

2012 projected MVEB for the Sheboygan ozone maintenance area.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's request as a direct final rule without prior proposal, because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The rationale for approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If EPA receives no written adverse comments, EPA will take no further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives written adverse comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect. In that event, EPA will address all relevant public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. In either event, EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this action must be received by July 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to: Carlton Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), USEPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

A copy of the plan revision request is available for inspection at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. (Please telephone Michael Leslie at (312) 353-6680 before visiting the Region 5 Office.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Leslie, Environmental Engineer, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), USEPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-6680.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Throughout this document whenever "we," "us," or "our" are used we mean the EPA.

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### I. What Action Is EPA Taking Today?

On January 31, 2003, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources submitted a revision to the Wisconsin SIP for the attainment and maintenance of the one-hour NAAQS for ozone. Specifically, the submittal included revised 2007 motor vehicle emission inventories and 2007 MVEB recalculated using MOBILE6 for the Milwaukee severe ozone area and the Sheboygan ozone maintenance area. The

submittal also included of a new 2012 projected MVEB for the Sheboygan ozone maintenance area. EPA is proposing to approve the SIP revision request.

### II. Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*

Date: June 9, 2003.

**Bharat Mathur,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[R1-7218c; A-1-FRL-7513-1]

### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. These SIP revisions make minor technical corrections to the nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) budget and trading programs in these states. Each State's SIP revision adjusts the baseline and emissions budgets for highway mobile and non-electric generating point sources such that they are consistent with those in EPA's March 2, 2000 "Technical Amendment to the Finding of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking for Certain States for Purposes of Reducing Regional Transport of Ozone" (65 FR 11222). The technical revisions do not affect the regulatory programs in these states, however, the changes are needed to fully approve the programs as meeting the EPA's regulation "Finding of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking for Certain States in the Ozone Transport Assessment Group Region for Purposes of Reducing Regional Transport of Ozone," otherwise known as the "NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call." The intended effect of this action is to propose approval of the SIP revisions for the Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island NO<sub>x</sub> budget trading

programs as meeting Phase I and II of the EPA's NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call. This action is being taken in accordance with section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before July 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to David Conroy, Unit Manager, Air Quality Planning, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAQ). Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA. Copies of the documents specific to the SIP approval for Connecticut are available at the Bureau of Air Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State Office Building, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1630. Copies of the documents specific to the SIP approval for Massachusetts are available at the Division of Air Quality Control, Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Copies of the documents specific to the SIP approval for Rhode Island are available at the Office of Air Resources, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Brown at (617) 918-1532 or via e-mail at [brown.dan@epa.gov](mailto:brown.dan@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving each State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 2, 2003.

**Robert W. Varney,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA New England.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[CC Docket No. 02-6; FCC 03-101]

#### Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission seeks comment on additional proposals to further improve the operation of the schools and libraries support mechanism. Specifically, the Commission seeks comment on specific rules and procedures implementing the Commission's policy to carry forward unused funds from the schools and libraries support mechanism in subsequent funding years of the schools and libraries support mechanism adopted in the First Report and Order adopted in this docket.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before July 21, 2003. Reply comments are due on or before August 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See Supplementary Information for further filing instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Secrest and Katherine Tofigh, Attorneys, Telecommunications Access Policy, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 02-6, FCC 03-101, released on April 30, 2003. This Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was also released with a companion Second Report and Order (Second Order). The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

## I. Introduction

1. After consideration of many of the important issues raised in the comments to the *Schools and Libraries NPRM*, 67 FR 7327, February 19, 2002, we find that it is appropriate to seek further comment on several additional matters. Therefore, in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), we seek comment on additional proposals to further improve the operation of the schools and libraries support mechanism. In particular, we seek comment on specific rules and procedures implementing the Commission's policy to carry forward unused funds from the schools and libraries support mechanism in subsequent funding years of the schools and libraries support mechanism adopted in the First Report and Order (*First Order*), 67 FR 41862, June 20, 2002, adopted in this docket. We seek comment regarding our existing rules governing the filing of an applicant's technology plan, and the viability of an online computerized eligible services list. We also seek comment on additional measures to limit waste, fraud, and abuse.

## II. Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

### A. Background

2. In the *First Order*, we determined that unused funds from the schools and libraries mechanism should be used to stabilize the contribution factor while the Commission considers whether and how to reform its methodology for contributions to the universal service support mechanism. We also determined that beginning no later than the second quarter of 2003, which began April 1, 2003, unused funds shall be carried forward for disbursement in subsequent funding years of the schools and libraries mechanism. Accordingly, in this FNPRM we seek comment on proposed rules regarding the carryover of unused funds from funding year to funding year of the schools and libraries support mechanism.

3. We also seek comment on several other matters relevant to the schools and libraries mechanism. We seek comment regarding our rules pertaining to when applicants file a technology plan. We seek further comment on the establishment of an online computerized eligible services list for telecommunications services and Internet access. Finally, we seek comment on additional measures to limit waste, fraud, and abuse.

### B. Proposed Unused Funds Carryover Rules

4. In this FNPRM, we propose specific rules implementing the Commission's decision to carry forward unused funds for use in subsequent funding years of the schools and libraries program. In general, we propose to amend our rules to require USAC to provide quarterly estimates to the Commission regarding the amount of unused funds that will be available to be carried forward. We further propose to amend our rules so that the Commission would carry forward available unused funds from prior years on an annual basis for use in the following full funding year of the schools and libraries program. We seek comment on the proposed rules and our proposed procedures implementing these rules.

5. We propose that on a quarterly basis, USAC, after consultation with the Schools and Libraries Committee, provide the Commission with an estimate of unused funds from the schools and libraries support mechanism for each of the prior funding years. By providing quarterly estimates of unused funds, we would establish a regular reporting cycle for USAC. In addition, quarterly estimates would provide schools and libraries with general notice regarding the amount of unused funds that may be made available for use in the subsequent funding year. We seek comment on this proposal.

6. We propose that USAC's estimate of unused funds for a particular funding year generally total the difference between the amount of funds collected, or made available for that particular funding year, and the amount of funds disbursed or to be disbursed. We expect that USAC's estimates will become more refined as a particular funding year progresses, given its unique skills and experience administering the schools and libraries mechanism. We seek comment on this proposal.

7. In addition, we propose that in the second quarter of each calendar year, the Commission will announce a specific amount of unused funds from prior funding years to be carried forward in accordance with the public interest for use in the next full funding year, in excess of the annual funding cap. For example, unused funds as of second quarter 2004 would be carried forward for use in the Schools and Libraries Funding Year 2004. Carrying forward unused funds in the second quarter of the calendar year would coincide with the time of year the SLD makes funding commitment decisions, which typically occurs in the second