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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-101
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
400 PM EDT TUE OCT 24 2000

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: PAUL STOKOLS...ACTING CHIEF
FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT FROM NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BINGHAMTON
NY...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15 2000

ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15 2000...AT 400 A.M. EST...THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE IN BINGHAMTON NEW YORK WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN ISSUING A NEW PRODUCT
CALLED THE DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST. THE DIGITAL FORMAT OF THIS PRODUCT WILL
FACILITATE AUTOMATED PROCESSING BY COMPUTERS.

THE DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST DISPLAYS FORECAST WEATHER PARAMETERS IN UP TO 3-
HOUR INTERVALS. THIS PROVIDES A MORE DETAILED FORECAST AND ALSO MAKES IT
EASIER FOR THE USER TO OBTAIN THE WEATHER PARAMETER/S/ OF CHOICE. IT IS
ESSENTIALLY A DIGITAL DISPLAY OF THE ZONE FORECAST IN MUCH GREATER DETAIL
AND WITH FORECAST PROJECTIONS OUT TO FIVE DAYS. THE NARRATIVE VERSION OF
THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT /ZFP/ WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE.

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER FOR THE DIGITAL ZONE
PRODUCT WILL BE FOUS51 KBGM. THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING
SYSTEM /AWIPS/ HEADER...ON THE SECOND LINE...WILL BE RDFBGM. THE NINE-
CHARACTER PRODUCT INFORMATION LIST /PIL/ IDENTIFIER WILL BE ALBRDFBGM.
CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO ADD THESE IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATION
SYSTEMS IF THEY WISH TO RECEIVE THE DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST.

