

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 62**

[GA-37-9811b; FRL-6003-9]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Georgia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the Section 111(d) and 129 State Plan submitted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the State of Georgia on November 13, 1997, for implementing and enforcing the Emissions Guidelines applicable to existing Municipal Waste Combustors with capacity to combust more than 250 tons per day of municipal solid waste. The Plan was submitted by the Georgia DNR to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air Act requirements. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the Georgia State Plan submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates that it will not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and incorporated by reference herein. If no significant, material, and adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.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 on this action.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by June 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Scott Martin at the EPA Region Office listed. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61
Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia
30303-3104.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Air Protection Branch,
4244 International Parkway, Suite
120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Davis at (404) 562-9127 or Scott Martin at (404) 562-9036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 54**

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 98-872]

Proposed Revision of 1998 Collection Amounts for Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanisms

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Common Carrier Bureau seeks comment on the proposed revision of 1998 collection amounts for the schools and libraries and rural health care universal service support mechanisms.

DATES: Comments in response to this proposed rule are due May 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: One original and five copies of all comments responsive to this Public Notice must be sent to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Three copies also should be sent to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2100 M Street, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Flannery, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-7383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rules providing for universal service support for schools, libraries, and health care providers appear in 47 CFR part 54, subparts F and G, which were originally published on June 17, 1997 (62 FR 32862) and amended in rules published on January 3, 1998 (63 FR 2094) and January 27, 1998 (63 FR 3830).

By the Common Carrier Bureau:
Consistent with section 254 of the Communications Act, as amended, and

the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, we remain committed to providing support to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections. We also remain committed to providing the greatest level of support to the most economically disadvantaged schools and libraries. At the same time, however, we strive to ensure a smooth transition to the new universal service support mechanisms and to minimize disruption to consumers. We seek to provide support to schools, libraries, and rural health care providers in a manner that does not require consumers' rates to rise, and without causing rate churn. We thus seek comment on a proposal to implement a gradual phase-in of the schools, libraries, and rural health care universal service support mechanisms that takes advantage, and reflects the timing, of access charge reductions, will provide substantial support and at the same time will minimize disruption to consumers.

As of May 1, 1998, SLC projected that \$2.02 billion in discounts have been requested by applicants who have filed through April 28, 1998. RHCC projected that the rural health care support mechanism will require \$25 million for the third quarter. Although the local exchange carriers will not file their access tariffs until June 16, 1998, based on preliminary information provided by the local exchange carriers, we estimate that the July 1, 1998 access charge reductions will be approximately \$700 million below current levels. Given projected access charge reductions, we estimate that the quarterly collection rate for schools and libraries could rise from \$325 million (the second quarter collection rate) to approximately \$524 million (We reach this result in the following manner: Long distance carriers pay direct contributions to universal service and, through interstate access charges, indirectly pay for most of the local exchange carrier contributions. Directly and indirectly, long distance carriers are responsible for approximately 82.5 percent of schools and libraries and rural health care contributions. Multiplying \$700 million by 1/.825 yields \$848 million. We divide \$848 million by 4 to find the incremental amount available for each quarter, which is \$212 million. We then add \$212 million to the average quarterly collection rate for the first half of 1998, \$312 million (the average of \$300 and \$325 million). Accordingly, access charge reductions of \$700 million yield \$524 million as a quarterly collection rate for the third and fourth