

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7452-6]

Notice of Proposed Settlement; Solitron Microwave Superfund Site, Port Salerno, FL

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into a Prospective Purchaser Agreement (PPA) pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, regarding the Solitron Microwave Superfund Site located in Port Salerno, Martin County, Florida. This Agreement is made and entered into by EPA and the Port Salerno Industrial Park, LLC ("PSIP"). The PPA concerns the acquisition by PSIP of certain real property presently owned by Solitron Devices, Inc. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should public comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

Anita L. Davis,

Acting Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[IB Docket No. 03-38; DA 03-390]

Petitions for Protection From Whipsawing on the U.S.-Philippines Route

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; soliciting comments.

SUMMARY: AT&T and WorldCom filed petitions requesting that the FCC take action to protect U.S. international

carriers and U.S. consumers from alleged "whipsawing" behavior occurring on the U.S.-Philippines route. The Commission issued a public notice soliciting comments on this issue.

DATES: Comments or oppositions are due on or before February 20, 2003 and reply comments are due on or before February 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See *Supplementary Information for filing instructions*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Ball, Chief, or Lisa Choi, Senior Legal Advisor, Policy Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AT&T Corp. (AT&T) and WorldCom Inc. (WorldCom) filed petitions on February 7, 2003 requesting that the Commission take action to protect U.S.-international carriers and U.S. consumers from alleged "whipsawing" behavior occurring on the U.S.-Philippines route. "Whipsawing" is a form of anticompetitive behavior that involves the ability of foreign carriers to obtain unduly favorable terms and conditions from U.S.-international service providers by setting competing U.S. carriers against one another.

According to AT&T's petition, several carriers in the Philippines, including the Philippines Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), Globe Telecom, Inc., Digitel Telecommunications Philippines, Inc., Bayan Telecommunications Company, Smart Communications, Inc., and Subic Telecom, collectively referred to as "Philippine carriers," are engaged in disrupting AT&T's network. AT&T states that each of these carriers has demanded a unilateral increase in the rate for termination services in the Philippines for U.S.-outbound traffic. Similarly, WorldCom's petition states that PLDT has blocked WorldCom's traffic in retaliation for WorldCom's refusal to agree to a similar rate increase for traffic terminating on PLDT's network in the Philippines.

AT&T and WorldCom have requested that the Commission take action to protect U.S. carriers in their negotiations on the U.S.-Philippines route from "whipsawing" and prevent further network disruptions and harm to U.S. consumers. Specifically, AT&T has requested that the Commission take urgent action to prevent further "whipsawing," including interim relief. AT&T and WorldCom request that the Commission prohibit U.S. carriers from making payments to the Philippine

carriers and PLDT, respectively, until international service is fully restored.

All filings concerning any or all matters in this Public Notice should refer to IB Docket No. 03-38. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments or oppositions on or before February 20, 2003 and reply comments on or before February 27, 2003. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: qualexint@aol.com; facsimile: (202) 863-2898; phone: (202) 863-2893.

The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street,

SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Copies of the petitions and any subsequently-filed documents in this matter may be obtained from Qualex International, in person at 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, via telephone at (202) 863-2893, via facsimile at (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. The petition and any associated documents are also available for public inspection and copying during normal reference room hours at the following Commission office: FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The applications and any subsequently filed documents in this matter are also available electronically through the Commission's Electronic Filing System (ECFS) which may be accessed on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Ex parte communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these petitions are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 CFR 1.1206.

Federal Communications Commission.

James Ball,

Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:01 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), seconded by Vice Chairman John M. Reich, and concurred in by Chairman Donald E. Powell, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice earlier than February 7, 2003, of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and

that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2) and (c)(9)(B) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (c)(9)(B)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC building located at 550—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: February 11, 2003.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed extension of a collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning requests for a major disaster or an emergency declaration by the President.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206, as amended (the Stafford Act), requires that all requests for a major disaster or an emergency declaration by the President must be made by the Governor of the affected State. Section 401 of the Act stipulates specific information the Government must submit with a request for any major disaster declaration. Section 501(a) of the Act stipulates specific information the Governor must submit with a request for any emergency declaration. Section 403(c) of the Act authorizes emergency assistance, without a Presidential declaration, through the utilization of Department of Defense personnel and resources. Information needed to process the request from the Governor is set forth in 44 CFR part 206.35 and 206.36.

Collection of Information

Title: The Declaration Process: Requests for Damage Assessment, Federal Disaster Assistance, Cost Share

Adjustment, and Loans of the Non-Federal Share.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: When a disaster occurs in a State, the Governor of the State or the Acting Governor in his/her absence, may request a major disaster declaration. The Governor should submit the request to the President through the appropriate Regional Director to ensure prompt acknowledgement and processing. The information obtained by State damage assessments will be analyzed by FEMA Regional senior level staff. The Regional analysis shall include a discussion of State and local resources and capabilities, and other assistance available to meet the disaster related needs. The Director of FEMA forwards the Governor's request to the President, with a FEMA report and recommendations. In the event the information required by law is not contained in the request, the Governor's request cannot be processed and forwarded to the White House. The Governor may appeal the decision.

Affected Public: Individual or households, not-for-profit institutions, State, local or tribal government, business or other for-profit, farms, and the Federal government.

Number of Respondents: The number of respondents for the information collections is 58 to include the Governors of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Federal States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Frequency of Response: Per declaration.

Hours per Response: 76 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,224.

Estimated Cost: The estimated annualized cost per respondent is \$30.00 per hour for gathering preliminary assessments information × 13,244 total burden hours = \$97,200. The estimated annualized cost to the Federal government is 5 FEMA senior level staff salary @ approximately \$110,000 = \$550,000 × 13,244 total burden hours = \$72,842,000.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to: Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of