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EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Policy; Availability of the Interim Report of the U.S. Department of Energy's Power Outage Study Team: Findings From the Summer of 1999 and Notice of Workshops

AGENCY: Office of Policy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of interim report and announcement of workshops.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of *The Interim Report of the U.S. Department of Energy's Power Outage Study Team: Findings From the Summer of 1999* as well as a series of technical workshops to be held seeking comments on issues identified in the report. In the report the team releases the results of its investigation into significant electric power outages and other power disturbances that occurred in various parts of the country during the summer of 1999. Developed in response to Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson's six-point initiative to help prevent future power outages, the report was prepared by a team of experts composed of personnel from the Department of Energy headquarters staff, the Department's national laboratories, and academic institutions. The team is seeking input on issues identified in the report in workshops, over the Internet, and by mail. The team will then consider these comments in developing recommendations in its final report to the Secretary on what role the Federal government should play in addressing ways to avoid future outages. The final report is expected to be issued in March of 2000 and will be the focus of policy-level discussions among industry leaders and local and state government officials.

DATES: The Power Outage Study Team has planned three workshops for those wishing to comment on the issues identified in the report. The workshop schedule is as follows:

January 20, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., San Francisco, California

Topics

Transition to Competitive Energy Service Markets (morning session)

Regulatory Policy for Reliable Transmission and Distribution (afternoon session)

January 25, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., New Orleans, Louisiana

Topics

Information Resources (morning session)

Operations Management and Emergency Response (afternoon)

January 27, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Newark, New Jersey

Topic

Reliability Metrics, Planning and Tracking

ADDRESSES: The workshop locations are: San Francisco: Clarion Hotel San Francisco Airport, 401 East Millbrae Avenue, Millbrae, California, 94030, (800)223-7111

New Orleans: Radisson Inn, New Orleans Airport, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Kenner, Louisiana 70062, (504) 467-3111

Newark: Holiday Inn, Newark International Airport, 160 Frontage Rd. Newark, New Jersey 07114, (973) 589-1000

All stakeholders are invited to register to participate in one or more of the workshops. A registration form is provided in Appendix B of the Interim Report and is also available in the electronic version of the report, which can be found on the Internet at: <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/post/>. There will also be an opportunity at each workshop for non-registrants to make recommendations. Those who cannot attend these workshops may also send their comments on the report to the Power Outage Study Team through January 31, 2000 via the Internet address listed previously or by mail to: Paul Carrier, PO-21, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of the report you may contact the Department of Energy's Public Reading Room, 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20585, on (202) 586-3142. The report is also available electronically on the Internet at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/post/>. For information on the workshops you may contact Regina Griego at (202) 586-6535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the summer of 1999, several heat waves in June and July led to record peak demand for power and capacity shortages. The heavy demand for power put enormous strains on many electric utilities and resulted in a series of power outages in Chicago, Texas,

Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, the Delmarva Peninsula, New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island, leaving millions of people without power for some period of time.

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Mark J. Mazur,

Director, Office of Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

December 28, 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.: 3060-0848.

Expiration Date: 06/30/2000.

Title: Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1400 respondents; 10.7 hours per response (avg.); 15,000 total annual burden hours for all collections.

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

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Third Party Disclosures.

Description: In CC Docket 98-147, the Commission seeks to implement Congress's goal of promoting innovation and investment by all participating in the telecommunications marketplace, in order to stimulate competition for all services, including advanced services as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The following are the information collections:

(a) *Showing Regarding Loop Condition.*—Incumbent LECs who refuse a competitive carrier's request to condition a loop must make an

affirmative showing to the relevant state commission that conditioning the specific loop in question will significantly degrade voiceband services. See 47 CFR 51.319(h)(5). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: 2 hours; total annual burden: 2800 hours).

(b) *Request for Alternative Physical Access.*—Incumbent LECs must provide requesting carriers with access to the loop facility for testing, maintenance, and repair. An incumbent seeking to utilize an alternative physical access methodology may request approval to do so from the relevant state commission, but must show that the proposed alternative method is reasonable, nondiscriminatory, and will not disadvantage a requesting carrier's ability to perform loop or service testing, maintenance or repair. See 47 CFR 51.319(h)(7). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: .50; total annual burden: 700 hours).

(c) *Showing of Significant Degradation.*—An incumbent LEC may not deny a carrier's request to deploy a technology that is presumed acceptable for deployment unless the incumbent LEC demonstrates to the relevant state commission that deployment of the particular technology will significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voiceband services. See 47 CFR 51.230(b) and (c). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: 1.5 hours; total annual burden: 2100 hours).

(d) *Information on Type of Technology.*—A requesting carrier that seeks access to a loop or a high frequency portion of a loop to provide advanced services must provide to the incumbent LEC information on the type of technology that the requesting carrier seeks to deploy. See 47 CFR 51.231(b)-(c). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: 1.5 hours; total annual burden: 2100 hours).

(e) *Petition.*—Any party seeking designation of a technology as a known disturber should file a petition for declaratory ruling. See 47 CFR 51.232(b). (No. of respondents: 100; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 100 hours).

(f) *Showing of Network Harm.*—Where the degradation remains unresolved by the deploying carrier(s), after a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem, the carrier whose services are being degraded must establish before the relevant state commission that a particular technology deployment is causing the significant degradation. See 47 CFR Section 51.233(b)-(c). (No. of respondents: 100; hours per response: 2 hours; total annual burden: 200 hours).

