact sheet and in the general permit. This general permit does not cover new sources as defined under 40 CFR 122.2.

DATES: Comments must be received or postmarked by midnight on December 29, 2003. Interested persons may submit comments on the draft general permit as part of the administrative record to the EPA-Region 1 at the address given below. Within the comment period, interested persons may also request in writing a public hearing pursuant to 40 CFR 124.12 concerning the draft general permit. All public comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be hand delivered or mailed to: EPA-

Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CPE), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023 and also sent via e-mail to wandle.bill@ep.gov. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. The draft permit is based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA-Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CPE), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Copies of information in the record are available upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the draft permit may be obtained between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays from: William Wandle, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CPE), Boston, MA 02114-2023, telephone: 617-918-1605, email: wandle.bill@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft general permit may be viewed over the Internet via the EPA-Region 1 web site for dischargers in Massachusetts at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/mass.html> and for dischargers in New Hampshire at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/newhampshire.html>. The draft general permit includes the standard permit conditions in Part II, the Best Management Practices Plan in Part III, and the fact sheet which sets forth principal facts and the significant factual, legal, and policy questions considered in the development of the draft permit. To obtain a paper copy of the documents, please contact William Wandle using the contact information provided above. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests.

When the general permit is issued, the notice of final issuance will be published in the **Federal Register**. The general permit shall be effective on the date specified in the notice of final issuance of the general permit published in the **Federal Register** and it will expire five years from the effective date.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

Ira W. Leighton,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK**Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)**

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee was established by Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

Time and Place: Thursday, December 18, 2003, at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in the Main Conference Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

Agenda: Agenda items include briefing of the Advisory Committee members on their responsibilities and discussion of the Advisory Committee Theme—"What fundamental changes in products and approaches need to be made to better serve middle market exporters?"

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to December 11, 2003, Teri Stumpf, Room 1203, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3542 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teri Stumpf, Room 1203, 811 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3502.

Peter Saba,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority**

November 19, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments January 27, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 1-C804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0392.
Title: 47 CFR Part 1, Subpart J, Pole Attachment Complaint Procedures.
Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit and state, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 1,802.
Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 2,693 hours.
Annual Cost Burden: \$300,000.

Needs and Uses: The rules and regulations contained in 47 CFR part 1, subpart J, provide complaint and enforcement procedures to ensure that

telecommunications carriers and cable system operators have nondiscriminatory access to utility poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way on rates, terms and conditions that are just and reasonable. The information collected under these rules will be used by FCC to hear and resolve petitions for stay and complaints as mandated by Section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Information filed is used to determine the merits of the petitions and complaints. Additionally, state certifications are used to make public notice of the states' authority to regulate rates, terms, and conditions for pole attachments, and to determine the scope of the FCC's jurisdiction.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0961.
Title: 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review—Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Phase 2 and Phase 3, CC Docket No. 00-199.

Form Nos. and Report Nos.: FCC Reports 43-01, 43-02, 43-03, 43-04, 43-05, 43-07, 43-08, FCC Forms 495A and 495-B.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.
Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements and recordkeeping requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 1 hour.
Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is extending this information collection (no change) for the three year OMB clearance. In 2001, the Commission sought comment on streamlining our Part 32 chart of accounts, modified our affiliate transaction rules, and revised our expense limits rules. In addition, the NPRM sought comment on streamlining the accounting and reporting requirements specifically for mid-sized carriers by eliminating mandatory CAM filing and CAM audits for those carriers. The NPRM also proposed raising the indexed revenue threshold to \$200 million. In addition, with respect to ARMIS reporting requirements, the NPRM sought comment on revising various ARMIS reports. The proposals sought to eliminate or substantially simplify the reporting requirements for both large incumbent LECs and mid-sized incumbent LECs.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0782.
Title: Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) at Various Locations.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 20 respondents; 100 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 800 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The Commission has provided voluntary guidelines for filing expanded local calling service requests. These guidelines will allow the Commission to conduct smooth and continuous processing of these requests. The collection of information will enable the Commission to determine if there is a public need for expanded local calling service in each area subject to the request.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0786.
Title: Petitions for LATA Association Changes by Independent Telephone Companies.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 120 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The Commission has provided voluntary guidelines for filing LATA association change requests. These guidelines will allow the Commission to conduct smooth and continuous processing of these requests. The collection of information will enable the Commission to determine if there is a public need for changes in LATA association in each area subject to the request.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will