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2. *By Mail.* Send your comments to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ORD Docket, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0006.

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Dated: April 16, 2004.

Kevin Y. Teichman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Federal Guidance on the Use of Off-Site and Out-of-Kind Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Defense; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Interior; Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Agriculture; Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability to review and comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Mitigation Action Plan signed in December of 2002 by the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Transportation, the Federal Interagency Mitigation Workgroup (FIMW) has prepared Draft Federal Guidance on the Use of Off-Site and Out-of-Kind Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Site/Kind Guidance). The Site/Kind Guidance provides direction for the application of existing regulations and policies to decisions

about the appropriate use of off-site and out-of-kind compensatory mitigation within the context of the Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting program.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before May 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery/courier. E-mail comments to sitekind.guidance@noaa.gov. Please put "Site/Kind Comments" in the Subject Line and *include your comments as an attachment to the e-mail* in either Word or Wordperfect format. Mail or hand deliver/courier comments to: Susan-Marie Stedman, F/HC Room 14102, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mitigation Action Plan Web site at <http://www.mitigationactionplan.gov> or contact either Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Wetlands Division (4502T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, phone: (202) 566-1374, e-mail:

Hough.Palmer@epa.gov, Alan Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000, phone: (202) 761-7763, e-mail: Alan.J.Miller@hq02.usace.army.mil, or Susan-Marie Stedman, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone: (301) 713-2325, e-mail: susan.stedman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reports published in 2001 by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the General Accounting Office (GAO) provided a critical evaluation of the effectiveness of wetlands compensatory mitigation for authorized losses of wetlands and other waters under Section 404 of the CWA. Section 404 regulates discharges of dredged and fill materials into waters of the United States and requires compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts. The independent analyses and other commentaries highlighted a number of shortfalls and identified a variety of technical, programmatic, and policy recommendations for the Federal agencies, States, and other involved parties.

An interagency team drafted the National Mitigation Action Plan endorsing the goal of no net loss of wetlands and outlining specific action items that address the concerns of the NAS, GAO, and other independent evaluations. The 17 actions, with

various agency leads, address areas of concern, including collection and availability of data, clarifying performance standards, improving accountability, and integrating mitigation into the watershed approach. Development of Site/Kind Guidance is one of these action items. A preliminary draft of the Site/Kind Guidance was reviewed by participants at a July 2003 stakeholder forum held in Portland, Oregon, that brought together a diverse group of individuals representing the regulated community, environmental organizations, academia, non-governmental organizations, and mitigation providers. The preliminary draft has been revised based on comments received at that stakeholder forum. The FIMW is seeking additional public review before finalizing the guidance. Please note that comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, are available for public review in a docket.

Copies of the Draft Site/Kind Guidance are available at the Mitigation Action Plan Web site at <http://www.mitigationactionplan.gov> (click on "Status of Action Items" and locate and click on "On-site/Off-site and In-kind/Out-of-kind Draft Guidance" in the summary table). A printed copy of the draft guidance can be obtained by contacting: Susan-Marie Stedman, F/HC Room 14102, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring MD 20910.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a partially open meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS:

- (1) Medical Equipment Initiative;
- (2) Amendment to Working Capital Guarantee Program Fast Track Application Processing; and
- (3) Co-Guarantee Pilot Program with the Small Business Administration.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation for Items No. 1–3 only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Tele. No. 202–565–3957)

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Farm Credit Administration Board; Amendment to Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), the Farm Credit Administration gave notice on April 20, 2004 (69 FR 21098) of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) scheduled for April 22, 2004. This notice is to amend the agenda by adding an item to the open session of that meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting of the Board was 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 agenda for April 22, 2004, is amended by adding the following item to the open session as follows:

Open Session

A. *Approval of Minutes.*

2. April 20, 2004 (Closed)

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96–45; DA 04–999]

Parties Are Invited to Update the Record Pertaining to Pending Petitions for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designations

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In this document, interested parties are invited to update the record pertaining to pending petitions for designation as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) filed pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act).

DATES: Supplemental Petitions are due on or before May 14, 2004. Comments are due on or before May 28, 2004. Reply comments are due on or before June 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further filing instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Buckley, Attorney, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418–7400, TTY (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of public notice, CC Docket No. 96–45, DA 04–999, released April 12, 2004. On January 22, 2004, the Commission released the *Virginia Cellular Order*, 69 FR 8958, February 26, 2004, which granted in part and denied in part, the petition of Virginia Cellular, LLC to be designated as an ETC throughout its licensed service area in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In that Order, the Commission utilized a new public interest analysis for ETC designations and imposed ongoing conditions and reporting requirements on Virginia Cellular. The Commission further stated that the framework enunciated in the *Virginia Cellular Order* would apply to all ETC designations for rural areas pending further action by the Commission.

Following the framework established in the *Virginia Cellular Order*, on April 12, 2004, the Commission released the *Highland Cellular Order*, FCC 04–37, April 12, 2004, which granted in part and denied in part the petition of Highland Cellular, Inc. to be designated as an ETC in portions of its licensed service area in the Commonwealth of

Virginia. In the *Highland Cellular Order*, the Commission concluded, among other things, that a telephone company in a rural study area may not be designated as a competitive ETC below the wire center level.

In light of the new standards and requirements set forth in the *Virginia Cellular Order* and the *Highland Cellular Order*, parties seeking ETC designation may wish to supplement previously filed pending ETC petitions, petitions for redefinition of service areas, and applications for review related to ETC designations. For this reason, parties that have pending petitions for ETC designation and petitions concerning related proceedings are asked to supplement their petitions with any new information or arguments they believe relevant. If applicable, parties should also demonstrate how they satisfy the Commission's requirements with regard to non-rural areas in which they seek ETC designation, as well as how they satisfy the Commission's requirements with regard to rural areas in which they seek ETC designation. The refreshed record will facilitate appropriate consideration of pending ETC petitions and related proceedings in light of the *Virginia Cellular Order* and *Highland Cellular Order*. A list of currently pending ETC petitions and related proceedings are set forth in the attached appendix.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, parties may supplement their petitions and applications as follows: supplemental petitions are due on or before May 14, 2004. This initial round is solely for the purpose of allowing parties to supplement their own petitions and applications. Comments are due on or before May 28, 2004, and reply comments are due on or before June 4, 2004. 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. Parties should clearly specify in the caption of all filings the petition(s) and application(s) to which their filing relates.

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