

even though the costs of development had already been expended, and the wells tapped shallower portions of the Lance Formation compared to the proposed aquifer exemption area (page 13, April 17, 1998, COGEMA report).

The Lance Formation will probably never again be considered to be an economically feasible source of drinking water in the area of the proposed aquifer exemption because of the great depth, low water production capacity, and treatment costs that will be necessary based on the Midwest-Edgerton wells. The cost of developing the Lance Formation as a drinking water supply within the proposed aquifer exemption area is high compared to that of developing shallow, more prolific, and higher quality sources of drinking water. Other regional aquifers, the Wasatch and Fort Union Formations for example, are better suited for development in this area as a source of drinking water due to higher producing capability, significantly better water quality, and no water treatment costs.

VI. Regulatory Impact

There will be no modification in regulations, either in the Code of Federal Regulations or Wyoming DEQ Water Quality Rules and Regulations, as a result of this proposed program modification.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

D. Edwin Hogle,

Director, Groundwater Program, Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6153-3]

Notice of Third Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement meeting.

SUMMARY: Third Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force.

TIME AND DATE: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., September 24, 1998.

PLACE: DoubleTree Hotel, 7901 24th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN; (612) 854-2244.

STATUS: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The room accommodates approximately 125 people.

PURPOSE: The Task Force consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, leads efforts to coordinate and support nutrient management and hypoxia related activities in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: Agenda items include development of a strategy for implementing short-term, win-win implementation activities and longer term broader goals and activities, progress in involving the Governors of the Mississippi River Basin, and discussion of preliminary findings of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources' Hypoxia Science Assessment teams. The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide input during open discussion periods.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Dr. Mary Belefski, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), 401 M Street, S.W. (4503F), Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 260-7061; Internet: belefski.mary@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Robert Wayland,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6153-4]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council Benefits Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Under section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Benefits Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on September 25, 1998 from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM (approximate), in the Lee Room of the Ramada Plaza Hotel—Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to analyze relevant issues and facts that relate to the development of a new framework for benefits estimation in the rulemaking process. Specific issues to be addressed in this meeting include the

consideration of qualitative information and the comparison of cost to benefits information. The working group members will be asked to provide advice and recommendations to the Agency, through the full National Drinking Water Advisory Council, on these and other issues. The meeting is open to the public to observe and statements will be taken from the public as time allows.

For more information, please contact, John Bennett, Designated Federal Officer, Benefits Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4607), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-0446, fax 202-260-3762, and e-mail address bennett.johnb@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

Charlene E. Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

August 20, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by October 26, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0656.
Title: Application to Participate in an FCC MDS Auction.

Form Number: FCC 175-M.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses, or other-for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 40 minutes (10 minutes/respondent + 30 minutes/contracting attorney).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 2 hours.

Cost to Respondents: \$5,000.

Needs and Uses: On 6/15/95, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in MM Docket No. 94-131 and PP Docket No. 93-253, Amendment of Parts 21 and 74 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Filing Procedures in the Multipoint Distribution Service and in the Instructional Television Fixed Service and Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding. The purpose of this Report and Order was to streamline the procedures for filing MDS applications and facilitate the development and rapid deployment of wireless cable services. Among other things, this Report and Order establishes competitive bidding rules and procedures for the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS). The Commission determined that simultaneous multiple round bidding would be used in the MDS auctions.

For the MDS auctions, the Commission determined that designated entities would only include small businesses. Due to the differing criteria for establishing designated entity status, the Commission created FCC 175M. This form essentially has the same data elements as the current FCC 175 (3060-0600). The form FCC 175-M is tailored for use only by MDS applicants.

The information will be used by FCC staff to determine whether the applicant is legally, technically and otherwise qualified to participate in the auction. The rules and requirements were designed to ensure that the competitive bidding process is limited to serious, qualified applicants and to deter possible abuses of the bidding and licensing processes.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0658.

Title: Section 21.960, Designated entity provisions of MDS.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 1-2 hours (1 hour for records maintenance; 2 hours for designated entity exhibits: 1 hour/respondent + 1 hour/contract attorney).

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping; On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 75 hours.

Cost to Respondents: \$4,000.

Needs and Uses: Section 21.960(e) requires winning bidders who are designated entities (small businesses) to file with its long-form application or statement of intention an exhibit which includes eligibility requirements as listed in Section 21.960(e). This exhibit should also list and summarize all agreements that affect designated entity status.

Section 21.960(f) requires all holders of BTA authorizations acquired by auction that claim designated entity status to maintain, at their principal place of business or with their designated agent, an updated documentary file of ownership and revenue information necessary to establish their status. All BTA authorization holders claiming eligibility under designated entity provisions are subject to audits under Section 21.960(g). Selection for an audit may be random, on information from any source, or on the basis of other factors. These audits may include inspection of the BTA holders' books, documents and other materials sufficient to confirm that such holders' representations are, and remain, accurate.

The exhibit submitted under Section 21.960(e) is necessary for the Commission to determine whether the applicant is qualified as a designated entity (small business) and therefore eligible for special measures including installment payments, reduced up-front payments and bidding credits. The records maintenance and audit

provisions of Sections 21.960(f) and (g) are necessary to prevent abuse of the special measures offered to those MDS auction winners claiming designated entity status. These provisions requiring the retention of records should not prove overly burdensome, and they will help to ensure that only entities eligible under the auction rules will be able to take advantage of the designated entity measures.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

August 20, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated information techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before September 28, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications, Room