

Dated: February 9, 2000.

Stephen Luftig,

Office Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675, notice is hereby given that a proposed purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the Metro Container Corporation Site in Trainer, Pennsylvania was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, against Trainer Industries, L.L.C. ("Purchaser"). The settlement would require the Purchaser to, among other things, pay the sum of \$15,000 to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund, provide an irrevocable right of access to EPA, and record notice of the agreement in the local land records.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed Purchaser Agreement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 16, 2000.

Availability

The proposed Purchaser Agreement and additional background information relating to the proposed Purchaser Agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the proposed Purchaser Agreement may be obtained from Suzanne Canning, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Docket Clerk (3RC00), 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103. Comments should reference the "Metro Container Corporation Site Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. CERC-PPA-99-06," and should be forwarded to Suzanne Canning at the above address or through electronic mail at "canning.suzanne@epa.gov."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew S. Goldman (3RC41), Sr. Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: (215) 814-2487.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

February 7, 2000.

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; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before March 16, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0859.

Title: Suggested Guidelines for Petitions for Ruling under Section 253 of the Communications Act.

Form No.: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension to a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Time Per Response: 63 to 125 hours per response.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 6,280 hours.

Total Annual Cost: Not applicable.

Needs and Uses: Section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 253, added by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requires the Commission, with certain important exceptions, to preempt the enforcement of any state or local statute or regulation, or other state or local legal requirement (to the extent necessary) that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service. The Commission's consideration of preemption begins with the filing of a petition by an aggrieved party. The petition is placed on public notice and commented on by others. The Commission's decision is based on the public record, generally composed of the petition and comments. The Commission has considered a number of preemption items since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and believes it in the public interest to inform the public of the information necessary to support its full

consideration of the issues likely to be involved in preemption actions.

The Public Notice establishes guidelines relating to its consideration of preemption petitions. Consideration of a petition requesting Commission action pursuant to Section 253 necessarily will involve state or local statutes, regulations, ordinances, or other legal requirements that will likely be initially unfamiliar to the Commission. In order to render a timely and informed decision, the Commission expects petitions and commenters to provide it with relevant information sufficient to describe the legal regime involved in the controversy and to establish the factual basis necessary for decision.

The Commission will use the information to discharge its statutory mandate relating to the preemption of state or local statutes or other state or local legal requirements.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0876.

Title: USAC Board of Directors Nomination Process (47 CFR Section 54.703) and Review of Administrator's Decision (47 CFR Sections 54.719-54.725).

Form No.: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension to a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 to 32 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 560 hours.

Total Annual Cost: Not applicable.

Needs and Uses: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed the Commission to initiate a rulemaking to reform our system of universal service so that universal service is preserved and advanced as markets move toward competition. To fulfill that mandate, based on the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, on May 7, 1997, to implement the congressional directives set out in section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the 1996 Act. In the Report and Order (released July 18, 1997), the Commission appointed the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) the temporary administrator of the universal service support mechanisms, subject to creating a separate subsidiary, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), to administer the support

programs. The Commission also directed NECA, as a condition of its appointment as temporary administrator, to create two unaffiliated corporations to administer portions of the schools and libraries and rural health care programs. NECA established the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) and the Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC).

In connection with supplemental appropriations legislation enacted on May 1, 1998, Congress directed the Commission to establish a single entity to administer federal universal service. In a May 8, 1998 Report to Congress, the Commission proposed that, by January 1, 1999, USAC would serve as the single entity responsible for administering all of the universal service support mechanisms including the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms. On November 20, 1998, the Commission released an Order directing the merger of SLC and RHCC into USAC as the single entity responsible for administering the universal service support mechanisms as of January 1, 1999. The Order adopted rules that will govern USAC following the required merger.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.703, industry and non-industry groups may submit to the Commission for approval nominations for individuals to be appointed to the USAC Board of Directors.

The USAC Board currently consists of the following seventeen members: (1) Three incumbent local exchange carrier representatives (one director representing Bell Operating Companies and GTE, one director representing ILECs (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million, and one director representing ILECs (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual revenues of \$40 million or less); (2) two interexchange carrier representatives (one director representing interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues and one director representing interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less); (3) one commercial mobile radio service representative; (4) one competitive local exchange carrier representative; (5) one cable operator representative; (6) one information service provider representative; (7) three school representatives; (8) one library representative; (9) one rural health care provider representative; (10) one low income consumer representative; (11) one state telecommunications regulator; and (12) one state consumer advocate representative.

47 CFR 54.719-54.725 contain the procedures for Commission review of USAC decisions, including the general filing requirements pursuant to which parties must file requests for review. An affected party would be permitted to file a petition for Commission review with the Bureau within thirty days of an action taken by USAC. The appellant must state specifically its interest in the matter presented for review. The appellant also must provide the Commission with a full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting affidavits and documentation. In addition, the appellant must state concisely the question presented for view, with reference, where appropriate, to the relevant Commission rule, Commission order, or statutory provision. The appellant also must state the relief sought and the relevant statutory or regulatory provision pursuant to which such relief is sought. If an appellant alleges prohibited conduct by a third party, the appellant shall serve a copy of the appeal on such third party, who shall have an opportunity to file an opposition. Similarly, appellants shall serve on USAC a copy of the appeal of a USAC decision filed with the Commission.

Affected parties are encouraged to bring issues to the attention of the division head or the USAC CEO to determine whether the matter can be handled without a formal appeal to the Commission.

The Commission uses the information to select USAC's Board of Directors and to ensure that requests for review are filed properly with the Commission. The information requested is not otherwise available. Without such information, the Commission could not appoint a representative body to USAC's Board of Directors nor resolve requests for review and, therefore, could not fulfill its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Open Commission Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2000

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on