subgroup in the population, non-nursing infants, is 0.000011 mg/kg/day and 0.000027 mg/kg/day, respectively.

2. *Drinking water.* Drinking water estimated concentrations (DWEC) were calculated using EPA models for groundwater and surface water - SCI-GROW, GENEEC and PRZM/EXAMS. Chronic Drinking Water Levels of Concern (DWLOC) were calculated according to the EPA SOP and compared to the DWEC. Estimated average contributions of ZA1296 in surface and groundwater are less than the levels of concern for ZA1296 in drinking water as a contribution to chronic aggregate exposure.

3. *Non-dietary exposure.* Zeneca has not estimated non-occupational exposure for ZA1296 since the only pending registration for ZA1296 is limited to commercial crop production use. ZA1296 products are not labelled for any residential uses therefore, eliminating the potential for residential exposure. The potential for non-occupational exposure to the general population is considered to be insignificant.

D. Cumulative Effects

Zeneca also considered the potential for cumulative effects of ZA1296 and other substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity. Zeneca has concluded that consideration of a common mechanism of toxicity is not appropriate at this time since there is no indication that toxic effects produced by ZA1296 would be cumulative with those of any other chemical compounds. Triketone chemistry is new and ZA1296 has a novel mode of action compared to currently registered active ingredients.

E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population.* Dietary and occupational exposure will be the major routes of exposure to the U.S. population and ample margins of safety have been demonstrated for both situations. The total dietary exposure for the U.S. population is 0.000011 mg/kg/day. This utilizes only 0.002% of the RfD. The MOE for occupational exposure is >5,500. Based on the completeness and reliability of the toxicity data and the conservative exposure assessments, there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result from the aggregate exposure of residues of ZA1296 including all anticipated dietary exposure.

2. *Infants and children.* The total dietary exposure for the most highly exposed subgroup in the population, non-nursing infants, is 0.000027 mg/kg/day. This utilizes only 0.0048% of the RfD. There are no residential uses of ZA1296 and the estimated average contributions of ZA1296 in surface and groundwater are less than the levels of concern for ZA1296 in drinking water as a contribution to chronic aggregate exposure. Based on the completeness and reliability of the toxicity data and the conservative exposure assessments, there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result from the aggregate exposure of residues of ZA1296 including all anticipated dietary exposure.

F. International Tolerances

A maximum residue level has not been established for ZA1296 by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 91–141; DA 98–839]

Local Competition Survey

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 8, 1998, the Common Carrier Bureau issued a Public Notice to solicit comment on how the Commission can collect sufficient information about local competition to achieve the regulatory flexibility, pro-competition, and universal service objectives of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) while minimizing filing burdens on respondents. The Public Notice seeks comment on what information should be collected as well as on such issues as whether periodic data collection should be mandatory and which telecommunications carriers should provide information.

DATES: Comments to the Public Notice are due on or before June 7, 1998. Reply comments are due on or before June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Suite 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, with a copy to Ms. Terry Conway of the Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2033 M Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857–3800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Beers, Deputy Chief of the Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418–0952, or Ellen Burton, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418–0958. Users of TTY equipment may call (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Bureau's Public Notice released May 8, 1998 (DA 98–839). The full text of this Public Notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, Washington, D.C. 20554. The complete text also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Summary of the Public Notice

The Commission requires timely and reliable information on the pace and extent of development of competition for local telecommunications services in different geographic markets to evaluate the effectiveness of decisions taken to implement the pro-competition provisions and to achieve the universal service goals of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. Section 151 *et seq.*). The Commission also requires such information to identify services and geographic markets where local competition has developed sufficiently to allow the Commission to exercise its regulatory forbearance authority (47 U.S.C. Section 160(a)).

The Commission has previously concluded (*Expanded Interconnection with Local Telephone Company Facilities*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 59 FR 38922 (August 1, 1994), CC Docket No. 91–141, 9 FCC Rcd 5154, 5177 (1994)) that an information collection program is necessary to monitor the state of local competition in diverse areas of the country so that the Commission might make its regulatory requirements more flexible as competition develops in particular areas. The Commission delegated authority to the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, to formulate the detailed elements of a reporting program, to decide which service providers must provide information, and to specify the format and timing of reports.

I. Background

3. Only a limited amount of information on the state of local competition can be derived from sources currently reported to the

Commission. These data are nationwide local service revenues reported by calendar year. Although these data are filed by all carriers, including new competitive local exchange carriers, the data are not available for analysis by Commission staff until several months after filing; consist only of nationwide aggregates; and are generally given confidential treatment. A summary of this information is published, a few months thereafter, in a form that maintains the confidentiality of revenues of individual companies. Additional data on the state of local competition in selected states, and in particular cities and regions within those states, have been submitted to the Commission in various proceedings, e.g., in the course of regional Bell company applications for authorization to provide in-region interLATA services. These data provide significant information related to local competition in the state for which, and at the time, an interLATA services petition is filed. Because they are submitted only by the petitioner, however, these data do not constitute a comprehensive survey of local competition in that state. Nor do they describe the extent of development of local competition across the country at any point in time.

