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OPEN PROCEEDINGS

The following is a listing of current FCC Notices of Proposed Rulemaking and Notices of Inquiry open for public comment, except routine petitions to amend the Table of Allotments. This listing also includes pertinent Public Notices announcing comment subjects and dates. For additional information, contact Marilyn Abraham, Consumer Information Bureau at (202) 418-2374. Please note: as comment and reply comment periods expire, they are deleted from this listing. *Asterisk indicates comment period deadline is past, but reply comment period still is open.

CABLE SERVICES BUREAU

GEN 00-185; NOI 9/28/00 (adopted 9/28/00); FCC 00-355

In the Matter of Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other Facilities.

The Commission is seeking comments to determine what regulatory treatment, if any, should be accorded to cable modem service and the cable modem platform used in providing this service. Comments due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 75 days after publication in the Federal Register.

PN 12/22/00; DA 00-2869

Commission Seeks Comment on USA Media Group, LLP'S Petition for Preemption and Declaratory Ruling Pursuant to Section 253.

On November 3, 2000, USA Media Group, LLC filed a petition pursuant to section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, an amended, 47 U.S.C. § 253, seeking preemption of certain requirements and interpretations of the Truckee Donner Public Utility District. Comments due January 29; replies due February 13. Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1577, Trudy Hercules at (202) 418-2288 or Michelle Russo at (202) 418-2358.

PN 12/22/00; DA 00-2870

Comments Sought on City Signal Communications, Inc. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Concerning Use of Public Rights of Way for Access to Poles in Cleveland Heights, Ohio Pursuant to Section 253.

On October 16, 2000, City Signal Communications, Inc. filed a petition for Declaratory Ruling seeking Commission preemption of the enforcement of any pronouncement, rule, regulation, or ordinance by City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the use of public rights of way to string aerial fiber optic cable on existing utility poles for telecommunications purposes and seeking an order that a permit be granted to construct aerial facilities. Comments due January 30; replies due February 14. Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1577, Trudy Hercules at (202) 418-2288 or Michelle Russo at (202) 418-2358.

PN 12/22/00; DA 00-2871

Comments Sought on City Signal Communications, Inc. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Concerning Use of Public Rights of Way for Access to Poles in Wickliffe, Ohio Pursuant to Section 253.

On November 27, 2000, City Signal Communications, Inc. filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling seeking Commission preemption of the enforcement of any pronouncement, rule, regulation, or ordinance by City of Wickliffe, Ohio that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the use of public rights of way to string aerial fiber optic cable on existing utility poles for telecommunications purposes and seeking an order that a permit be granted to construct aerial facilities. Comments due January 30; replies due February 14. Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1577, Trudy Hercules at (202) 418-2288 or Michelle Russo at (202) 418-2358.

PN 12/22/00; DA 00-2872

Comments Sought on City Signal Communications, Inc. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Concerning Use of Public Rights of Way for Access to Poles in Pepper Pike, Ohio Pursuant to Section 253.

On November 29, 2000, City Signal Communications, Inc. filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling seeking Commission preemption of the enforcement of any pronouncement, rule, regulation, or ordinance by City of Pepper Pike, Ohio that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the use of public rights of way to string aerial fiber optic cable on existing utility poles for telecommunications purposes and seeking an order that a permit be granted to construct aerial facilities. Comments due January 30; replies due February 14. Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1577, Trudy Hercules at (202) 418-2288 or Michelle Russo at (202) 418-2358.

COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

PN 10/13/00; DA 00-2327

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Western Wireless' Supplemental Filing Relating to its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on the Crow Reservation in Montana, Pleading Cycle Established.

On August 4, 1999, Western Wireless filed with the Commission a petition under section 214(e)(6) seeking a designation of eligibility to receive federal universal service support for a service area comprised of the Crow Reservation in Montana. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Richard D. Smith at (202) 418-7400.

CC 00-199; NPRM 10/18/00 (adopted 10/12/00); FCC 00-364

2000 Biennial Regulatory Review.

The Commission is seeking comments on whether and how to streamline significantly the existing accounting and reporting requirements. Phase 2 - Comments due December 21*; replies due January 30; Phase 3 - Comments due January 30; replies due February 28.

CC 96-61; ORDER 11/17/00 (adopted 11/16/00); DA 00-2586

In the Matter of Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace/Implementation of Section 254(G) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended.

The Commission extends the deadline for detariffing mass-market consumer services from January 31, 2001 to April 30, 2001.

CC 96-262; PN 12/07/00; DA 00-2751

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Additional Comment on Issues Relation to CLEC Access Charge Reform.

The Commission is currently considering whether and how to reform the manner in which competitive local exchange carriers may tariff the charges for the switched local exchange access service that they provide to inter-exchange carriers. Pleading Cycle Established. Comments due December 26; replies due January 11. Contact: Scott K. Bergmann at (202) 418-0940 or Jeffrey H. Dygert at (202) 418-1500.

CC 96-45; R&O 12/08/00; (adopted 12/06/00); FCC 00-428

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

The Commission adopted the recommendation for phasing down the interim hold-harmless provision of the forward-looking high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers. Comments due 30 days and replies 45 days from Fed. Register publication. Contact: William Scher at (202) 418-7399.

PN 12/20/00; DA 00-2866

Common Carrier Bureau Grants Motion for Limited Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments on Issues Relating to CLEC Access Charge Reform.

The Commission extends the above caption proceeding comment period to January 11*; replies due January 26. Contact: Scott Bergman at (202) 418-7102 or Jeffrey Dygert at (202) 418-1500.

PN 12/29/00; DA No. 00-2921

Network Services Division Seeks Comment on Petition by Elastic Networks for Part 68 Waiver.

On November 15, 2000, Elastic Networks filed a Petition with the Network Services Division for waiver of the out-of-band signal power limitations contained in section 68.302(e)(1) of the Commission's rules, so that it may register its EtherLoop Modem--trade name Stormport 400--under Part 68 of the rules. Comments due January 22; replies due January 29. Contact: Bill Howden at (202) 418-2343; TTY (202) 418-0484

CC 99-200; CC 96-98; R&O 12/29/00 (adopted 12/07/00); FCC 00-429

Numbering Resource Optimization.

The Commission continues to develop, adopt and implement a number of strategies to ensure that the numbering resources of the NANP are used efficiently. Comments due February 12; replies due March 5. Contact Carmel Weathers at (202) 418-2325.

PN 01/05/01; DA 01-23

Comments Invited on Interoute-Retail, Inc. Application to Discontinue Providing Domestic Services.

On November 14, 2000, Interoute-Retail, Inc. filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the

Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue domestic, interstate operations effective January 15, 2001. Contact: Carmell Weathers 202-418-2325. Comments due January 19, 2001.

PN 01/09/01; DA No. 01-55

First Communications, LLC Seeks Commission Determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" Status Under The Public Utility Holding Company Act.

On November 29, 2000, First Communications, LLC pursuant to section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 as added by section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, filed an application requesting a Commission determination that it is an exempt telecommunications company. Comments due January 16*; replies due January 23. Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-73

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

On August 29, 2000, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission filed a petition requesting additional delegated authority to implement number conservation measures in the state of Minnesota. The Petitioner requests authority to: (1) implement mandatory thousands-block number pooling, and (2) reclaim unused and underused thousands-blocks. Comments due January 12*; replies due January 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-75

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the State of Vermont Public Service Board's Petition for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

On November 29, 2000, the Vermont Public Service Board filed a petition for additional delegated authority to implement number conservation measures in the state of Vermont. The Petitioner requests authority to implement an interim thousands-block number pooling trial.

Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-76

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's Petition for Delegated Authority to implement Mandatory Thousands-Block Number Pooling in the 219 and 317 Numbering Plan Areas.

On September 20, 2000 and October 11, 2000, the Indiana Commission supplemented its petition and requested additional delegated authority to implement mandatory thousands-block number pooling in the 317 and 219 NPAs. Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-77

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the West Virginia Public Service Commission's Petition for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

On December 12, 2000, the West Virginia Public Service Commission filed a petition requesting additional delegated authority to (1) implement thousands-block number pooling; (2) enforce current standards for number allocation or set and enforce new standards; (3) utilize rationing procedures for six months following area code relief; (4) mandate carriers to submit utilization and forecast data and audit such data; (5) reclaim carriers' unused, reserved or under-utilized portions of NXX codes; (6) mandate carriers to assign numbers sequentially; and (7) hear and address claims by individual carriers requesting numbering resources outside the rationing procedures. Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-78

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition of the Missouri Public Service Commission for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

On September 13, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a petition requesting additional delegated authority to implement number conservation measures in the state of Missouri. Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorney at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-79

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Petition for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

On September 20, 2000, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission filed a petition for additional delegated authority to implement number conservation measures in the state of Oklahoma. Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-80

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

On August 18, 2000, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority filed a petition requesting additional delegated authority to implement number conservation measures in the state of Tennessee. Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/12/01; DA 01-94

Event (Triplepoint) LLC Seeks Commission Determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" Status Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act.

On December 15, 2000, eVent a Delaware limited liability company pursuant to section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 as added by Section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, filed an application requesting a Commission determination that it is an exempt telecommunications company. Comments due January 30; replies due February 6. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

PN 01/12/01; DA 01-95

Comments Invited on WorldCom Network Services, Inc. Application to Discontinue Providing Domestic Services.

On November 30, 2000, WorldCom Network Services, Inc. filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue WorldCom's offering of all services governed by WorldCom Network Services Triff FCC No. 8, effective on or about January 1, 2001. Comments due January 25. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

PN 01/12/01; DA 01-96

Comments Invited on Pre-Pay Long Distance, Inc. Application to Discontinue Providing Domestic Services.

On December 7, 2000, Pre-Pay Long Distance, Inc. filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic, interstate operations. Comments due January 26. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

PN 01/12/01; DA 01-97

Comments Invited on ATI Rentals, Inc. Application to Discontinue Providing Domestic Services.

On December 7, 2000, ATI Rentals Inc. filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic, interstate operations. Comments due January 26. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

CC 96-45; FNPRM 01/12/01 (adopted 01/10/01) FCC 01-08

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

The Commission seeks comment on the Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service regarding a plan for reforming the rural universal service support mechanism. Comments due 30 days from publication in the Federal Register and replies due 45 days from publication in the Federal Register.

PN 01/16/01; DA 01-106

Comments Requested on the Application for Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In -Region, InterLata Service in the State of Massachusetts.

On January 16, 2001, Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), and Verizon Global Networks Inc. filed an application for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the State of Massachusetts, pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. § 271. Comments due on or before February 6, 2001. Contact: Eric Einhorn at (202) 418-1580 or Michael Balmoris at (202) 418-0253.

CC 96-45, 98-166, 98-77, 00-256; NPRM 01/05/01 (adopted 12/21/00) FCC 00-448

Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers.

The Commission seeks comment on Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the Multi-Association Group. The Petition sets forth an interstate access reform and universal service support proposal for incumbent local exchange carriers subject to rate-of-return regulation. Comment due 30 days and replies 45 day from Fed. Reg. publication.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB 00-203; NPRM 10/24/00 (adopted 10/13/00); FCC 00-369

FWCC Request for Declaratory Ruling on Partial-Band Licensing of Earth Stations in the Fixed-Satellite Service that Share Terrestrial Spectrum.

The Commission seeks comment on this adopted notice of proposed rulemaking designed to promote efficient use of the radio spectrum and wide access to electronic commerce in under served rural areas of America. Comments due 45 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 75 days from publication in the Federal Register.

IB 00-248; NPRM 12/14/00; (adopted 12/11/00); FCC 00-435

2000 Biennial Regulatory Review -- Streamlining and Other Revisions of Part 25 of the Commission's Rules et al.

The Commission seeks comment on steps to facilitate licensing of earth stations.

PN 12/15/00; DA 00-2826

International Bureau Invites Further Comment Regarding Adoption of 911 Requirements for Satellite Services.

The Commission seeks additional comments regarding implementation of 911 emergency-call features in satellite systems providing commercial mobile radio service. Comments due February 19; replies due March 6. Contact: William Bell at (202) 418-0741.

MASS MEDIA BUREAU

MM 00-244; NPRM 12/13/00 (adopted 12/06/00); FCC 00-427

Definition of Radio Markets.

The Commission is seeking comment on whether and how it should determine the dimension of radio markets and whether and how to count the number of stations in the markets.

OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

ET 98-237; 1st R&O and 2nd NPRM 10/24/00 (adopted 10/12/00); FCC 00-363

Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the 3650-3700 MHz Government Transfer Band.

The Commission adopted rules allocating the 50 megahertz of spectrum in the 3650-3700 MHz band to the fixed and mobile terrestrial services on a primary basis, facilitating the provision of a broad range of services. Proposed licensing and service rules for assignment of licenses in this band by competitive bidding. Comments due 30 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 60 days from publication in the Federal Register.

ET 00-47; NPRM 12/08/00 (adopted 12/07/00) FCC 00-430

Authorization and Use of Software Defined Radios.

Proposed amending Part 2 of rules to streamline the equipment authorization procedures for software defined radios. Comments due 75 days and replies 135 days from publication in Fed. Register.

1st R&O 12/8/00 and FNRPM 12/8/00 (adopted 11/29/00); FCC 00-418

Amend. of Parts 2 and 25 of Rules to Permit Operation of NGSO FSS Systems Co-Frequency with GSO and Terrestrial Systems in the Ku-Band.

Permitted non-geostationary satellite orbit fixed-satellite service providers to operate in certain segment of the Ku-band and adopted rules and policies to govern operations. Comments due 45 days and replies 60 days after Fed. Reg. publication. Contact: Tom Mooring at (202) 418-2450

NPRM 01/05/01; (adopted 12/29/00) FCC 00-455

Amendment of Part of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services Including Third Generation Wireless Systems.

Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Systems. Comments due 30 days and replies 45 days from Fed. Reg. publication.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

NPRM 12/15/00 (adopted 10/30/00); FCC 00-392

Amendment of Section 1.1204 of the Commission's Ex Parte Rules.

The Commission proposed modifying one of the rules governing the permissibility of Ex Parte presentations in FCC proceedings. Comments due 30 days and replies 45 days after Federal Register publication. Contact: David Senzel at (202) 418-1720

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

WT 96-86; Fourth NPRM 8/2/00 (adopted 7/25/00); FCC 00-271

The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010.

In this Fourth Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the Commission is considering various technical and operational issues regarding the use of interoperability frequencies in the 764-776 MHz and 794-806 MHz frequency bands. Comments can be filed 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; reply comments can be filed 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

WT 00-193; NPRM 11/01/00 (adopted 10/04/00); FCC 00-361

Automatic and Manual Roaming Obligations Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Services.

The Commission initiated new proceeding to consider adopting an "automatic" roaming rule and whether to sunset the "manual" roaming requirement. Comments due January 5*; replies due February 5. Contact: Paul Murray at (202) 418-0688.

WT 00-230; NPRM 11/27/00 (adopted 11/9/00); FCC 00-402

Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum Through Elimination of Barriers to the Development of Secondary Markets.

Open proceedings to examine a number of actions the FCC might take to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to the development of more robust secondary markets in radio spectrum usage rights. Comments due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 30 days after comment date.

PN 12/06/00; DA 00-2696

Comments Invited on Philadelphia Metropolitan Area (Region 58) Public Safety Regional Plan Amendment.

On September 21, 2000, Region 28 submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan that would revise the current allotments to reflect changes made as a result of Region 28 Filing Window 6A. Comments due January 8*; replies due January 23.

WT 99-217; ORDER 12/4/00 (adopted 12/01/00); DA 00-2720

In the Matter of Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets.

On November 21, 2000, the Real Access Alliance filed a motion for extension of time to file comments and reply comments on the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 99-217. The Commission granted the pleading cycle and extended the time in this proceeding to January 22, 2001 for comments and February 21, 2001 for replies.

PN 12/26/00; DA 00-2907

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on a Draft Programming Agreement With Respect To Co-Locating Wireless Antennas on Existing Structures.

The Commission is requesting comments on a Nationwide Programmatic Agreement, that would adopt streamlined procedures for review of co-locations of antennas under the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 470 *et seq.* Comments due January 23. Contact: Joel Taubenblatt at (202) 418-1513.

PN 01/09/01; DA 01-38

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request by Maritel, Inc. for Waiver of Part 80 Regulations to Permit use of 12.5 KHZ Radio Equipment Operating in the 156-162 MHZ Frequency Band.

Comments due February 6; replies due February 20. Contact: Jeff Tobias at (202) 418-1617, TTY (202) at 418-7233.

PN 01/10/01; DA 01-68

Mobex License Company and Nextel Communications, Inc. Seek Consent to Assign 800 and 900 MHZ SMR Licenses.

Petitions/Comments due February 9; oppositions/replies due February 16. Contact: Lauren Kravetz, Monica Desai, Susan Singer, or John Branscome at (202) 418-7240.

PN 01/17/01; DA 01-120

Price Communications Corporation and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Seek FCC Consent for Assignment of Wireless Licenses.

Price Communications Corporation and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, have filed applications pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 310(d), seeking Commission approval for the assignment to Cellco of licenses in the Cellular Radiotelephone and Fixed Microwave services. Comments due February 16; replies due February 26. Contact: Lauren Kravetz or John Branscome at (202) 418-7240 (Part 22) and Jamison Prime at (202) 418-0680 (Part 101).