

information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Small businesses, regulatory agency staff, technical assistance program staff, consultants, university staff.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26,220 annually.

Frequency of Response: phone-survey: annual; on-line surveys: bi-annual; fax-back surveys: bi-annual; phone interviews: annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,760 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$30,360.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No.1815.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503

Dated: September 8, 1997.

Rick Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00501; FRL-5741-8]

Reduced Risk Initiative for Pesticides

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a final Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice entitled "Guidelines for Expedited Review of Conventional Pesticides under the Reduced-Risk Initiative and for Biological Pesticides." EPA proposed this policy for 30 days of public comment on June 18, 1997 (62 FR 33078). Interested parties may request a copy of the Agency's final policy as set forth in the ADDRESSES unit of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The PR Notice is available by contacting the person whose name appears under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Richard Keigwin, Registration Division (7505C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 713A, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5447, e-mail: keigwin.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability:

Internet

Electronic copies of this document and the PR Notice are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

Fax on Demand

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 6101 for a copy of the PR notice.

I. Background

This **Federal Register** notice announces the availability of the PR Notice entitled "Guidelines for Expedited Review of Conventional Pesticides under the Reduced-Risk Initiative and for Biological Pesticides." This PR Notice responds to the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) which requires that EPA expedite the review of applications for registration of pesticides which:

1. Reduce the risks of pesticides to human health.
2. Reduce the risks of pesticides to nontarget organisms.
3. Reduce the potential for contamination of groundwater surface water or other valued environmental resources.
4. Broaden the adoption of integrated pest management strategies, or make such strategies more available or more effective.

The purpose of the PR Notice is to provide the process and criteria to guide applicants in developing their reduced-risk submissions. The PR Notice supersedes the criteria published in **Federal Register** Notices of, July 20, 1992 (57 FR 32140), and January 22, 1993 (58 FR 5854), and PR Notice 93-9, July 21, 1993. The goal of the Reduced-Risk Pesticide Initiative and of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division is to encourage the development, registration, and use of lower-risk pesticide products which would result in reduced risks to human health and the environment when compared to existing alternatives.

II. Public Comments

Public comments submitted concerning the draft PR Notice and the

issues listed in the previous FR Notice of Availability were fully considered before this notice was made final. All public comments, as well as a summary of the Agency's responses to those comments, are filed in the Office of Pesticides Programs' Docket Office under docket number "OPP-00485." The public record is located in Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5805.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

Daniel M. Barolo,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

September 5, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0704.

Expiration Date: 02/28/98.

Title: Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, CC Docket No. 96-61.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 519 respondents; 146 hours per response (avg.); 75,895 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$435,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual, one-time requirement.

Description: In the Order on Reconsideration issued in CC Docket

96-61 (released 8/20/97), the Commission amended the collections adopted in the Second Report and Order in this proceeding.

a. **Tariff cancellation requirement:** In the Order on Reconsideration, the Commission concludes that, with two exceptions, the statutory forbearance criteria in Section 10 of the Communications Act, as amended, are met for the Commission no longer to require or allow nondominant interexchange carriers to file tariffs pursuant to Section 203 for their interstate, domestic, interexchange services. The Commission further concludes that nondominant interexchange carriers are allowed to file tariffs for (1) their interstate, domestic, interexchange direct-dial services to which end-users obtain access by dialing a carrier's carrier access code (dial-around 1+ services) and (2) interstate, domestic, interexchange services provided by a nondominant interexchange carrier for the lesser period of the initial 45 days of service or until there is a written contract between the carrier and the customer, in those limited circumstances in which a prospective customer contacts the LEC to select an interexchange carrier or to initiate a change in his or her primary carrier. See 47 CFR § 61.20.