II. Discussion

4. The Public Notice seeks comment on adopting a local competition survey similar to a survey completed—on a voluntary basis—by nine large incumbent local exchange carriers in March, 1998, and seeks comment on applying such a survey to all types of local exchange carriers, both incumbent carriers and competitive carriers. We propose to make any survey that we adopt mandatory for most carriers because we believe that an accurate and timely picture of the development of local competition and the achievement of universal service goals requires a limited set of information from substantially all local exchange carriers.

5. We also seek comment on whether there are authoritative data sources other than a periodic survey that could provide information necessary to evaluate the development of local competition and the achievement of universal service goals on a timely basis. We invite parties to identify publicly available alternative sources of any or all of the data discussed in the Public Notice. We ask parties proposing alternative data sources to identify those sources precisely and to explain in detail how those sources provide information that is accurate, sufficient, and timely to describe and understand the state of local competition in diverse areas of the country.

6. We invite comment on the definition of reporting areas and propose that the states should be the geographic reporting areas for local competition surveys. We also invite comment on whether the following items are both necessary and sufficient to describe and understand the state of local competition in diverse areas of the nation: number of local service lines sold directly to end users by the reporting carrier; number of local service lines sold to competing local carriers for resale; number of unbundled loops and unbundled switch ports for local access lines provided by the reporting carrier to an unaffiliated carrier; number of unaffiliated, competing local exchange carriers purchasing unbundled network elements and resold lines; number of wire centers where competitors have physical or virtual collocation arrangements, and number and type of customer lines served; switched minutes originated with end users, terminated with end users, and exchanged with other carriers; number of telephone numbers ported by interim or long-term portability methods; and names of competitive local exchange carriers active in the reporting area.

7. We seek comment on whether each incumbent local exchange carrier should file a local competition survey for each area in which it is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Because it is our objective to minimize reporting burdens, while collecting information sufficient to understand developing local exchange and exchange access competition in diverse areas of the country, we also seek comment on whether some subset of incumbent local exchange carriers should file local competition surveys, and, if so, on the appropriate basis for determining the composition of that subset of incumbent local exchange carriers.

8. To the extent that a competitor provides service to customers using its own loops and switches, these lines will not be included in any data collected by incumbents. Whether a competitive local exchange carrier serves customers over its own facilities, by means of unbundled network elements, or through resale, moreover, data provided directly by competitive local exchange carriers about their own customers would be extremely valuable as a cross-check to data provided by incumbent local exchange carriers, and should provide a much more specific snapshot of local competition. We therefore seek comment on whether carriers other than incumbent local exchange carriers should file local competition surveys if such carriers propose to provide—or are providing—local exchange or exchange access service as duly authorized competitive local exchange carriers. Consistent with this need for adequate information, we propose not to distinguish among local exchange carriers on the basis of the technology used to provide local exchange or exchange access service to the public.

9. We also seek comment on whether local exchange carriers other than incumbent local exchange carriers should report the same data, in the same form, that incumbent local exchange carriers report. Competitive local exchange carriers need not develop their business plans, conduct their operations, design their networks, or select geographic areas to serve in the same manner as incumbent local exchange carriers have done. Also, the 1996 Act places less extensive responsibilities on local exchange carriers other than incumbent local exchange carriers.

10. We propose that carriers file the survey quarterly, 30 days after the end of the calendar year quarter, through the first quarter of 2001, which will mark a date five years after the enactment of the 1996 Act. Prior to that date, we propose to undertake a review of the efficacy and burden imposed of this data collection to determine the need and form for any data collection efforts after that date.

III. Procedural Issues

11. *Procedures for Filing.* Interested parties may file comments in CC Docket No. 91–141 on or before June 7, 1998. Reply comments may be filed on or before June 22, 1998. All filings should refer to the pleadings as Local Competition Survey, CC Docket No. 91–141, CCB-IAD File No. 98–102. One original and four copies of all comments must be sent to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Suite 222, Washington, D.C. 20554. Three copies should also be sent to Ms. Terry Conway, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2033 M Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of documents filed with the Commission may be obtained from the International Transcription Service (ITS), 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857–3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Monday, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (202) 418–0270.

12. This proceeding is a non-restricted proceeding. *See* 47 CFR 1.1200(a), 1.1206. Accordingly, *ex parte* presentations are permitted, provided that they are disclosed in conformance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

13. *Paperwork Reduction Act.* We note that this Public Notice contains either a proposed or modified information collection, and we invite the general public to take this opportunity to comment on those information collections, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104–13. Comments should address: (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; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's initial burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Federal Communications Commission.

Peyton L. Wynns,

Chief, Industry Analysis Division.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the ''Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 1998, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate and enforcement activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Director Julie L. Williams (Acting Comptroller of the Currency) and Acting Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii) of the ''Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550–17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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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 June 22, 1998.

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

1. RVB Bancshares, Inc., Russellville, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the votings shares of River Valley Bank, Russellville, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 26, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202–452–3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202–452–3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at http://www.bog.frb.fed.us for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. (EDT), June 8, 1998.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 1998, Board member meeting.

2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.