(g) *List of Equipment, Affidavit.*—Whenever an incumbent LEC objects to collocation of equipment by a requesting telecommunications carrier for the purposes within the scope of section 251(c)(6) of the Act, the incumbent LEC shall prove to the state commission that the equipment will not be actually used by the telecommunications carrier for the purpose of obtaining interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. An incumbent LEC that denies collocation of a competitor's equipment, citing safety standards, must provide to the competitive LEC within five business days a list of all equipment that the incumbent LEC locates within the premises in question, together with an affidavit attesting that all of that equipment meets or exceeds the safety standard that the incumbent LEC contends the competitor's equipment fails to meet. See 47 CFR 51.323(b). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 1400 hours).

(h) *Space Limitation Documentation.*—An incumbent LEC shall submit to the state commission, subject to any protective order as the state commission may deem necessary, detailed floor plans or diagrams of any premises where the incumbent LEC claims that physical collocation is not practical because of space limitations. An incumbent LEC that contends space for physical collocation is not available in an incumbent LEC premises must also allow the requesting carrier to tour the entire premises in question, not just the room in which space was denied, without charge, within ten days of the receipt of the incumbent LEC's denial of space. See 47 CFR Section 51.321(f).

(i) *Report of Available Collocation Space.*—Upon request, an incumbent LEC must submit to the requesting carrier within ten days of the submission of the request a report indicating the incumbent LEC's available collocation space in a particular LEC premises. This report must specify the amount of collocation space available at each requested premises, the number of collocators, and any modifications in the use of the space since the last report. The incumbent LEC must maintain a publicly available document, posted for viewing on the Internet, indicating all premises that are full, and must update such a document within ten days of the date at which a premises runs out of physical collocation space. See 47 CFR Section 51.321(h). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 1400 hours).

(j) *Information on Security Training.*—An incumbent LEC must provide information to competitive LECs on the specific type of security training a competitive LEC's employees must complete in order for the incumbent LEC to maintain reasonable security measures for its equipment and networks. See 47 CFR Section 51.323(i)(3). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: .50 hours; total annual burden: 700 hours).

(k) *Access to Spectrum Management Procedures and Policies.*—An incumbent LEC must provide competitive LECs with nondiscriminatory access to the incumbent LEC's spectrum management procedures and policies. See 1st Report and Order, para. 72 and 47 CFR Section 51.231(a). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: .50 hours; total annual burden: 700 hours).

(l) *Rejection and Loop Information.*—An incumbent LEC must disclose to requesting carriers information with respect to the rejection of the requesting carrier's provision of advanced services, together with the specific reason for the rejection. An incumbent LEC must also disclose to requesting carriers information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder and type of technology deployed on those loops. See 1st Report and Order, para. 73 and 47 CFR Section 51.23(a). (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 1400 hours).

(m) *Notification of Performance Degradation.*—If a carrier claims a service is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, then that carrier must notify the causing carrier and allow that carrier a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem. Any claims of network harm must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information. See 1st Report and Order, para. 75 and 47 CFR 51.233. (No. of respondents: 1400; hours per response: .50 hours; total annual burden: 700 hours). All of the collections will be used by the Commission and by competitive carriers to facilitate the deployment of advanced data services and to implement section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Obligation to respond: 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, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 99-2824]

Auction Filing Window for New Television Station Channel 52 at Blanco, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces an auction filing window for a new analog television station on Channel 52 at Blanco, TX.

DATES: The window filing opportunity begins January 24, 2000, and closes January 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaun Maher, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau at (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a Public Notice released December 17, 1999. It does not include attachments. The complete text of the Public Notice, including attachments, is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20035, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

The Mass Media Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announce an auction filing window for a new analog television station on Channel 52 at Blanco, Texas. The filing window will open on January 24, 2000 and close on January 28, 2000.

Selection among mutually exclusive applicants for the new Blanco television station will be via the Commission's broadcast competitive bidding rules. See 47 CFR 73.5000 *et seq.* Those wishing to participate in the auction must file electronically a short form application (FCC Form 175) by 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, January 28, 2000. Pursuant to the Commission's broadcast competitive bidding rules, only the winning bidder will be required to submit a long form (FCC Form 301)

following the close of the auction. See 47 CFR 73.5005.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). 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 January 27, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *National Commerce Bancorporation* Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank, Lenoir City, Tennessee.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-2171:

1. *Lewisville Bancorp, Inc.*, Lewisville, Minnesota; to become a bank holding

company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Van Deusen Bancorp, Inc., Lewisville, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Madison Lake Bancorporation, Inc., Madison Lake, Minnesota, and its subsidiary, Peoples State Bank of Madison Lake, Madison Lake, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 28, 1999.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 17, 2000.

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

1. *Iowa State Financial Services Corporation*, Fairfield, Iowa; to acquire Sisler Insurance Agency, Inc., Coggon, Iowa, (an ongoing concern), through the acquisition of North Linn Corporation, Coggon, Iowa; and thereby engage in the exempted nonbanking activity of sales of insurance in small towns as allowed by § 225.28(b)(11)(iii) of Regulation Y.