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Synopsis of the Public Notice

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is in the process of identifying the long-term spectrum requirements for future "third generation" mobile wireless telecommunications systems, referred to as International Mobile Telecommunications—2000 (IMT-2000). In 1992, the ITU identified 230 megahertz of spectrum near 2 GHz that could be used by administrations wishing to implement IMT-2000 systems. Based on concerns that 230 megahertz might be insufficient in the long term, the ITU is now considering whether additional spectrum should be identified for IMT-2000 systems. In conjunction with the ITU's efforts, Commission staff are participating in domestic and international efforts to determine whether additional spectrum is required for IMT-2000 systems and, if so, how much. This determination, along with the possible identification of frequency bands that could be made available for use by IMT-2000 systems, must include consideration of numerous factors, including: other wireless services that have already been authorized; compatibility with current spectrum uses; interference potential; and sharing issues. To refine our analysis of potential IMT-2000 spectrum needs, Commission staff seeks comment on a series of questions regarding the types of wireless services expected in the future, bandwidth and overall spectrum requirements, spectrum location, technological advancements, and spectrum efficiency. We also seek comment regarding the potential impact on the existing services and the potential for IMT-2000 sharing with those services.

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International Bureau.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1241-DR]

Florida; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Florida (FEMA-1241-DR), dated September 4, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 4, 1998, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Florida, resulting from Hurricane Earl on September 3, 1998 is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Florida.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Paul Fay of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Florida to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Bay, Dixie, Franklin, Gulf, and Wakulla Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of Florida are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora

Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1244-DR]

New York; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of New York (FEMA-1244-DR), dated September 11, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of New York, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of September 11, 1998.

Monroe, Oneida, and Wayne Counties for Categories A and B (debris removal and emergency protective measures) under the Public Assistance Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

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