

acquired exchanges into existing study areas should exclude the costs associated with the acquired exchanges from the cost associated with the pre-acquisition study areas in annual universal service data a submissions used to determine eligibility for high-cost loop supports. Acquiring rural carriers shall separately provide the information listed in section 47 CFR 36.611 for both acquired and existing exchanges, as if these two categories of exchanges constitute separate study areas. See 47 CFR section 36.611. (*No. of respondents: 20; hours per response: 24 hours; total annual burden: 480 hours*). f. Safety Net Additive: Safety net additive support would only be available in years in which support levels would otherwise exceed the new indexed cap on the high-cost loop support fund. To receive such support in a particular study area, a carrier would need to show that growth in telecommunications plant in service (TPIS) per line is at least 14 percent greater than the study area's TPIS per line in the prior year, or the "base year." Any study area that initially qualifies for safety net additive support would also qualify for such support in each of the four succeeding years if the cap is again triggered, regardless of whether the study area meets the 14 percent criterion in the succeeding years. Carriers must provide written notice to the Commission and USAC in conjunction with their annual or quarterly submissions to NECA indicating that a study area meets the 14 percent TPIS trigger. If a carrier should fail to provide written notification to the Commission and USAC, the study area that otherwise would have qualified for safety net additive will not be eligible. See 47 CFR 36.605(c)(2). (*No. of respondents: 1300; hours per response: .5 hours; total annual burden: 650 hours*). g. Safety Valve: Once relevant regulatory approvals are obtained and the transaction is closed, the rural carrier shall provide written notice to USAC that they have acquired access lines that may become eligible for safety value support. In order to assist USAC in the administration of the safety valve mechanism, rural carriers shall also provide written notice to USAC of when their index year has been established for purposes of calculating eligibility for safety valve support. See 47 CFR 54.305 (f). (*No. of respondents: 1300; hours per response: .5 hours; total annual burden: 650 hours*). The Commission will use the information requirements to determine whether and to what extent rural telecommunications carriers providing the data are eligible to receive

universal service support. Obligation to respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Public reporting burden for the collection 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 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 01-1458]

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Translation of Cost Model to Delphi Computer Language and Announces Posting of Updated Cost Model

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In a Public Notice in this proceeding released on June 20, 2001, the Common Carrier Bureau sought comment on translation of the forward-looking cost model to Delphi computer language and announced the posting of an updated Turbo-Pascal version of the cost model on the Commission's web site.

DATES: Comments are due on or before August 13, 2001. Reply comments are due on or before August 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for where and how to file comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie King or Thomas Buckley, Attorneys, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Policy Division, (202) 418-7400 TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Fifth Report and Order, 63 FR 63993, October 28, 1998, the Commission adopted a forward-looking cost model to be used in determining federal high-cost universal service support for non-rural carriers. To date, the model has been in Turbo-Pascal computer language. Commission staff have translated the model from Turbo-Pascal language into Delphi computer language. In this document, the Common Carrier Bureau announces the posting of the current forward-looking cost model in Delphi

computer language and seeks comment on whether it should use the Delphi version for purposes of calculating support amounts for 2002.

The Delphi version can be found on the Commission's Web site (www.fcc.gov/ccb/apd/hcpm). The Delphi version of the forward-looking cost model is a beta version that will continue to be refined and updated as the Commission staff and interested parties work with it. In an effort to use a computer language that works best for the Commission and all interested parties, this document seeks comment on advantages of the Delphi version over the Turbo-Pascal version, and recommendations concerning improvements to the Delphi version.

In this document, the Common Carrier Bureau also announces the posting of a separate, updated Turbo-Pascal version of the cost model on the Commission's Web site (www.fcc.gov/ccb/apd/hcpm) that contains minor programming changes to the model and source codes that were necessary for the purpose of using the updated line count data. On December 8, 2000, the Commission decided to use the year-end 1999 line counts filed July 31, 2000, as input values for estimating average forward-looking costs and determining support for the year 2001. Because the year-end 1999 line count data in large part remains subject to a protective order, the posted version of the model contains the 1998 line count data that has already been made available to the public. Parties that wish to work with the year-end 1999 line count data should contact the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and must adhere to the procedures set forth in the Commission's protective order.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments as follows: comments are due on or before August 13, 2001, and reply comments are due on or before August 27, 2001. 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. 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, 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. 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 three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Room 5-A422, Washington, D.C. 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 continue to be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

Katherine L. Schroder,
Division Chief, Accounting Policy Division.
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Draft 2001-2006 Strategic Plan

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), in accordance with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, has developed a draft of its 2001-2006 Strategic Plan. The FDIC is now soliciting for consideration the views and suggestions of stakeholders potentially affected by or interested in this plan.

The draft strategic plan covers a five-year period and provides a framework for implementing the agency's mission of contributing to stability and public confidence in the nation's financial system. This is accomplished through the FDIC's three major program areas—Insurance, Supervision, and Receivership Management—that work to achieve the following results:

- Protection of insured depositors from loss, without recourse to taxpayer funding,
- Safety and soundness of insured depository institutions,

- Protection of consumers' rights and the investment by FDIC-supervised institutions in their communities, and

- Recovery to creditors of receiverships.

The plan can be reviewed on the FDIC's website, <http://www.fdic.gov>, in the "About FDIC" section.

Printed copies may be obtained from the FDIC Public Information Center by calling 1-800-276-6003 (202-416-6940 within the Washington metropolitan area) or sending electronic mail to PublicInfo@FDIC.gov.

DATES: The comment period closes July 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit their written comments to: FDIC—Division of Finance, Business Planning Section, Room 536, 801 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20434 or Internet E-mail: StrategicPlan@FDIC.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon A. Goeke at the addresses identified above.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of June, 2001.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 28, 2001 at 10 a.m. The starting time has been changed to 2 p.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: Meeting open to the public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01107]

Environmental Health Epidemiology Program for Latin American and Caribbean Countries; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Environmental Health.

The purpose of the program is to further develop and establish an environmental health epidemiology, surveillance, and laboratory program for the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The objectives are to: Collaborate with Latin American and Caribbean countries (LAC) in the conduct of environmental epidemiology studies of populations exposed to environmental contaminants and other harmful agents.

Provide instruction and training to enhance the development of information systems to promote epidemiologic and environmental surveillance in the LAC.

Promote and enhance environmental laboratories for environmental surveillance and exposure assessment; promote and enhance development of methodology for assessment of exposure of populations to environmental contaminants.

Promote and enhance environmental health risk communication in the LAC region.

Work with collaborating centers to implement training programs in the LAC region, and provide access to other existing programs, including those delivered by distance learning approaches.

Implement global environmental health programs that address strategic issues, such as the Children's Health and Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean (CHELAC) initiative.

No human subjects research will be supported under this cooperative agreement.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the Pan American Health Organization. No other applications are solicited.

The Pan American Health Organization is the most appropriate