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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to "those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)." Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

Electronically. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the Federal Register listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under contract number 68-W-00-069, contractor SRC of Merrill Lane, Syracuse, NY, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) by providing expertise in the Health and Environmental Sciences, including Biotechnology and Biostatistics performing hazard and exposure assessments at the screening level performing hazard assessments, risk assessments and characterization of new and existing chemicals performing expert analysis of science issues and questions, to organize review panels/workgroups/workshop/symposia assisting in developing test guidelines/standards and providing automatic data processing and information management support and literature and translation support.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W-00-069, SRC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of

TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

SRC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of TSCA that EPA may provide SRC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and SRC's Syracuse, NY and Arlington, VA facilities.

SRC will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facilities under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at SRC's sites, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facilities and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the Manual.

Upon completing review of the CBI materials, SRC will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until December 31, 2004.

SRC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

Deborah A. Williams,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services Field Hearing Schedule

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services (Joint Conference) was convened by the FCC on October 8, 1999 to further the vision of Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Patterned on a resolution by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the

Joint Conference joins federal and state forces to encourage the deployment of advanced telecommunications services to all Americans. Part of the Joint Conference's mission is to gather information on the deployment of advanced services. To this end, the Joint Conference will hold six field hearings in coming months to gather information on the status of deployment of advanced telecommunications capability to all Americans.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for hearing dates.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for hearing addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Hoffnar (202) 418-0940 TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These field hearings will focus on two goals in particular. First, the Joint Conference will seek information on what extent data is available at the state level on the status of deployment of advanced services. Second, the Joint Conference will seek examples of "best practices" of successful deployment in communities. Some communities have found creative ways to bring high speed Internet access to areas that were previously underserved. For example, a community may speed deployment by bringing many potential users of advanced services together, thereby aggregating demand to increase their buying power. A compilation of creative efforts, or best practices, will provide guidance to communities in other states to speed deployment of advanced services.

Transcripts of each field hearing will be made available to the public as soon as possible after each field hearing.

Meeting of Joint Conference and Initial Hearing

- Washington, DC, March 8, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Chairman William Kennard and Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Nanette Thompson.
- All FCC and State Commissioners will attend the first field hearing in Washington, DC, as their schedules permit.
- Special focus on broadband deployment in inner cities.

Western Regional Field Hearing

- Anchorage, Alaska, April 17, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Commissioner Susan Ness and Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Nanette Thompson.

- Special focus on the relationship between advanced services deployment and economic development, satellite deployment.

Midwestern Regional Field Hearing

- South Sioux City, Nebraska, April 19, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Chairman William Kennard and Chair of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Jo Anne Sanford.
- Special focus on cable and fixed wireless deployment and deployment in rural areas.

Northeastern Regional Field Hearing

- Lowell, Massachusetts, May 22, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Commissioner Michael Powell and Public Utility Commission of Texas Commissioner Brett Perlman.
- Special focus on public/private partnerships, deployment in remote areas, and data gathering initiatives.

Gulf States and Southeast Regional Field Hearing

- Miami, Florida, June 9, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani, Louisiana Public Service Commission, Chair Irma Muse Dixon, North Carolina Utilities Commission Chair, Jo Anne Sanford, and Public Utility Commission of Texas Commissioner, Brett Perlman.
- Special focus on deployment to rural and urban multicultural communities, fixed wireless deployment, and public/private partnerships.

Mountain West Regional Field Hearing

- Cheyenne, Wyoming, June 23, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Wyoming Public Service Commission Deputy Chair Steven Furtney.
- Special focus on speeding deployment via community demand aggregation, deployment in rural areas and Indian Territory, data gathering initiatives.

Further information about the Joint Conference can be found on its web site: www.fcc.gov/jointconference.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2000-N-2]

Prices for Federal Home Loan Bank Services

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Notice of prices for Federal Home Loan Bank Services.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Board (Board) is publishing the prices charged by the Federal Home Loan Banks (Banks) for processing and settlement of items (negotiable order of withdrawal or NOW), and demand deposit accounting (DDA) and other services offered to members and other eligible institutions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwen R. Grogan, Associate Director, Office of Supervision (202) 408-2892; or Edwin J. Avila, Financial Analyst, (202) 408-2871; Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 11(e) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) (12 U.S.C. 1431(e)) authorizes the Banks: (1) to accept demand deposits from member institutions; (2) to be drawees of payment instruments; (3) to engage in collection and settlement of payment instruments drawn on or issued by members and other eligible institutions; and (4) to engage in such incidental activities as are necessary to the exercise of such authority. Section 11(e)(2)(B) of the Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431(e)(2)(B)) requires the Banks to make charges for services authorized in that section, which charges are to be determined and regulated by the Board.

Section 975.6(c) of the Board's regulations (12 C.F.R. 975.6(c)) provides for the annual publication in the **Federal Register** of all prices for Bank services. The following fee schedules are for the Banks which offer item processing services to their members and other qualified financial institutions. Most of the remaining Banks provide other Correspondence Services which may include securities safekeeping, disbursements, coin and currency, settlement, electronic funds transfer, etc. However, these Banks do not provide services related to processing of items drawn against or deposited into third party accounts held

by their members or other qualified financial institutions.

District 1.—Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (2000 NOW/DDA Services)

(Services not provided)

District 2.—Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (2000 NOW/DDA Services)

(Does not provide item processing services for third party accounts)

District 3.—Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (2000 NOW/DDA Services)

Deposit Processing Service (DPS)

Effective 1/1/2000

DPS Deposit Tickets \$0.6500 per deposit

Printing of Deposit Tickets Pass-through

DEPOSIT ITEMS PROCESSED

[Pricing varies—tiered by monthly volume]

For volumes of	Per item (transit)
1-25,000	\$0.0407
25,001-58,500	0.0402
58,501-91,500	0.0397
91,501-125,000	0.0392
125,001-158,500	0.0377
158,501-191,500	0.0357
191,501 and over	0.0327

DEPOSIT ITEMS ENCODED (WEST)

[Pricing varies—tiered by monthly volume]

For volumes of	Per item
1-25,000	\$0.0398
25,001-58,500	0.0394
58,501-91,500	0.0390
91,501-125,000	0.0386
125,001-158,500	0.0373
158,501-191,500	0.0368
191,501 and over	0.0363

DEPOSIT ITEMS ENCODED (EAST)

[Pricing varies—tiered by monthly volume]

For volumes of	Per item
1-25,000	\$0.0352
25,001-58,500	0.0347
58,501-91,500	0.0342
91,501-125,000	0.0337
125,001-158,500	0.0322
158,501-191,500	0.0312
191,501 and over	0.0306

Deposit Items Returned	\$18.0000	per item
Deposit Items Photocopied	3.9500	per photocopy
DPS Photocopies—Subpoena	21.0000	per hour of processing time,