In order to implement the Commission's detariffing policy, the *Second Report and Order* requires nondominant interexchange carriers to cancel their tariffs for interstate, domestic, interexchange services on file with the Commission within nine months of the effective date of that Order. That requirement, however, was not implemented by the carriers in light of the stay of the Second Report and Order, pending judicial review, entered by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on February 13, 1997. The Order on Reconsideration provides that the Common Carrier Bureau will determine the appropriate transition period when the detariffing rules become effective. Nondominant interexchange carriers that have on file with the Commission tariff offerings that contain services subject to different tariffing requirements (e.g., tariff offerings that include dial-around 1+ services and service to new customers that contact the LEC to select an interexchange carrier or to initiate a change in their primary interexchange carrier, for which carriers are permitted to file tariffs, and tariff offerings that combine international services, which still must be tariffed, with interstate, domestic, interexchange services, which are

detariffed), may comply with the Order on Reconsideration either by: (1) Cancelling the entire tariff and refile a new tariff for only those services for which tariffs are required or permitted (519 respondents \times 2 hours per page = 2504 annual burden hours); or (2) issuing revised pages cancelling the material in the tariffs that pertain to those services subject to forbearance (519 respondents \times 2 hours per page = 72,094 burden hours).

b. **Information disclosure requirement:** The attached Order on Reconsideration eliminates the requirement that nondominant interexchange carriers make information on current rates, terms, and conditions for all of their interstate, domestic, interexchange services available to any member of the public in an easy to understand format and in a timely manner, for purposes of enforcing Section 254(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.

c. **Recordkeeping requirement:** In the Order on Reconsideration, the Commission affirms its conclusion in the *Second Report and Order* to require nondominant interexchange carriers to maintain at their premises price and service information regarding all of their interstate, domestic, interexchange service offerings that they can submit to the Commission upon request. The Commission clarifies in the Order on Reconsideration that nondominant interexchange carriers should retain the documents supporting the rates, terms, and conditions of the carriers' interstate, domestic, interexchange offerings. Nondominant interexchange carriers are required to retain the foregoing records for a period of at least two years and six months following the date the carrier ceases to provide services on such rates, terms and conditions, in order to afford the Commission sufficient time to notify a carrier of the filing of a complaint, which generally must be filed within two years from the time the cause of action accrues (in the event a complaint is filed against a carrier, the carrier will be required to retain documents relating to the complaint until the complaint is resolved). See 47 CFR § 42.11. Nondominant interexchange carriers are required to maintain the foregoing records in a manner that allows them to produce such records within ten business days of receipt of a Commission request, and to file with the Commission, and update as necessary, the name, address, and telephone number of the individual, or individuals, designated by the carrier to respond to Commission inquiries and requests for documents. The availability of such records will enable the

Commission to meet its statutory duty of ensuring that such carriers' rates, terms, and conditions for service are just, reasonable, and not unreasonably discriminatory, and that these carriers comply with the geographic rate averaging and rate integration requirements of the 1996 Act. In addition, maintenance of such records will enable the Commission to investigate and resolve complaints. (519 respondents \times 2 hours per response = 1038 annual burden hours).

d. **Certification Requirement:** In the Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted its proposal to require nondominant interexchange carriers to file certifications with the Commission stating that they are in compliance with their statutory geographic rate averaging obligations under Section 254(g) of the Communications Act, as amended. These providers must also file certifications with the Commission stating that they are in compliance with their statutory rate integration obligations under Section 254(g). See 47 CFR 64.1900. This requirement is reaffirmed in the Order on Reconsideration. (519 respondents \times .05 hours per response = 259.5 annual burden hours).

The information collected under the tariff cancellation requirement must be disclosed to the Commission, and will be used to implement the Commission's detariffing policy. The information collected under the recordkeeping and other requirements will be used by the Commission to ensure that affected interexchange carriers fulfill their obligations under the Communications Act, as amended. Your response is mandatory.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0536.

Expiration Date: 09/30/2000.

Title: Rules and Requirements for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Interstate Cost Recovery.

Form No.: FCC Form 431.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5000 respondents; 3.1 hours per response (avg.); 15,593 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; annual.

