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Dear Rena

We have reviewed the NSF policy guidance and UCAR application of that policy with respect to establishing the System User Rates (SUR) for various NCAR facilities. After considerable discussion and deliberation within NSF and with other agency representatives, NSF has determined that for certain facilities the SUR actually provides supplemental income to NCAR and not cost recovery. Therefore, the use of the facilities that provide supplemental income, NSF will set price-based rates (not cost-based) that will promote use by agency partners on a non-interference basis and encourage interagency collaboration and cooperation.

For the ATD and SCD facilities, SUR set for FY 2002 are listed below. All SUR charges are exclusive of per diem costs associated with travel from NCAR.

Facility	Daily Rate ¹	Hourly Rate or Usage Rate ¹
<u>Scientific Computing Division</u>		
General Accounting Units (GAU)		\$21 / GAU
<u>Atmospheric Technology Division</u>		
ISFF	330	
ISS	552	
GLASS	209	
Dropsonde	566	
Tethersonde	43	
ELDORA	663	
S-Pol	3,133	
SABL / Remote Sensing	1320	
Water Vapor DIAL	565	
AIMR	381	
Mechanical Design	421	53
Machine Shop	112	14
C-130		8,900 ²

¹ Rates do not include any expense required for mission specific costs, such as fuel, staff travel, and/or usage costs (e.g., AMR for aircraft). During FY 2001 the combined cost for AMR and hourly fuel for the C-130 was approximately \$1,550.

² NSF will consider changing these rates on a case-by-case basis for those agency programs or computational projects that NSF considers cooperative or collaborative. In case of the C-130, programs that do not have a direct and beneficial relationship to the interests of NCAR and the community, the SUR will be \$17,800 per day, plus AMR and fuel. NSF will also entertain setting a daily minimum SUR if a request is for a small number of hours but spread over a long period of time and would essentially tie-up the facility for the requested period of the program. Requests for changes in the ATD SUR must be submitted in writing to the NSF Lower Atmospheric Facility manager. Approval is delegated to the NSF Lower Atmospheric Facility manager. I remain the approving official for the SCD SUR.

If you have any additional questions please contact Dr. James Huning, NSF Lower Atmospheric Facility Manager, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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