

Site (Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL).

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to delete the Ilada Energy Company Superfund site (Site) from the NPL and requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes appendix B to 40 CFR part 300 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended. EPA has determined that the Site currently poses no significant threat to public health or the environment, as defined by CERCLA, and therefore, further remedial measures under CERCLA are not appropriate. We are publishing this proposed rule without prior notification because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no dissenting comments. A detailed rationale for this proposal is set forth in the direct final rule, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**. If no dissenting comments are received, the deletion will become effective. If EPA receives dissenting comments, the direct final action will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments concerning this Action must be received by December 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (SR-6J), 77 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the public docket which is available for viewing at the Site Information Repositories at the following locations: U.S. EPA Region 5, Administrative Records, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 886-0900, the Cape Girardeau Public Library, 711 N. Clark, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Ave. East, Springfield, Illinois 62794.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon Peterson, Remedial Project Manager at (312) 353-1264 or Gladys Beard Associate Remedial Project Manager, at (312) 886-7253. Written correspondence can be directed to Ms. Beard at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (SR-6J) 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final Action which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; 33 U.S.C. 1321 (c) (2); E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp.; p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp.; p. 193.

Dated: October 27, 2000.

**Gary Gulezian,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 36

[CC Docket No. 80-286; DA 00-2433]

#### Comment Sought on Recommended Decision Issued by Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rules; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document seeks comment on the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations' Recommended Decision for instituting an interim freeze of the relationships and jurisdictional allocation factors.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 24, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 4, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** See Supplementary Information section for where and how to file comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Cox, (202) 418-7400; TTY: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, telephone 202-857-3800, facsimile 202-857-3805.

On July 21, 2000, the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations (Joint Board) released a *Recommended Decision* for instituting an interim freeze of the part 36 category relationships and jurisdictional allocation factors. On August 15, 2000, we released a public notice, similar to

this *Public Notice*, that sought comment on the *Recommended Decision*. The *Aug. 15 Public Notice* inadvertently was not published in the **Federal Register**. In order to provide adequate notice to interested parties, we now release this *Public Notice* seeking comment on the *Recommended Decision*. Parties who have already filed comments in response to the *Aug. 15 Public Notice* need not refile their comments.

The Joint Board recommended that the Commission institute a five-year freeze of all part 36 category relationships and allocation factors for price cap carriers, and a freeze of the allocation factors for rate-of-return carriers. The Joint Board recommended that the Commission adopt a freeze based on carriers' data from the twelve months prior to the Commission's issuance of an order on the *Recommended Decision*. The Joint Board further recommended that the freeze should be mandatory and apply to all carriers subject to the Commission's part 36 rules. The Joint Board recommended that the freeze remain in effect for five years, or until the Commission takes further action pursuant to a recommendation from the Joint Board, whichever occurs first. During the interim freeze period, the Joint Board recommended that the Joint Board and the Commission continue to review issues regarding separations reform, as specified in the *Recommended Decision*. We seek comment on the Joint Board's recommendations.

The Joint Board also recommended that the Commission further develop the record in this proceeding on the impact of increased intrastate usage on jurisdictional allocations and consumers since 1995. Accordingly, we seek comment on the impact of increased intrastate usage since 1995 on jurisdictional allocations and consumers. The Joint Board noted that one possible explanation for the increase in intrastate usage is the growth in the use of the local network to connect to the Internet since 1995. As a result, we seek comment on the impact of Internet traffic growth on jurisdictional allocations since 1995. We request that companies provide specific information on Internet usage minutes, including the percentage of local minutes and total minutes that represent Internet traffic. This usage information should include data from Internet service providers both affiliated and non-affiliated with incumbent local exchange carriers. If estimates are used in determining these statistics, we request that commenters provide detailed explanation and justification

for these estimates and their underlying assumptions, including all studies and related work papers.

The Joint Board recommended that, if the Commission finds that Internet traffic is jurisdictionally interstate in the proceeding that has been initiated as a result of the remand by the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit on the Commission's *Reciprocal Compensation Ruling*, 64 FR 14203, March 24, 1999, the Commission freeze the local dial equipment minutes (DEM) factor for the duration of the freeze at some substantial portion of the current year level based on data from the twelve months preceding the implementation of the freeze. The Joint Board recommended that, based on the record established in connection with the *Recommended Decision*, the precise percentage of the current year's local DEM should be established according to how much of a reduction in local DEM is warranted in light of any effects that Internet usage has had on jurisdictional allocations or consumers. We seek comment on this recommendation.

#### Procedures for Filing Comments

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before November 24, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 4, 2000. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this

proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties also must send paper copies of their filings to the individuals listed in the attached Service List. Parties must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

#### Separations Joint Board Service List

The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Joint Board Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

The Honorable Joseph P. Mettner, Commissioner, Wisconsin Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

The Honorable Diane Munns, Commissioner, Iowa Utilities Board, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069.

The Honorable Joan H. Smith, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utility Commission, 550 Capitol Street, NE., Suite 215, Salem, OR 97310-2551.

The Honorable Thomas L. Welch, Chairman, State Joint Board Chairman, Maine Public Utilities Commission, State House Station #18, 242 State Street, Augusta, ME 04333.

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Dated: November 2, 2000

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 54**

[CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 00-359]

**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service: Petition for Forbearance by Operator Communications, Inc. d/b/a Oncor Communications, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rules.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission seeks comment on proposals to modify the Commission's rules relating to contributions to the federal universal service support mechanisms. In light of significant recent developments in the interstate telecommunications marketplace, such as the entry of Regional Bell Operating Companies into the interexchange services market, we seek comment on whether the existing methodology provides or will provide a competitive advantage to certain carriers in the marketplace. By initiating this rulemaking, we seek to ensure that assessment of contributions to the federal universal service support mechanisms remains competitively neutral, and that the mechanisms continue to meet the statutory requirement to be specific, predictable, and sufficient.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 30, 2000. Reply comments are due on or before December 14, 2000.

Written comments by the public on the proposed and/or modified information collections discussed in this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are due on or before November 30, 2000. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed and/or modified information collections on or before January 8, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collection(s) contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov and to Edward C. Springer, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or via the Internet to vhuth@omb.eop.gov. Parties also should send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Praveen Goyal, Attorney, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Policy Division, (202) 418-7400. For further information concerning the information collection contained in this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking contact Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 released on October 12, 2000. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

This FNPRM contains proposed information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed information collections contained in this proceeding.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

The FNPRM contains a proposed information collection. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and OMB to comment on the information collection(s) contained in this FNPRM, as required by the PRA, Public Law 104-13. Public and agency comments on the proposed and/or modified information collections discussed in this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are due on or before November 30, 2000. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed and/or modified information collections on or before January 8, 2001.

Comments should address: (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 estimates; (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.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0855.

*Title:* Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet and Associated Requirements, CC Docket No. 96-45.

*Form No.:* FCC Forms 499A and 499S.

*Type of Review:* Proposed Revision.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Proposal 1:* Periodic current Revenue Reports of Proposed Changes to the Contribution Assessment Methodology.

Title	Number of respondents	Hrs. per response	Total annual burden
FCC Form 499A .....	3500	8	28,000
FCC Form 499S .....	2000	5.5	11,000
Periodic Current Revenue Reporting (Monthly) .....	2000	5.5	132,000
Total Annual Burden for Proposal 1 .....	.....	.....	171,000