

In summary, EPA believes that the fact that only a small portion of the SIP's safety margin has been allocated to the mobile source emissions budget, along with the requirement for dispersion modeling each time a conformity determination is conducted, are adequate to ensure that the NAAQS are protected by the emissions budgets adopted by the State and submitted to EPA. EPA is requesting further comment in support of or opposed to this rationale for approving the budget submittals.

III. Proposed Action

EPA is seeking additional information from interested parties on two issues related to the Denver PM₁₀ and NO_x mobile source emissions budget SIPs. EPA initially proposed approval of the SIP revisions on October 3, 1996 (61 FR 51631).

As indicated elsewhere in this document, EPA will consider any comments received by September 4, 1997 relating to the two issues described above relating to the two SIPs.

IV. Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted this regulatory action from E.O. 12866 review.

V. Regulatory Flexibility

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 600 *et seq.*, EPA must prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis assessing the impact of any proposed or final rule on small entities (5 U.S.C 603 and 604). Alternatively, EPA may certify that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and government entities with jurisdiction over populations of less than 50,000.

SIP approvals under sections 110 and subchapter I, part D of the CAA do not create any new requirements but simply approve requirements that the State is already imposing. Therefore, because this proposed Federal SIP approval does not impose any new requirements, I certify that it does not have a significant impact on any small entities affected. Moreover, due to the nature of the Federal-State relationship under the CAA, preparation of a flexibility analysis would constitute Federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The CAA forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co. v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 427 U.S. 246, 256-66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

VI. Unfunded Mandates

Under section 202, of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("Unfunded Mandates Act"), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has also determined that this proposed action does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of \$100 million or more to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This Federal action would approve pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and would impose no new Federal requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector would result from this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur dioxide, Volatile organic compounds.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: July 14, 1997.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS-50625A; FRL-5734-1]

Proposed Revocation of Significant New Use Rules For Certain Acrylate Substances; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed significant new use rule (SNUR) for

certain acrylate esters. As initially published in the **Federal Register** of June 2, 1997 (62 FR 29688) (FRL-5595-1), the comments were to be received on or before July 2, 1997. One commenter requested additional time to research and submit more detailed comments concerning these proposed revocations. EPA is therefore extending the comment period in order to give all interested persons the opportunity to comment fully.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to EPA by August 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the appropriate docket control number OPPTS-50625, etc. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Room G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt-ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by (OPPTS-50625, etc.). No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comment on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

All comments which are claimed confidential must be clearly marked as such. Three additional sanitized copies of any comments containing CBI must also be submitted. Nonconfidential versions of comments on this rule will be placed in the rulemaking record and will be available for public inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-3949; TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This extension of the comment period will allow interested parties who intend to comment on the proposed rule additional time to consider their response.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous materials, Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 63

[IB Docket No. 96-261, DA 97-1563]

International Settlement Rates

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On December 19, 1996, the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") that proposes changes to the Commission's international settlement benchmark rates that will move settlement rates closer to the underlying costs of providing international termination services. On July 22, AT&T filed a motion for the Commission to grant confidential treatment for documents that AT&T has filed under seal for inclusion in the record in this proceeding. The Commission granted AT&T's request. (Order Granting Motion for Confidential Treatment, IB Docket No. 96, 261, DA 97-1563, adopted and released on July 23, 1997)

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Room 222, Washington, DC 20554. AT&T would make these documents available for inspection pursuant to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement at the premises of AT&T, 10th Floor, North Tower, 1120 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Giusti, Attorney-Advisor, Policy and Facilities Branch, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1407.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") has filed a motion for the confidential treatment of documents that AT&T has filed under seal for inclusion in the record of the above-captioned proceeding. We grant AT&T's motion, finding that it will serve the public interest by facilitating full development of the record in this proceeding while safeguarding the proprietary and confidential information of AT&T.

2. In the *International Settlement Rates Benchmarks NPRM* ("NPRM"),

the Commission proposed to calculate benchmarks for international settlement rates based in part on foreign carriers' tariffed rates (International Settlement Rates, NPRM, IB Docket No. 96-261, 61 FR 68702 (December 31, 1996)). As part of the benchmarks calculations, the International Bureau distributed international calls from the United States among service classifications, time periods, and the destination of the calls. We determined the distribution of minutes for each country in part from information collected on AT&T customers' calls during a three month period that began on January 6, 1996. In its comments, ABS-CBN requested that we put this call distribution data on the record. The documents AT&T has filed under seal contain such call distribution data. AT&T states that this data "is competitively sensitive, not publicly disclosed in AT&T's normal course of business, and exempt from disclosure under §§ 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules." AT&T asserts that unauthorized disclosure could lead to substantial competitive harm to AT&T.

3. Although we believe that U.S. international carriers would likely have call distribution data on their U.S.-originated traffic and foreign carriers receiving settlement payments would likely have the call distribution data on the U.S.-originated traffic that they terminate, we nonetheless want to ensure that all parties have a full opportunity for notice and comment on our proposed benchmark settlement rates. We therefore find that adoption of AT&T's motion will serve the public interest by facilitating full development of the record in this proceeding while protecting the proprietary and confidential information of AT&T. We recognize that AT&T's call distribution data could provide competitors with competitively-sensitive market and cost structure information about AT&T's operations. In order to ensure that the data contained in AT&T's documents are not used for any purpose other than to assist parties in commenting fully on the proposals the Commission made in the NPRM, we will allow AT&T to make the proprietary and confidential call distribution data available pursuant to the Confidentiality Agreement attached to its motion, the terms and conditions of which we find reasonable. Parties of record wishing to examine this data may do so at the premises of AT&T, 10th Floor, North Tower, 1120 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20036, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

4. Accordingly, *It Is Ordered*, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as

amended, 47 U.S.C. section 4(i), and sections 0.51, 0.261, 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.51, 0.261, 0.457, 0.459, that AT&T's motion for confidential treatment *Is Granted*. Nothing in this Order, or AT&T's Confidentiality Agreement, shall restrict the Commission's authority to use information or materials obtained in the course of this proceeding.

5. *It Is Further Ordered* that this Order shall be effective upon adoption.

Federal Communications Commission.

Peter F. Cowhey,

Chief, International Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 14

RIN 1018-AD98

Humane and Healthful Transport of Wild Mammals, Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians to the United States; Notice of Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, provides notice of extension of the comment period for the proposed amendment of 50 CFR Part 14, covering the humane and healthful transport of wild mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians to the United States. The comment period has been extended so that interested members of the public can review the proposal and offer comments to the Service.

DATES: The comment period, which originally closed on September 4, 1997, is now extended to close on October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, c/o Office of Management Authority either by mail 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, VA 22203 or by fax (703) 358-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce J. Weissgold, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, telephone (703) 358-2095, fax (703) 358-2280.