

(VOCs). This regulatory program is expected to form the basis of any commitments made by the U.S. under an ozone annex to the U.S.-Canada Air Quality Agreement.

The EPA has established national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for several pollutants, including ozone. To help achieve these air quality standards, EPA has issued a series of national regulations over the past 20 years designed to continue to diminish significantly emissions of VOCs and NO_x from light-duty vehicles, and NO_x from heavy-duty vehicles. In addition, EPA has begun phasing in control programs to reduce these emissions from non-road engines. It has also reduced sulfur in diesel fuels, and required cleaner, less volatile gasoline (*i.e.*, gasoline with a lower Reid Vapor Pressure) in most urban areas in the country. Several additional programs and regulations have been or are being phased in to further reduce emissions of NO_x, sulfur and VOCs from vehicles and/or fuels.

Under the Act, EPA requires stringent levels of control for newly built or modified industrial sources of ozone precursor emissions of NO_x and VOCs. EPA has also issued a series of emission standards that are significantly reducing emissions of NO_x from existing industrial sources.

Relation to the UNECE LRTAP Protocol

Parties to the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe's (UNECE) Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) recently signed a Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication, and Ground-Level Ozone (the LRTAP Protocol). The U.S. and Canada are both Parties to the LRTAP Convention, and each has signed the Protocol. Under the LRTAP Protocol, the U.S. and Canada have agreed to bring forward emission reduction commitments for SO₂, NO_x, and VOCs when negotiations on an ozone annex to the U.S.-Canada Air Quality Agreement are completed. The agreements in the LRTAP Protocol were based on an understanding by the European parties that the U.S. and Canada intended to negotiate an ozone annex, and would be committing to specific control programs and/or emission reductions under that annex. Their obligations under the annex would then be incorporated automatically into the LRTAP Protocol. Negotiation of this annex would, therefore, provide the basis of commitments under the LRTAP Protocol.

Participation of Interested Party Representatives on the U.S. Delegation

In order to further the public interest, the Department of State, in consultation with other U.S. government agencies, will invite three representatives from among all interested members of the public to participate in the negotiations as (non-U.S. government) members of the U.S. delegation. One individual will be invited to represent each of the following groups: industry/mining/labor, U.S. states, and environmental/public interest groups. Organizations that are members of each group are invited to nominate a spokesperson and collaborate on the selection of the representative who will participate on the U.S. delegation.

The spokesperson of each group should notify the Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State, not later than February 11, 2000, of the group's selection of its representative. Further discussion of this process will take place at the February 4, 2000 public meeting.

Timetable and Point of Contact

The United States and Canada expect to begin negotiations on the ozone annex in February 2000, and expect to complete negotiations by the end of 2000, with negotiating sessions to occur every three to four months. In preparation for the proposed negotiation, the Administration is preparing its position for the negotiation, and has scheduled a public meeting to be held on Friday, February 4, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 1107 of the U.S. Department of State. Members of the Interagency Committee who will participate in the proposed negotiation will provide an overview of U.S. preparations for the first session. The U.S. Department of State is issuing this notice to help ensure that interested and potentially affected parties are aware of and knowledgeable about these negotiations, and have an opportunity to offer comments. Prior to subsequent briefings, we will be contacting organizations/individuals that have expressed an interest by mail, fax or e-mail. Those organizations/individuals which cannot attend the February 4, 2000 meeting, but wish to either submit a written comment or to remain informed, should provide Eunice Mourning of the Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State (phone 202-647-9266; fax 202-647-5947) with their statement and/or their name, organization, address, telephone and fax numbers, and their e-mail address.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Daniel Fantozzi,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1515).

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (CST), January 27, 2000.

PLACE: TVA Environmental Research Center Auditorium, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on December 8, 1999.

New Business

B—Purchase Award

B1. Supplement to contract with U.S. Fleet Leasing for fleet maintenance services.

B2. Cooperative/contract agreement with Bicentennial Volunteers, Incorporated, for volunteer, special projects, and staff augmentation services.

C—Energy

C1. Supplement to Contract No. 99PPW-235218-002 with ABB Environmental Systems to design, manufacture, and deliver selective catalytic reduction process equipment for any TVA fossil plant.

