

large numbers of victims of extended power outages.

(c) Closure of Interstates and/or State highways for extended periods of time exceeding 48 hours.

(d) Power outages across a significant portion of the storm-affected area exceeding 48 hours.

(e) Closure of local government offices for extended periods of time exceeding 48 hours.

(f) State's need for a significant level of federal equipment and labor to address the impacts of the event.

2. FEMA will follow the guidelines in 44 CFR 206.48 when evaluating a request for a major disaster declaration as a result of a severe winter storm. FEMA will not include snow removal costs when calculating the per capita cost impacts.

### C. Provisions for Snow Removal Assistance:

1. The following procedures are followed for determining if an area has experienced a record or near-record snowfall:

(a) The current and historic snowfall values shall be compared for the same time period.

(b) When NOAA's historical data shows that multiple stations exist for a county, the current snowfall should be compared to the highest historical snowfall record for that county.

(c) For counties that do not have NOAA reporting stations, a comparison of the snowfall values for reporting stations within adjacent counties or the nearest reporting station shall be used for designation purposes. However, data from a station in another State will not be used.

2. A county that does not receive a record or near-record snowfall, but is contiguous to a core county may be designated for snow removal assistance if it has snowfall equal to or greater than that of the designated core county.

3. All eligible applicants within a designated area, including private non-profit organizations, are eligible for snow removal assistance.

4. Snow removal assistance for snow removal, salting, and sanding of roads is only eligible if the area meets the record, near-record, or contiguous county designation criteria. Generally, FEMA will provide assistance for eligible costs for force account labor (overtime only), contract, equipment, materials, etc. for a continuous period of 48 hours. If applicants award contracts for a period greater than 48 hours, eligible funding is limited to 48 hours. This same procedure applies to all other snow removal related costs. The eligible funding will only cover reasonable

expenditures incurred for 48 hours of operations.

5. Applicants may use different 48-hour periods. Each district of a State-wide applicant (e.g., Department of Transportation) may have different 48-hour periods. All subdivisions of a local government must use the same 48-hour period.

6. The eligible time period may be extended 24 hours for the most extreme and anomalous conditions where snowfall quantities greatly exceed record amounts. To qualify for an extension, a significant number of the core counties within the State must experience snowfall that greatly exceeds the record amount. The time extension will be made for all designated counties within a state. Only the Assistant Director for Response and Recovery has the authority to extend the eligible time period.

7. In a major disaster declaration for a severe winter storm, snow removal assistance will not be approved by FEMA if the area does not meet the record, near record or contiguous county designation criteria. However, a very limited level of snow removal, incidental to the recovery, may be eligible for assistance. For example, snow removal that is necessary in order to access debris or for access to repair downed power lines may be eligible following a snowstorm that does not meet the record or near-record criteria.

8. Eligible snow removal costs will be reduced by the amount of snow removal insurance proceeds.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Government in the Sunshine Meeting Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 12 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2002.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** 1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:** Michelle A. Smith, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-2955.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: September 13, 2002.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Federal Supply Service

#### Standard Tender of Service

**AGENCY:** Federal Supply Service, GSA

**ACTION:** Notice of final implementation of interim 2 percent insurance related subcharge.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA) has adopted an interim 2 percent "insurance related surcharge" requested by the freight motor carrier industry, hereinafter referred to as transportation service provider (TSP). This surcharge allows a TSP to recover escalating insurance premiums resulting from changes in the economy compounded by events of September 11, 2001. Notice of this adoption was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2002 (67 FR 31307), and comments were due by June 10, 2002. GSA received one comment. The comment was from the Government Relations Committee of the National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., and it supported implementation of the surcharge. The 2 percent interim surcharge therefore is implemented as published in the attachment to 67 FR 31307. The provisions of the attachment also may be accessed at <http://www.kc.gsa.gov/fsstt/FRT/stos.htm> under the "What's New" item posted to the Web site on May 9, 2002.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 1, 2002; *Expiration Date:* October 31, 2002.