must be filed by March 27, 2002. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96–45).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1404–DR]

New York; 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 New York (FEMA–1404–DR), dated March 1, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2705 or *madge.dale@fema.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated March 1, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of New York, resulting from a severe winter storm on December 24–29, 2001, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act).

I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of New York.

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 Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

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 Peter J. Martinasco of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following area of the State of New York to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Erie County for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of New York 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)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

AGENCY: Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of the availability of grants for fiscal year (FY) 2002 under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program as authorized by section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 USC 5133, as amended by section 102 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), Public Law 106–390, 114 Stat. 1552. No State shall receive less than one percent of the $25M appropriated in FY 2002, as specified in section 203(f) of the Stafford Act for eligible State, local, and tribal activities. FEMA will contribute up to 75 percent of the cost of activities approved for funding. At least 25 percent of the total eligible costs must be provided from a nonfederal source. Grants awarded to small and impoverished communities may receive a Federal cost share of up to 90 percent of the total cost to implement eligible PDM activities. A Small and Impoverished Community must meet all of the following criteria:

- It must be a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals that is identified by the State as a rural community, and is not a remote area within the corporate boundaries of a larger city;
- It must be economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of national per capita income, based on best available data;
- It must have a local unemployment rate that exceeds by one percentage point or more, the most recently reported, average yearly national unemployment rate; and
- It must meet any other factors identified in the State Plan in which the community is located.

DATES: States are requested to submit a letter of intent to the appropriate FEMA Regional Director by March 30, 2002, including a list of communities they are targeting (*i.e.,* identify potential sub-grantees). States must submit a grant application and their assessment of the extent to which communities meet the criteria outlined in section 203(g) of the Stafford Act to the appropriate FEMA Regional Office by June 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: FEMA Regional Offices:

Serving the State of Maine, State of New Hampshire, State of Vermont, State of Rhode Island, State of Connecticut, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

FEMA Region I

442 J.W. McCormack POCH, Boston, MA 02109–4595.

Serving the State of New York, State of New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands:

FEMA Region II

26 Federal Plaza, Rm. 1337, New York, NY 10278–0002.

Serving the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Commonwealth of Virginia, and West Virginia:

FEMA Region III

1 Independence Mall, 6th Floor, 615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106–4404.