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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Water Conservation Plan Guidelines Subcommittee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On January 20–21, 1998, the Water Conservation Plan Guidelines Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee will hold a meeting in Austin, Texas. The Subcommittee will discuss the American Water Works Association's proposed guidelines and EPA's draft outline of the guidelines. The Subcommittee meeting is open and all interested persons are invited to attend on a space-available basis.

**DATES:** The Subcommittee meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. On Tuesday the meeting will be in Room 105, and on Wednesday the meeting will be in the Training Room.

Requests for a summary of the meeting can be obtained by writing to John E. Flowers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management (Mail Code 4204), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Official for this Subcommittee is John E. Flowers. He is the point of contact for information concerning any Subcommittee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-7288.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget**

December 18, 1997.

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.: 3060-0745.*

*Expiration Date:* 12/31/2000.

*Title:* Implementation of the Local Exchange Carrier Tariff Streamlining Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996—CC Docket No. 96-187.

*Form No.: N/A.*

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 170 respondents; 25 hours per response (avg.); 4250 total annual burden hours for all collections.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$170,000.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Description:* In the *Report and Order* issued in CC Docket No. 96-187, the Commission adopts measures to implement the specific streamlining tariff filing requirements for local exchange carriers (LECs) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). a. *Electronic filing requirement:* The 1996 Act provides that LECs may file tariffs on seven and fifteen days' notice (47 U.S.C. § 204(a)). The Common Carrier Bureau has established an Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) that permits incumbent LECs to submit federal tariffs and associated documents electronically, via the Internet. At the present, use of ETFS by incumbent LECs for an official filing is voluntary. Mandatory use of ETFS by incumbent LECs is scheduled to commence on February 2, 1998. See Public Notice, DA 97-2491, released 11/25/97. (No. of respondents: 50; hours per response: 72 hours; total annual burden: 3600 hours).

b. *Requirement that carriers desiring tariffs proposing rate decreases to be effective in seven days must be filed in separate transmittals:* The 1996 Act provides that LEC tariffs seeking rate

increases shall be effective in fifteen days and LEC tariffs seeking rate decreases shall be effective in seven days. The 15 day notice period applies to transmittals that contain both rate increases and decreases. Carriers wishing to take advantage of the seven day notice period must file rate decreases in separate transmittals. This result will permit all of the carriers' rate changes will still receive streamlined treatment. Carriers filing a rate decrease have the opportunity to file on the shorter seven-day notice period by transmitting rate decrease in a separate filing. Any other tariff filed pursuant to section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act, including those that propose a rate increase or any change in terms and conditions of service other than a rate charge, shall be filed on 15 days' notice. (No. of respondents: 10; hours per response: 4 hours; total annual burden: 40 hours). c. *Requirement that carriers identify transmittals filed pursuant to the streamlined provisions of the 1996 Act:* Because of the short notice periods, the Commission adopts the requirement that carriers identify specifically transmittals filed pursuant to Section 204(a)(3), including whether the transmittals contain rate increases, rate decreases or both. The Commission requires that LECs display prominently in the upper right hand corner of the tariff transmittal letters a statement indicating that the tariff is being filed on a streamlined basis under section 204(a)(3) of the Act and whether the tariff filing contains a proposed rate increase, decrease or both. This requirement will result in minimal inconvenience to the LECs while allowing the Commission and public to identify quickly whether the tariff is eligible for streamlined treatment and the notice period to be applied to the filing. Without such a statement, we will treat transmittal as filed outside of section 204(a)(3), i.e., not on a streamlined basis. (No. of respondents: 50; hours per response: 9 hours; total annual burden: 350 hours). d. *Requirement that price cap LECs file their Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) prior to filing their annual access tariffs:* Under existing Commission rules, LECs are required to submit revisions to their annual access tariffs on 90 days' notice to be effective on July 1. Because these revisions are eligible for streamlined treatment, we will require carriers subject to price cap regulation to file a TRP prior to the filing of the annual access tariff revisions absent any information on the carriers' rates proposed rates, and to make it available to the public. Early filing of the TRPs