

will develop and begin to implement its work plan for carrying out its assigned responsibilities. All meetings are open to the public and time will be provided at each meeting for the public to address the Task Force, as follows: November 11, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.; December 16, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., and January 16, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.; however, discussion is limited to Task Force members and Forest Service personnel. Persons who wish to bring water rights matters to the attention of the Task Force may also file written statements with the Forest Service liaison at the address listed earlier in this notice either before or after each meeting.

Notice of the establishment of the Water Rights Task Force was published in the Federal Register on September 11, 1996 (61 FR 47858). The Task Force terminates either in August of 1997 or upon submission of a final report.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

Mark A. Reimers,

Acting Chief.

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Timber Sale Contracts; Change in Stumpage Rate Adjustment Procedure

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 7, 1996, the Forest Service published in the Federal Register a proposed policy to eliminate the stumpage rate adjustment procedure used to adjust timber sale contract tentative rates (bid rates) on most timber sales. The agency requested public comment on the proposed policy (61 FR 41124), with the comment period closing October 7, 1996. The comment period is now being reopened for 90 days to allow consideration of this proposal concurrently with consideration of a proposed rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register to change the procedures for market-related contract term addition. All comments received between August 7, 1996, and the reopening of the comment period will be considered; therefore respondents do not need to resubmit comments previously submitted.

DATES: The additional comment period will end on January 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Director, Timber Management Staff, MAIL STOP 1105, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

Dated: October 8, 1996.

J. Kenneth Myers,

Acting Chief.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) gives notice of the dates and location of the meetings of the Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee.

DATES: The Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee will meet on November 6, 7, and 8, 1996 beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association offices, 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Dennis Cannon, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 35 (voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). Electronic mail address: cannon@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 1996, the Access Board published a notice appointing members to its Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee (Committee). 61 FR 26155 (May 24, 1996). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. These recommendations will be used by the Access Board to develop accessibility guidelines in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under section 255 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee is composed of representatives of manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment;

organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; telecommunications providers and carriers; and other persons affected by the guidelines.

At its first meeting on June 12-14, 1996, the Committee took the following actions:

- The statutory definitions of telecommunications, telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment are to be construed broadly.
- Providing access is not a "change in form" of information within the meaning of the statute's definition of telecommunications and, therefore, not excluded.
- A listserv was created through the Trace Center: taac-l@trace.wisc.edu. To subscribe, send e-mail to listproc@trace.wisc.edu with the message subscribe taac-l <firstname lastname>.

At its second meeting on August 14-16, 1996, the Committee agreed on the following points:

- In customer premises equipment (CPE), it is not always possible to separate the effects of software from hardware and one manufacturer may choose to perform the same function with one or the other. Therefore, the guidelines must cover both.
- It is not always possible to determine whether a particular function resides with the CPE, the telecommunications carrier, or the source material. Therefore, the guidelines will be developed with the assumption that the function resides in the CPE and urge the FCC to apply the same guidelines to entities and services under its jurisdiction.
- The Committee also agreed that the existing definitions of CPE and telecommunications equipment are sufficient.
- While the definition of "readily achievable" in the Telecommunications Act is the same as in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the term is applied differently. In the ADA, the term applies to barrier removal in existing facilities whereas the Telecommunications Act applies the term to the manufacture of new equipment. An ad hoc task group was formed to develop criteria to assess "readily achievable" in this new context.
- Subcommittees on Compliance Assessment and Guidelines content were created. Discussions will be conducted primarily by e-mail. To participate in a subcommittee, send e-mail to cannon@access-board.gov.