

Agency Radiation Survey & Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM); (4) *Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)*—(a) Advisory on development of Phase II of the Index of Watershed Indicators, (b) Review of EMAP Research Strategy & Plan; and (c) Advisory on Potential EcoRisk Management Guidelines; and (5) *Executive Committee*—Commentary on the Question of Agency Consensus for Benchmark Values for Ecological Toxicity. Please contact Ms. Tillery-Gadsen a week prior to the meeting to confirm that a given report will be reviewed.

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or wishing to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Official for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-4126; FAX (202) 260-9232; and via the INTERNET at barnes.don@epamail.epa.gov. Copies of the relevant documents are available from the same source.

Dated: August 18, 1997.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 87-313, FCC 97-168]

Policy Concerning Rates for Dominant Carriers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 30, 1997, the Commission released a Memorandum Opinion and Order ("Order") establishing sufficient reporting requirements for incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC's) to enable the Commission and the industry to monitor the service quality provided to ILEC's competitors. In the *Order*, we addressed the issues raised in the petitions filed by TCA, ICA, CFA and the ILECs. We also make modifications to our service quality and infrastructure reporting requirements consistent with the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice Jamison, Attorney/Advisor, Accounting and Audits Division,

Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-2290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 Act requires that "quality services should be available at just, reasonable and affordable rates." It also requires ILEC's to make available quality services to competing local exchange carriers (CLECs) without discrimination and with reasonable access to ILEC networks. Section 259 of the Act directs ILECs to make available, under certain conditions, public switched network infrastructure and other capabilities to qualifying carriers that are providing universal service outside the providing ILEC's telephone exchange. Additionally, Section 259 of the 1996 Act directs ILEC's to make available, under certain conditions, public switched network infrastructure and other capabilities to qualifying carriers that are providing universal service outside the area in which the ILEC providing the support operates. The Commission recognizes that local competition will begin through interconnection, resale, and infrastructure sharing. These methods involve facilities and services that ILEC's will provide to their competitors. For competition to flourish, there must be assurances that competitors receive the same level of service quality and facility maintenance that an incumbent carrier provides itself. A primary objective of this proceeding is to establish sufficient reporting requirements for ILEC's to enable the Commission and the industry to monitor the service quality provided to ILECs' competitors. Prior to the enactment of the 1996 Act, the Common Carrier Bureau ("Bureau") released the *Service Quality Modifications Order*. In that Order, the Bureau deferred decisions about whether to modify the Automated Reporting Management Information System ("ARMIS") reports that the Commission has used to monitor service quality of, and infrastructure development by, mandatory price cap carriers. Specifically, the Order deferred decisions on the modifications to ARMIS Reports 43-05, 43-06, and 43-07.

ARMIS is an automated system developed in 1987 for collecting common carrier financial and operating information. Additional reports were added to the ARMIS system in 1991 specifically to monitor service quality and network infrastructure development under price cap regulation. Today, ARMIS consists of ten reports. Two of these ARMIS reports, the Service Quality Quarterly Report 43-05 and the

Service Quality Semi-annual Report 43-06, originally filed four times a year have become annual filings as required by section 402(b)(2)(B) of the 1996 Act. As modified the ARMIS Service Quality Report (43-05) collects data designed to capture trends in service quality under price cap regulation and improves and standardizes reporting requirements for this purpose. The ARMIS Service Quality Report (43-06) collects data designed to capture trends in service quality under price cap regulation. The ARMIS Report (43-07) collects data designed to capture trends in telephone industry infrastructure development under price cap regulation.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Termination of FEMA Advisory Board

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of FEMA (Director) gives notice of the termination of the FEMA Advisory Board (Board) in order to adopt a more inclusive process than previously used for involving constituents and stakeholders in policy development.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The Board charter expired July 31, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachael A. Rowland, Intergovernmental Affairs, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 801, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board was an independent advisory body to the Director, which advised the Director on FEMA plans and programs for emergency management and on the Director's responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947. It consisted of 16 members appointed by the Director, with broad, balanced representation, including former Federal, State and local government officials, respected representatives from State and local voluntary emergency preparedness and response organizations, and nonprofit and private sector entities. The Board is currently an inactive body that was last renewed for a period of two years on August 1, 1994. The Board charter lapsed on July 31, 1996.

Termination of the Board is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the agency by law, to ensure an inclusive advisory process for FEMA plans and programs. FEMA will adopt a more inclusive process than previously used for involving constituents and stakeholders in policy development.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 19, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Mutual Bancorp of the Berkshires, Inc.*, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Lee National Banc Corp., Lee,

Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank of the Berkshires, Lee, Massachusetts, and City Savings Bank of Pittsfield, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *First Commercial Corporation*, Little Rock, Arkansas; to merge with First Charter Bancshares, Inc., North Little Rock, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Charter State Bank, Beebe, Arkansas, Beebe, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 10, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice

President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Santander Holding Internacional, S.A., and Santusa Holding, S.L.*, both of Madrid, Spain; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Banco Santander Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Santander Holding Internacional, S.A., Santusa Holding, S.L., and Banco Santander Puerto Rico all currently are subsidiaries of Banco Santander, S.A., Madrid, Spain.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 21, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 9, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Jeffery Hirsch, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *National City Corporation*, Cleveland, Ohio, acting through its wholly-owned subsidiary, National Processing, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, to acquire Caribbean Data Services, Ltd., Dallas, Texas, and thereby engage in