C2. Supplement to Contract No. 98P6D-195379 with General Electric Company for the manufacture and turnkey installation of new simple cycle dual fuel combustion turbine generating units.

E—Real Property

E1. Public auction sale of approximately 0.23 acre of land located on Cherokee Lake in Grainger County, Tennessee (Tract No. XCK-581) to resolve an existing house encroachment on one lot and to provide adequate area on a second adjoining lot to permit home construction.

E2. Grant of permanent easement, without charge, except for payment of TVA's administrative costs, to the State of Tennessee for highway improvement purposes, affecting 5 acres of land on Watts Bar Lake in Rhea County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTWBR-141H).

E3. Grant of a permanent recreation easement, without charge, except for payment of TVA's administrative costs,

to the City of Clinton, Tennessee, affecting approximately 3.9 acres of land on Melton Hill Lake in Anderson County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTMHR-19RE).

E4. Grants of two permanent easements, without charge, except for payment of TVA's administrative costs, to Notla Water Authority for a water treatment facility and raw water intake site, affecting approximately 21 acres of land located on Nottely Lake in Union County, Georgia (Tract No. XTNLR-34WP and XTNLR-35E).

E5. Sale of noncommercial, nonexclusive permanent easements to Mark Margetts (Tract No. XTELR-211RE), Oscar Lidstrom (Tract No. XTELR-213RE), and Michael Campbell (Tract No. XTELR-214RE) for construction and maintenance of recreational water-use facilities, affecting approximately 0.34 acre of Tellico Lake shoreline in Loudon and Monroe Counties, Tennessee.

E6. Grant of a permanent easement, without charge, except for TVA's administrative costs, for the upgrade of a wastewater treatment plant, to Jefferson City, Tennessee, affecting approximately 1.3 acres of land on Cherokee Lake in Jefferson County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTCK-64SP).

E7. Public auction sale of approximately 3.4 acres of a portion of the Oxford, Mississippi, primary substation property located in Lafayette County, Mississippi (Tract No. XOXPSS-1).

E8. Public auction sale of approximately 3.07 acres of TVA land (the site of the former Mayfield, Kentucky, Area Operating Headquarters) located in Graves County, Kentucky (Tract No. XMAH-1).

F—Unclassified

F1. Filing of condemnation cases to acquire permanent easements and rights-of-way for electric transmission lines at the Shelby-Covington Tap to Brighton Transmission Line, in Tipton County, Tennessee, and Murfreesboro-Smyrna No. 2 Transmission Line, in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: January 20, 2000.

Edward S. Christenbury,

General Counsel and Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements filed during the week ending January 14, 2000

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2000-6774.

Dated Filed: January 10, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PSC/Reso/102 dated December 16, 1999.

Finally Adopted Resos/Recommended Practices r1-49 Minutes—PSC/Minutes/012 dated December 16, 1999.

Intended effective date: June 1, 2000.

Docket Number: OST-2000-6786.

Dated Filed: January 11, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC3 0403 dated 7 January 2000.

Mail Vote 059—Resolution 070tt—TC3 Excursion Fares between South East Asia and South Asian Subcontinent.

Intended effective date: 1 April 2000.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending January 14, 2000

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-2000-6777.

Dated Filed: January 11, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: February 8, 2000.

Description: Application of Trans Borinquen Air, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Foreign Charter Air Transportation between the United States, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and the Caribbean.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Jefferson, Clear Creek, Summit, Eagle, and Garfield Counties, Colorado

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the I-70 Mountain Corridor from the intersection of State Highway C470 in Jefferson County to Glenwood Springs in Garfield County, a distance of approximately 140 miles crossing five counties in Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scott Sands, FHWA Colorado Division, 555 Zang Street, Room 250, Denver, CO 80228, Telephone: 303/969-6730, extension 362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and FHWA regulations (23 CFR part 771), the FHWA, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), is issuing this notice of intent to prepare a programmatic Tier 1 EIS. The EIS will be prepared in compliance with CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1501.7 and as authorized by 40 CFR 1502.20 and 23 CFR 771.111(g), to take a broad view of the transportation issues and alternative solutions to assist in identifying needed safety and mobility improvements and reducing congestion on the I-70 Mountain Corridor. The Federal Railroad Administration, though not having jurisdiction over the project, will serve as a cooperating agency, providing technical assistance on rail technology.