

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Technical Workshop on Selecting Input Distributions for Probabilistic Assessments**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a workshop on issues related to using probability distributions to represent exposure factors in probabilistic risk assessments. Experts from industry and academia as well as practitioners from state and federal agencies will convene to discuss these issues. The workshop will be open to members of the public as observers.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. and end on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Region II Headquarters offices, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007. Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene and facilitate the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel: (781) 674-7374. You may also obtain additional information and register by visiting the National Center for Environmental Assessment HomePage at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/calendar.htm>. Space is limited so please register early.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the Workshop on Selecting Input Distributions, please contact Marian Olsen, U.S. EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007, Telephone (212) 637-4313 or Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (8601-D), 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, Telephone (202) 564-3359.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 15, 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Deputy Administrator signed the Agency's "Policy for Use of Probabilistic Analysis in Risk Assessment." This policy establishes the Agency's position that "such probabilistic analysis techniques as Monte Carlo Analysis, given adequate supporting data and credible assumptions, can be viable statistical tools for analyzing variability and uncertainty in risk assessments." The policy also identifies several implementation activities designed to assist Agency assessors with their review and preparation of probabilistic

assessments. These activities include a commitment by the EPA Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) to organize workshops or colloquia to facilitate the development of distributions for exposure factors.

In the Summer of 1997, a technical panel, convened under the auspices of the RAF, began work on a framework for selecting input distributions for use in Monte Carlo analyses. The framework emphasized parametric methods and was organized around three fundamental activities: selecting candidate theoretical distributions, estimating the parameters of the candidate distributions, and evaluating the quality of the fit of the candidate distributions. Application of this framework to three exposure factors highlighted several issues. These issues resolve into two broad categories: issues associated with the representativeness of the data, and issues associated with using the Empirical Distribution Function (or resampling techniques) versus using a theoretical Parametric Distribution Function. These issues will be the focal point for discussions during this workshop. The goal of the Workshop is to provide a forum for expert discussions on these issues. Eastern Research Group, Inc. will take notes during these discussions and will produce a Workshop report. The information obtained through these discussions will be considered by EPA as work continues on the development of a framework and guidance for selecting input distributions for probabilistic risk assessments.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on April 9, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm

Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESS: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

A. *Approval of Minutes*

B. *Report*

—Farm Credit System Building Association—Quarterly Report

C. *New Business*

—Policy Statement on FCA's Financial Institution Rating System

Dated: April 12, 1998.

Floyd Fithian,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the 1999/2000 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-99 Advisory Committee)**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the next meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, April 27, 1998, at the Federal Communications Commission. The purpose of the meeting is to continue preparations for the 1999 World Radiocommunication Conference. The Advisory Committee will consider any consensus views or proposals introduced by the Advisory Committee's Informal Working Groups.

DATES: April 27, 1998; 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Room 856, Washington DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Damon C. Ladson, FCC International Bureau, Planning and Negotiations Division, at (202) 418-0420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the WRC-99 Advisory

Committee to provide advice, technical support and recommendations relating to the preparation of United States proposals and positions for the 1999 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-99). In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the second meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee. The WRC-99 Advisory Committee has an open membership. All interested parties are invited to participate in the Advisory Committee and to attend its meetings. The proposed agenda for the first meeting is as follows:

Agenda

Second meeting of the WRC-99 Advisory Committee, Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW., Room 856, Washington, D.C. 20554

April 27, 1998; 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda
3. IWG Reports
4. Consideration of Consensus Views or Proposals
5. Future Meetings
6. Other Business

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:06 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), and Acting Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters

in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than April 21, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Korell Family Partnership*, McCook, Nebraska; to acquire voting shares of AmFirst Financial Services, Inc., McCook, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire State Bank, Benkelman, Nebraska, and AmFirst Bank, N.A., McCook, Nebraska.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 1, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 30, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Osceola Bancorporation*, Osceola, Iowa; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Huxley Bancorp, Huxley, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire First State Bank, Huxley, Iowa.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *First Gilmer Bankshares*, Gilmer, Texas, and First Gilmer (Delaware) Holdings, Ltd., Wilmington, Delaware; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Wood County National Bank, Quitman, Texas.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *First Security Corporation*, Salt Lake City, Utah; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of California State Bank, West Covina, California.