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EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Policy; Availability of the Interim Report of the U.S. Department of Energy's Power Outage Study Team: Findings From the Summer of 1999 and Notice of Workshops

AGENCY: Office of Policy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of interim report and announcement of workshops.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of *The Interim Report of the U.S. Department of Energy's Power Outage Study Team: Findings From the Summer of 1999* as well as a series of technical workshops to be held seeking comments on issues identified in the report. In the report the team releases the results of its investigation into significant electric power outages and other power disturbances that occurred in various parts of the country during the summer of 1999. Developed in response to Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson's six-point initiative to help prevent future power outages, the report was prepared by a team of experts composed of personnel from the Department of Energy headquarters staff, the Department's national laboratories, and academic institutions. The team is seeking input on issues identified in the report in workshops, over the Internet, and by mail. The team will then consider these comments in developing recommendations in its final report to the Secretary on what role the Federal government should play in addressing ways to avoid future outages. The final report is expected to be issued in March of 2000 and will be the focus of policy-level discussions among industry leaders and local and state government officials.

DATES: The Power Outage Study Team has planned three workshops for those wishing to comment on the issues identified in the report. The workshop schedule is as follows:

January 20, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., San Francisco, California

Topics

Transition to Competitive Energy Service Markets (morning session)

Regulatory Policy for Reliable Transmission and Distribution (afternoon session)

January 25, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., New Orleans, Louisiana

Topics

Information Resources (morning session)

Operations Management and Emergency Response (afternoon)

January 27, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Newark, New Jersey

Topic

Reliability Metrics, Planning and Tracking

ADDRESSES: The workshop locations are: San Francisco: Clarion Hotel San Francisco Airport, 401 East Millbrae Avenue, Millbrae, California, 94030, (800)223-7111

New Orleans: Radisson Inn, New Orleans Airport, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Kenner, Louisiana 70062, (504) 467-3111

Newark: Holiday Inn, Newark International Airport, 160 Frontage Rd. Newark, New Jersey 07114, (973) 589-1000

All stakeholders are invited to register to participate in one or more of the workshops. A registration form is provided in Appendix B of the Interim Report and is also available in the electronic version of the report, which can be found on the Internet at: <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/post/>. There will also be an opportunity at each workshop for non-registrants to make recommendations. Those who cannot attend these workshops may also send their comments on the report to the Power Outage Study Team through January 31, 2000 via the Internet address listed previously or by mail to: Paul Carrier, PO-21, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of the report you may contact the Department of Energy's Public Reading Room, 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20585, on (202) 586-3142. The report is also available electronically on the Internet at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/post/>. For information on the workshops you may contact Regina Griego at (202) 586-6535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the summer of 1999, several heat waves in June and July led to record peak demand for power and capacity shortages. The heavy demand for power put enormous strains on many electric utilities and resulted in a series of power outages in Chicago, Texas,

Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, the Delmarva Peninsula, New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island, leaving millions of people without power for some period of time.

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Director, Office of Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

December 28, 1999.

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.: 3060-0848.

Expiration Date: 06/30/2000.

Title: Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1400 respondents; 10.7 hours per response (avg.); 15,000 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Third Party Disclosures.

Description: In CC Docket 98-147, the Commission seeks to implement Congress's goal of promoting innovation and investment by all participating in the telecommunications marketplace, in order to stimulate competition for all services, including advanced services as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The following are the information collections:

(a) *Showing Regarding Loop Condition.*—Incumbent LECs who refuse a competitive carrier's request to condition a loop must make an