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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 02-2813]

Public Safety National Coordination Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document advises interested persons of a meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee ("NCC"), which will be held in Brooklyn, New York. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires public notice of all meetings of the NCC. This notice advises interested persons of the eighteenth meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee.

DATES: November 22, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Fire Department of New York—Headquarters, 9 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Officer, Michael J. Wilhelm, (202) 418-0680, e-mail mwilhelm@fcc.gov. Press Contact, Meribeth McCarrick, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 202-418-0600, or e-mail mmccarri@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete text of the Public Notice: This Public Notice advises interested persons of the eighteenth meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee ("NCC"), which will be held in Brooklyn, New York. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires public notice of all meetings of the NCC.

Date: November 22, 2002.

Meeting Time: General Membership Meeting—9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Address: Fire Department of New York—Headquarters, 9 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, New York.

The NCC Subcommittees will meet from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the previous day. The NCC General Membership Meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 12:30 p.m. The agenda

for the NCC General Membership meeting is as follows:

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks
2. Administrative Matters
3. Report from the Interoperability Subcommittee
4. Report from the Technology Subcommittee
5. Report from the Implementation Subcommittee
6. Public Discussion
7. Action on Subcommittee Recommendations
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations
10. Closing Remarks

The FCC has established the Public Safety National Coordination Committee, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to advise the Commission on a variety of issues relating to the use of the 24 MHz of spectrum in the 764-776/794-806 MHz frequency bands (collectively, the 700 MHz band) that has been allocated to public safety services. See The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements For Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communications Requirements Through the Year 2010 and Establishment of Rules and Requirements For Priority Access Service, WT Docket No. 96-86, First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 98-191, 14 FCC Rcd 152 (1998), 63 FR 58645 (11-2-98).

The NCC has an open membership. Previous expressions of interest in membership have been received in response to several Public Notices inviting interested persons to become members and to participate in the NCC's processes. All persons who have previously identified themselves or have been designated as a representative of an organization are deemed members and are invited to attend. All other interested parties are hereby invited to attend and to participate in the NCC processes and its meetings and to become members of the Committee. This policy will ensure balanced participation. Members of the general public may attend the meeting. To attend the eighteenth meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee, please RSVP to Joy Alford of the Policy and Rules Branch of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of the FCC by calling (202) 418-0680, by faxing (202) 418-2643, or by e-mailing at jalford@fcc.gov. Please provide your name, the organization you represent, your phone number, fax

number and e-mail address. This RSVP is for the purpose of determining the number of people who will attend this eighteenth meeting. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Persons requesting accommodations for hearing disabilities should contact Joy Alford immediately at (202) 418-7233 (TTY). Persons requesting accommodations for other physical disabilities should contact Joy Alford immediately at (202) 418-0694 or via e-mail at jalford@fcc.gov. The public may submit written comments to the NCC's Designated Federal Officer before the meeting.

Additional information about the NCC and NCC-related matters can be found on the NCC Web site located at: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/publicsafety/ncc>.

Federal Communications Commission.

Jeanne Kowalski,

Deputy Division Chief for Public Safety, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1422-DR]

Arizona; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Arizona, (FEMA-1422-DR), dated June 25, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 23, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Arizona is hereby amended to include assistance under the Public Assistance program limited to Category F for repair of public utilities in the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 25, 2002:

Apache and Navajo Counties for Category F, Utilities. (Already designated for Public

Assistance Categories A, Debris Removal; C, Roads and Bridges; E, Buildings and Equipment; and Individual Assistance).

(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); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Joe M. Allbaugh,
Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1437-DR]

Louisiana; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Louisiana, (FEMA-1437-DR), dated October 3, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 17, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery
Directorate, Federal Emergency
Management Agency, Washington, DC
20472, (202) 646-2705 or
Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Louisiana is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 3, 2002:

Acadia, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Vermillion Parishes for Categories C through G under the Public Assistance program (already designated for Categories A and B, including direct Federal assistance and Individual Assistance).

East Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, and West Baton Rouge Parishes for Categories C through G under the Public Assistance

program (already designated for Categories A and B).

Allen, Caldwell, Catahoula, East Feliciana, LaSalle, Ouachita, St. Helena, Vernon, Washington, and West Feliciana Parishes for Public Assistance.

Allen, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Washington, and West Baton Rouge Parishes for Individual Assistance.

(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); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Joe M. Allbaugh,
Director.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Advisory to Ocean Common Carriers, Conferences and Discussion Agreements of Such Carriers, Shippers, Shippers' Associations, Ocean Transportation Intermediaries and Tariff Publishers in the Foreign Commerce of the United States Regarding Actions in Response to Congestion at Ports on the West Coast of the United States

October 29, 2002.

The Federal Maritime Commission ("Commission") has been monitoring ongoing developments relating to the congestion and delays that recently have occurred, and may continue for some time, at U.S. West Coast ports. We also have received several inquiries from interested parties as to the legality of certain carrier actions being taken or proposed. Accordingly, the Commission wishes to remind the regulated industry and the shipping public of the general requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1701 *et seq.* ("1984 Act") and of the Commission's rules that govern rate changes that result in an increased cost to the shipper. These provisions should provide guidance to shippers and carriers in this situation.

Section 8(d) of the 1984 Act, and the Commission's rules on tariffs at 46 CFR 520.8, generally prohibit any "change in an existing rate that results in an increased cost to the shipper from

becoming effective earlier than 30 calendar days after publication." The Commission's rules on tariffs state that the "rates, charges, and rules applicable to any given shipment shall be those in effect on the date the cargo is received by the common carrier or its agent including originating carriers in the case of rates for through transportation." 46 CFR 520.7(c).

With respect to service contracts, the public is reminded that the specific terms of individual service contracts generally govern the rates and service obligations of the parties. Any variance from specific terms must be authorized otherwise, either by the terms of the contract itself or by reference therein to other applicable authority, such as carrier rules tariffs which would normally be subject to the 30-day notice requirement. Of course, service contract terms always may be varied by mutual agreement of the parties reflected in an amendment duly filed with the Commission and otherwise consistent with applicable regulations and statutes.

The Commission wishes to caution the industry and the shipping public that these general rules remain in effect and that any actions inconsistent with these rules would be permissible only if they are authorized by other lawful provisions. Specifically, any surcharges published in tariffs that are designed to address the consequences of continuing congestion at U.S. West Coast ports generally should not be instituted without the required 30-day notice, and may be applied only in conformance with the applicable "effective date" rule, cited above. Again, parties to service contracts lawfully may negotiate alternative means of addressing the costs associated with this congestion through amendment of their service contracts.

The Commission recognizes that a host of differing circumstances and questions will arise as the West Coast dock situation continues to unfold. The foregoing does not attempt to address all such matters—it is intended to serve as general guidance. Involved parties who have any uncertainty as to the legality of the actions they are encountering or proposing may wish to obtain legal counsel. The Commission will continue to monitor this situation and is available to answer general questions on applicable legal requirements. Any questions relating to this Advisory or other aspects of common carriers' service in the present situation may be directed to Vern W. Hill, Director, Bureau of Enforcement, at (202) 523-5783 or by electronic mail at vernh@fmc.gov.