Description: Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires the Commission to ensure that telecommunications relay services are available, to the extent possible, to individuals with hearing and speech disabilities in the United States. To fulfill this mandate, the Commission

adopted rules that require the provision of TRS service beginning July 26, 1993. The Commission set minimum standards for TRS providers and established a shared-funding mechanism (TRS Fund) for recovering the costs of providing interstate TRS. The Commission also appointed the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) the TRS Fund administrator, and directed NECA to establish a non-paid, voluntary advisory committee to monitor cost recovery matters.

a. FCC Form 431: The Commission's rules require all carriers providing interstate telecommunications services to contribute to the TRS Fund. The amount contributed is the product of the carrier's gross interstate revenues for the previous year and a contribution factor determined annually by the Commission. Contributions are calculated in accordance with a TRS Fund Worksheet which is prepared each year by the Commission and published in the **Federal Register**. Payments from the fund are made to eligible TRS providers and are designed to cover the reasonable costs incurred in providing interstate TRS service. The TRS Fund administrator files a proposed payment formula and estimated fund requirements with the Commission each year, and this payment formula is subject to Commission approval. See 47 CFR 64.601–64.608 for rules and requirements governing telecommunications relay services. Pursuant to § 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(A), every carrier providing interstate telecommunications services must contribute to the TRS Fund on the basis of its relative share of gross interstate revenues. Section 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(A) contains a partial listing of the types of interstate services for which contributions must be made. Carriers who provide interstate services, including but not limited to, cellular telephone and paging, mobile radio, operator services, personal communications service (PCS), access (including subscriber line charges), alternative access and special access, packet-switched, WATS, 800, 900, message telephone service, interstate private line, telex, telegraph, video, satellite, intraLATA international and resale services must contribute to the TRS Fund. Contributions to the TRS Fund will be based on each interstate service provider's relative share of gross interstate revenues for the prior calendar year and a contribution factor determined by the Commission. Contributors must use the TRS Fund Worksheet, FCC Form 431, to calculate their contributions to the TRS Fund.

The worksheet must be filed with the FCC TRS Fund Administrator. See § 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(B) and FCC Form 431, TRS Fund Worksheet. (5000 respondents × 2 hours per response = 10,000 annual burden hours).

b. True and Accurate Data: TRS providers must provide the administrator with true and accurate data to be used to compute payments. According to § 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(C), the providers must submit the following: total TRS minutes of use, total interstate TRS minutes of use, total TRS operating expenses and total TRS investment in general accordance with 47 CFR Part 32, and other historical or projected information reasonably requested by the administrator for purposes of computing payments and revenue requirements. (13 respondents × 3 hours per response = 39 annual burden hours).

c. Reports of Interstate TRS Minutes: TRS providers, including providers who are not interexchange carriers, local exchange carriers, or certified state relay providers, must submit reports of interstate TRS minutes of use to the administrator in order to receive payments. TRS providers receiving payments shall file a form prescribed by the administrator. The administrator is directed to fashion a form that is consistent with Parts 32 and 36. (See 47 CFR § 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(E)). (13 respondents × 4 hours per response = 52 annual burden hours).

d. Notification to TRS Administrator: Section 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(F) lists TRS providers who are eligible for receiving payments from the TRS Fund. These providers must notify the administrator of their intent to participate in the TRS Fund thirty days prior to submitting reports of TRS interstate minutes of use in order to receive payment settlements for interstate TRS. Failure to file may exclude the TRS provider from eligibility for the year. (See 47 CFR 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(G)). Payments will only be made to eligible TRS providers operating in compliance with the mandatory minimum standards set forth in § 64.604. (13 respondents × 10 minutes per response = 2.16 annual burden hours).

e. TRS Administrator Annual Report: The TRS Fund is subject to a yearly audit performed by an independent certified accounting firm or by the Commission, or both. Pursuant to § 64.604(c)(4)(iii)(H), the TRS Fund administrator must report annually to the Commission its administrative costs associated with the administration of the TRS Fund, and must file a cost allocation manual. TRS payment formulas and revenue requirements must be filed with the Commission on

October 1 of each year. The administrator must establish a non-paid, voluntary advisory committee of persons from the hearing and speech disability communities, TRS users, interstate service providers, state representatives, and TRS providers which will meet at reasonable intervals in order to monitor TRS cost recovery matters. The annual report to the Commission must include a discussion of advisory committee deliberations. (1 respondent × 500 hours per response = 500 annual burden hours).

Information submitted in response to the foregoing requirements is used to administer the TRS Fund. Information is used to calculate the required carrier contributions to the TRS Fund and to determine the appropriate payment due to the TRS providers participating in the shared funding plan. Your response is required to obtain or retain benefits.

Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

September 4, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility;