

Communications Commission, The Portals, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite 6–A320, Washington, D.C. 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418–2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418–0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 28, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) released an order in the matter of a Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited Action on the July 15, 1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215, and 717, and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 98–224, CC Docket No. 96–98, NSD File No. L–97–42, 63 FR 63613 (rel. September 28, 1998) (“Pennsylvania Numbering Order”). The Pennsylvania Numbering Order delegated additional authority to state public utility commissions to order NXX code rationing, under certain circumstances, in jeopardy situations and encouraged state commissions to seek further limited delegations of authority to implement other innovative number conservation methods.

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“NHPUC”) has filed a request for additional delegation of authority to implement number optimization measures in their state. See Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission’s Petition for Delegation of Additional Authority to Implement Number Optimization Measures in the 603 Area Code, *Public Notice*, NSD File No. L–99–71, DA 99–1894 (rel. September 15, 1999).

The additional authority sought by the NHPUC relates to issues under consideration in the *Numbering Resource Optimization Notice*. See *Numbering Resource Optimization, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket No. 99–200, FCC 99–122, 64 FR 32471 (rel. June 2, 1999). Because the NHPUC faces immediate concerns regarding the administration of number resources in New Hampshire, we find it to be in the public interest to address this petition as expeditiously as possible, prior to completing the rulemaking proceeding.

We hereby seek comment on the issues raised in the NHPUC’s petition for delegated authority to implement various area code conservation measures. A copy of this petition will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite CY–A257,

Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418–0270.

Interested parties may file comments concerning these matters on or before October 5, 1999, and reply comments on or before October 15, 1999. All filings must reference NSD File Number L–99–71 and CC Docket 96–98. Send an original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite TW–A325, Washington, D.C. 20554 and two copies to Al McCloud, Network Services Division, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite 6A–320, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. 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. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking 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](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), including “get form <your e-mail address>” in the body of the message. A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

This is a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR 1.1200–1.1216. As a “permit but disclose” proceeding, *ex parte* presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings. 47 CFR 1.1206.

Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in 1.1206(b) as well. For further information contact

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Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled “Purchaser Eligibility Certification.”

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Steven F. Hanft, Assistant Executive Secretary (Regulatory Analysis), (202) 898–3907, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 4062, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comments should refer to “Purchaser Eligibility Certification.” Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898–3838; Internet address: [comments@fdic.gov](mailto:comments@fdic.gov)].

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven F. Hanft, at the address identified above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Purchaser Eligibility Certification.

*Affected Public:* Potential purchasers of assets of failed financial institutions sold by the FDIC.

*Estimated Number of Respondents (annual):* 1800.

*Frequency of Response:* Occasional.

*Estimated Number of responses (annual):* 2500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1250 hours.

*General Description of Collection:* A potential purchaser of assets from failed financial institutions would certify that it is not subject to a restriction on the purchase of the assets, such as those contained in proposed rule 12 CFR part 340, Restrictions on the Purchase of Assets from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 64 FR 51084 (September 21, 1999) or other, related FDIC rules and policies.

#### Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's request to OMB for approval of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 22nd day of September, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3148-EM]

### New Jersey; Emergency and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of New Jersey (FEMA-3148-EM), dated September 17, 1999, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 17, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 17, 1999, the President declared an emergency under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the emergency conditions in certain areas of the State of New Jersey, resulting from Hurricane Floyd on September 16, 1999, and continuing is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such an emergency exists in the State of New Jersey.

You are authorized to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act to save lives, protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, you are authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at your discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. I have further authorized debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) including direct Federal assistance, at 75 percent Federal funding. This assistance excludes regular time costs for subgrantees regular employees. In addition, you are authorized to provide such other forms of assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act, as you may deem appropriate.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Peter Martinasco of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of New Jersey to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

FEMA intends to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act to save lives, protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. FEMA is further authorized to provide debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) including direct Federal funding, at 75 percent Federal funding.

This assistance is for the counties of Bergen, Essex, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Union. (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1295-DR]

### New Jersey; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of New Jersey (FEMA-1295-DR), dated September 18, 1999, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 18, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery