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EFFECTIVE DATE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PRIVATIZATION AND STREAMLINING OF PART 68 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

(CC Docket No. 99-216)

On December 21, 2000, the Commission adopted the *Part 68 Streamlining Order* which amended the Commission's rules governing the connection of terminal equipment to the public switched telephone network in an effort to privatize and streamline the standards development and approval processes.¹ The general requirements privatizing and streamlining these processes became effective on February 23, 2001, thirty days after a summary of the order was published in the Federal Register.²

However, some of the regulations adopted in the *Part 68 Streamlining Order* included information collection that required approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In furtherance of our goal to streamline and privatize the equipment approval processes for terminal equipment, these regulations require parties to provide information to the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) and not to the Commission. For example, we require responsible parties seeking certification from telecommunications certifications bodies (TCBs) or declaring their own equipment to conform to the appropriate technical criteria through the supplier's declaration of conformity (SDoC) process to submit specific information to the public and the ACTA, rather than to the Commission.³ The order explained that "[t]he collections of information contained within are contingent upon approval by the OMB. The Commission will publish a document at a later date establishing the effective date."⁴ OMB approved the amendments to 47 C.F.R. §§ 68.106-68.610 that establish those reporting requirements.⁵ Accordingly, these regulations will become effective upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register. This notice constitutes publication of the effective date of the regulations.

¹ *In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 68 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations*, CC Docket No. 99-216, Report and Order, FCC 00-400, (rel. Dec. 21, 2001) (*Part 68 Streamlining Order*).

² 66 Fed. Reg. 7579 (January 24, 2001).

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 68.218, 68.320, 68.324, 68.604.

⁴ *Part 68 Streamlining Order*, FCC 00-400 at para. 134.

⁵ See OMB No. 3060-0056.

We note that the information collection requirements in § 68.105, as adopted in the *Part 68 Streamlining Order*, were originally established in a separate proceeding as part of the definition of the term “demarcation point” in 47 C.F.R. § 68.3 (1999).⁶ Therefore, that rule will become effective upon OMB approval in the *Competitive Networks* proceeding.

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⁶ See *Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets*, *Wireless Communications Association International, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Section 1.4000 of the Commission’s Rules to Preempt Restrictions on Subscriber Premises Reception or Transmission Antennas Designed to Provide Fixed Wireless Services, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Review of Sections 68.104, and 68.213 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Connection of Simple Inside Wiring to the Telephone Network*, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 99-217, Fifth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 96-98, Fourth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 88-57, 15 FCC Rcd 22983 (2000) (adopting a new definition of ‘demarcation point’), *erratum*, DA 01-750, (rel. March 28, 2001)(*Competitive Networks*).