

and not to orders, exempting by definition permits.

#### X. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their "regulatory actions" to refer to regulations. (See, *e.g.*, UMRA section 401, "Each agency shall \* \* \* assess the effects of Federal regulatory actions \* \* \* (other than to the extent that such regulations incorporate requirements specifically set forth in law).") UMRA section 102 defines "regulation" by reference to 2 U.S.C. 658 which in turn defines "regulation" and "rule" by reference to section 601(2) of the RFA. That section of the RFA defines "rule" as "any rule for which the agency publishes a notice of proposed rule making pursuant to section 553(b) of the APA, or any other law."

As discussed in the RFA section of this notice, NPDES general permits are not "rules" by definition under the APA and thus not subject to the APA requirement to publish a notice of proposed rule making. NPDES general permits are also not subject to such a requirement under the CWA. While EPA publishes a notice to solicit public comment on draft general permits, it does so pursuant to the CWA section 402(a) requirement to provide an opportunity for a hearing. Therefore, NPDES general permits are not "rules" for RFA or UMRA purposes.

#### XI. Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection required by this permit has been approved by OMB under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, in submission made for the NPDES permit program and assigned OMB control numbers 2040-0086 (NPDES permit application) and 2040-0004 (NPDES Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)).

Since this permit is very similar in reporting and application requirements and in discharges which are required to be monitored as the previous Eastern Gulf of Mexico OCS general permit (GMG280000) the paperwork burdens are expected to be nearly identical. When it issued the previous OCS general permit, EPA estimated it would take an affected facility three hours to prepare the request for coverage and 38 hours per year to prepare DMRs. It is estimated that the time required to prepare the request for coverage and

DMRs for the reissued permit will be approximately the same.

**James S. Kutzman,**

*Acting Director, Water Management Division.*

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CCB/CPD 98-2; DA 03-4054]

##### Definition of Payphone Customer; Tariff Notice Requirements for Non-Dominant Carriers; NYNEX Waiver of Access Charges; Application of Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge to Discontinued Customers

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; termination of proceedings.

**SUMMARY:** This document is a notification of final termination of four proceedings, involving the definition of a payphone customer, tariff notice requirements for non-dominant carriers, NYNEX's application for a waiver of access charges, and the application of presubscribed interexchange carrier charges to discontinued customers. No oppositions to the prior notices of termination were received; therefore, interested parties are hereby notified that these proceedings have been terminated.

**DATES:** These proceedings were terminated effective December 5, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer McKee, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, (202) 418-1530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 24, 2003, the Wireline Competition Bureau's Pricing Policy Division issued Public Notices in four proceedings stating that the proceedings would be terminated effective 30 days after publication of the Public Notices in the **Federal Register**, unless the Bureau received oppositions to the terminations before that date. These proceedings were Atlantic Telco, Inc. and Tel & Tel Payphones, Inc. Request for Declaratory Ruling (regarding the definition of a payphone customer); Teleport Communications Group Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 Transmittal No. 1, *et al.* (regarding tariff notice requirements for non-dominant carriers); NYNEX Telephone Companies Petition for Waiver; Transition Plan to Preserve Universal Service in a Competitive Environment (regarding NYNEX's application for a waiver of

access charges); and Sprint Corporation Request for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Application of PICCs (regarding the application of presubscribed interexchange carrier charges to discontinued customers). The notices were published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2003. See 68 FR 62593, November 5, 2003; 68 FR 62592, November 5, 2003; 68 FR 62594, November 5, 2003. The Bureau did not receive any oppositions to the terminations of these proceedings within 30 days of **Federal Register** publication of the notices; therefore, the above-listed proceedings were terminated as of December 5, 2003.

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 152, 153, 154, 155, 303, 307, 308, 309, 315, 317; 44 FR 18501, 67 FR 13223, 47 CFR 0.291, 1.749.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Maher, Jr.,**

*Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau.*

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#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Notices

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 10 A.M.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Correction and Approval of Minutes. Discussion of Regulations Priorities for 2004. Routine Administrative Matters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Biersack, Deputy Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

##### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing a Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors

**TIME AND DATE:** The meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at approximately 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. It will follow immediately the previously announced open meeting of the Board of Directors. See 69 FR 1289 (January 8, 2004).

**PLACE:** Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**STATUS:** The entire meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** *Periodic Update of Examination Program Development and Supervisory Findings.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Gottlieb, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, by telephone at (202) 408-2826 or by electronic mail at [gottlieb@fhfb.gov](mailto:gottlieb@fhfb.gov).

Dated: January 8, 2004.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

**Arnold Intrater,**  
*General Counsel.*

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**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**Office of Governmentwide Policy; Cancellation of an Optional Form by the Department of State**

**AGENCY:** General Services Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has cancelled the following Optional Form because it is no longer required:

OF 140, Election to Receive Extra Service Credit Toward Retirement and Support of Residence of Spouse.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles Cunningham, Department of State, (202) 312-9605.

**DATES:** Effective January 12, 2004.

Dated: January 2, 2004.

**Barbara M. Williams,**  
*Deputy Standard and Optional Forms Management Officer, General Services Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 04077]

**Rapid Strengthening of Blood Transfusion Services in Selected Countries in Africa and the Caribbean for the Ministries of Health and National Transfusion Services; Notice of Availability of Funds; Amendment**

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for cooperative agreements for Rapid Strengthening of Blood Transfusion Services in Selected Countries in Africa and the Caribbean for the Ministries of Health and National Transfusion Services Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief was published in the **Federal Register** December 1, 2003, Volume 68, Number 230, pages 67177-67180. The notice is amended as follows:

Page 67178, first column, section "III.1. Eligible Applicants", delete the text in this section, and replace with, "Applications may be submitted by the National Blood Transfusion Service or Agency in the 14 targeted countries: Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Haiti, Guyana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. If there is no National Blood Transfusion Service or Agency, the Ministry of Health may submit the application directly on behalf of its hospitals and operating units. Organizations that can provide support to official National Blood Transfusion Services or Agencies are guided to Program Announcement 04078, intended to provide resources to such assisting organizations."

Dated: January 6, 2004.

**Edward Schultz,**

*Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Federal Tax Offset, Administrative Offset, and Passport Denial Program.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0161.

*Description:* The Tax Refund Offset and Administrative Offset Programs, collect past-due child support by intercepting certain federal payments, including federal tax refunds, of parents who have been ordered to pay child support and are behind in paying the debt. The program is a cooperative effort including the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) and state Child Support Enforcement (CSE) agencies. The Passport Denial Program reports non-custodial parents who owe arrears above a threshold to the Department of State (DOES), which will then deny passports to these individuals. On an ongoing basis, CSE agencies submit to OCSE the names, Social Security numbers (SSNs) and the amount(s) of past-due child support to people who are delinquent in making child support payments.

*Respondents:* State IV-D Agencies.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Input Record .....	54	52	.3 hours .....	842.4 hours
Output Record .....	54	52	.46 hours .....	1,292 hours
Payment File .....	54	26	.27 hours .....	379 hours
Certification Letter .....	54	1	.4 hours .....	21.6 hours

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2535 hours.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and

Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information described above.

Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing

to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be