

agreement concerning litigation instituted against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont (Petitioning States). The lawsuit concerns EPA's alleged failure to perform a nondiscretionary duty with respect to promulgating action on petitions submitted by the Petitioners under Clean Air Act section 126. These section 126 petitions ask EPA to make findings that electric utilities and other stationary sources of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions in states upwind of the Petitioners contribute significantly to nonattainment (or interfere with maintenance) by areas within the Petitioners of the ozone-smog national ambient air quality standards. The stationary sources that may be affected are located throughout the eastern part of the United States. The proposed settlement establishes a schedule by which EPA will take action on the petitions.

For a period of thirty [30] days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement agreement. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Copies of the settlement agreement are available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Howard J. Hoffman at the above address and must be submitted on or before April 6, 1998.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

**Jonathon Z. Cannon,**  
General Counsel.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-400126; FRL-5776-1]

### Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA gives notice of a 2-day meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. This will be the third meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee, whose mission is to provide advice to EPA regarding the Agency's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program.

**DATES:** The public meeting will take place on March 19-20, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written and electronic comments in response to this notice should be received by March 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: Double Tree National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA, Telephone number: (703) 416-4100.

Each comment must bear the docket control number "OPPTS-400126." All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Room G099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this rulemaking. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cassandra Vail, telephone: (202) 260-0675, fax number: (202) 401-8142, e-mail: vail.cassandra@epamail.epa.gov. or Michelle Price, telephone: (202) 260-3372, fax number: (202) 410-8142, e-mail: price.michelle@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Background

At the 2-day meeting, the TDR Committee will conclude the discussions begun at the December 9-10, 1997 meeting regarding how the Agency characterizes the TRI data through the annual public data release. In addition, the TDR Committee will revisit the section 8 issues discussed at the January 29-30 meeting. Section 8 of the Form R collects information required by the Pollution Prevention Act concerning waste management and source reduction of toxic chemicals. The TDR Committee will then revisit issues raised at all the previous TDR meetings regarding sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Form R. The goal will be to try to synthesize the TDR Committee's ideas with regard to revisions to the Form R.

Meeting summaries, transcripts, agendas, and issue papers from previous TDR Committee meetings can be found on the TRI Home Page. The address of the TRI Home Page is <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri>. This information can be found under the heading "TRI Stakeholder Dialogue." In addition, an agenda for the March 19-20 meeting will be available at this same site prior to the meeting. Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 5 minutes. Interested parties are requested to contact Cassandra Vail, to schedule presentations before the Committee.

## II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-400126" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:  
[oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto: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 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by

the docket control number "OPPTS-400126." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

**Cassandra Vail,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 98-413]

**Second Quarter 1998 Universal Service Contribution Factors**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Common Carrier Bureau announces proposed universal service contribution factors for the second quarter of 1998. If the Commission takes no action regarding these proposed factors by March 19, 1998, the projections shall be deemed approved by the Commission and shall be used to calculate second quarter universal service contributions.

**DATES:** The proposed second quarter factors will be effective March 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** One original and five copies of all comments responsive to this Public Notice must be sent to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Three copies also should be sent to Sheryl Todd, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2100 M Street,

N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl Todd, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carriers Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or Valerie Yates, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By the Common Carrier Bureau:

As required by 47 CFR 54.709, on January 30, 1998, the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC), the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC), and the Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC) submitted the following projections of second quarter 1998 demand and administrative expenses:

[\$ millions]

Program	Program demand	Administrative expenses	Interest income	Total program costs
Schools and Libraries .....	322.4	4.4	(1.8)	325.0
Rural Health Care .....	23.2	1.9	(0.1)	25.0
Subtotal .....	345.6	6.3	(1.9)	350.0
High Cost .....	431.1	0.9	(0.9)	431.1
Low Income .....	122.3	0.4	(0.3)	122.4
Subtotal .....	553.4	1.3	(1.2)	553.5
Total .....	899.0	7.6	(3.1)	903.5

Based on information contained in the Universal Service Worksheets, FCC Form 457, USAC submitted end-user telecommunications revenues for the first half of 1997 on January 30, 1998. On February 24, 1998, USAC revised these revenue estimates to reflect newly-filed or revised Form 457 submissions and to exclude revenues from contributors that the Commission determined are exempt in its Fourth Order on Reconsideration, FCC 97-420, 63 FR 2094, Jan. 13, 1998. The revised amounts are as follows:

Total Interstate, Intrastate, and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from January 1, 1997—June 30, 1997: \$92.1856 billion.

Total Interstate and International End-User Telecommunications Revenues from January 1, 1997—June 30, 1997: \$35.3033 billion.

We estimate quarterly revenues by dividing the six-month revenue estimates listed above by two.

Based on the figures submitted by USAC, SLC, and RHCC, the proposed contribution factors for the second quarter of 1998 are as follows:

Contribution factor for the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms:

Total Program Costs/Contribution Base (Interstate, International, and Intrastate) = \$0.350 billion/(\$92.1856 billion/2) = 0.0076.

Contribution factor for the high cost and low income support mechanisms:

Total Program Costs/Contribution Base (Interstate and International) = \$0.554 billion/(\$35.3033 billion/2) = 0.0314.

These factors are the proposed second quarter 1998 universal service contribution factors. If the Commission takes no action regarding these proposed factors by March 19, 1998, the projections shall be deemed approved by the Commission, 47 CFR 54.709(a)(3), and shall be used by USAC to calculate second quarter universal service contributions.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Shirley S. Suggs,**

*Chief, Publications Branch.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[DA 98-390]

**En Banc Hearing in Connection With Report to Congress on Universal Service**

February 26, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an En Banc on Friday, March 6, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Room 856 at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The En Banc is in connection with the Report to Congress on Universal Service required by statute.

The 1998 appropriations legislation for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, Public Law 105-119,