

advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the second calendar quarter of 2000.

**DATES:** These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning April 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the second calendar quarter of 2000 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at § 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to § 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the fourth Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in § 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 2000 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based on the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under § 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.875 percent.

In accordance with § 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the second calendar quarter of 2000.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2021 or later .....	5.875
2020 .....	5.875
2019 .....	5.875
2018 .....	5.875
2017 .....	5.750
2016 .....	5.750
2015 .....	5.750
2014 .....	5.625
2013 .....	5.625
2012 .....	5.500
2011 .....	5.375
2010 .....	5.375
2009 .....	5.250
2008 .....	5.250
2007 .....	5.125
2006 .....	5.125
2005 .....	5.000
2004 .....	4.875
2003 .....	4.625
2002 .....	4.375
2001 .....	4.125

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**AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL**

**Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Amtrak Reform Council.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Special Public Outreach Hearing for the Mountain States and a Public Business Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the Mountain States. At the Outreach Hearing, the Council has invited, among others, representatives from the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming, and from Amtrak as well, to discuss all aspects of current and future intercity railroad passenger service. The Mountain States are served almost exclusively by the long-haul trains that Amtrak operates from the Midwest and Southeast Regions to the West Coast.

**DATES:** The Special Public Outreach Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Business Meeting will be held on Friday, March 31, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both the Hearing and Business Meeting are opened to the general public.

**ADDRESSES:** Both the Outreach Hearing and Business Meeting will take place at

the University of Denver, 2nd Floor-Ballroom, Driscoll Center, 2300 S. York Street, Denver, Colorado 80208. (The Driscoll Center is located North of the campus.) Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. You can also visit the ARC's website at [www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov](http://www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov), for information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for upcoming events, the ARC's First Annual Report, information about the ARC Staff and the Council Members and much more.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after two years, the ARC has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the ARAA and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a five-year term.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.