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February 20, 2001

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.

CS 01-07; NOI 01/18/01 (adopted 01/12/01); FCC-01-15

Nondiscrimination in the Distribution of Interactive Television Services Over Cable.

The Commission is seeking comment on the initiated proceeding on interactive TV. Comments due: March 19; replies due April 20. Contact Darryl Cooper at (202) 418- 1039

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 comment 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* to April 30, 2001.

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 publication in the Federal Register. Contact: William Scher at (202) 418-7399.

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 01/11/01; DA 01-69

Comments Sought on Update of Cost Allocation Manuals ASD 01-1 - 01-15.

Contact: Ed Dashkin at (202) 418-0806

CC 96-98, CC 99-200; PN 01/11/01; DA 01-73

Common Carrier Seeks Comment on the State of Minnesota's Petition for Additional Authority to implement number Conservation Measurea.

The Commission is seeking comment on the Minnesota Commission's request for additional delegated authority to implement the number conservation measures to the extent that they are not superseded by the national numbering resource optimization measures addressed in the *Numbering Resource Optimization* proceeding. Comments due February 12*; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY (202) 418-0484.

PN 01/11/01; DA 01-75

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.

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 Inter Exchange Carriers.

The Commission is seeking 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 due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

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.

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

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

The Commission is seeking 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 and replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

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 Inter exchange Carriers.

CC 96-98, 99-200; PN 01/11/01; DA 01-73

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the State of Minnesota's Petition for Additional Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures. Pleading Cycle Established.

The Commission is seeking comment on the Minnesota Commission's request for additional delegated authority to implement the number conservation measures to the extent that they are not superseded by the national numbering resource optimization measures addressed in the *Numbering Resource Optimization* proceeding. Comments due February 12; replies due February 28. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

CC 94-129, CC 00-257; 3rd FNPRM 01/18/01 (adopted 12/27/00); FCC 00-451

2000 Biennial Regulatory Review-Review of Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers.

The Commission is seeking comment on expedited procedures for handling the sale or transfer of subscribers that will adequately protect consumers as a part of our biennial regulatory review. Comments due 21 days after publication in the Federal Register and replies due 31 days after publication in the Federal Register. Judy Boley at (202) 418-0214.

CC 99-301; 2nd NPRM 01/19/01 (adopted 01/17/01) FCC 01-19

Local Competition and Broadband Reporting.

The Commission is seeking comment on how to refine or improve the data gathering effort to assess the degree of deployment of broadband services and the development of local competition. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register and replies due 45 after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Scott Bergmann at (202) 418-7102.

CC 96-98. 98-147; 3rd R&O on Recon., 4th R&O Recon., 3rd FNPRM, 6th NPRM 01/19/01(adopted 01/19/01) FCC 01-26

Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability et al.

The Commission addressed five petitions for reconsideration and/or clarification of its Line Sharing Order and is seeking comment in the proceeding. Comments due 21 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 35 days after publication in the Federal Register.

CC 96-45; FNPRM 01/23/01(adopted 01/22/01) FCC 01-31

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

The Commission is seeking comment on implementation of the Children's Internet Protection Act. Comments due 15 days after publication in the Federal Register and replies 22 days after publication in the Federal Register.

CC 96-98; PN 01/24/01; DA 01-169

Comments Sought on the Use of Unbundled Network Elements to Provide Exchange Access Services.

On June 2, 2000, the Commission issued a Supplement Order Clarification in the above caption proceeding that extended and clarified the temporary constraint on the ability of requesting carriers to use combination of unbundled network elements to provide exchange access service. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Jodie Donovan-May or Tom Navin at (202) 418-1580

PN 01/29/01; DA 01-209

AT&T/Worldcom Pleading Cycle Established - Applications for Review.

On January 16, 2001, AT&T Corporation and WorldCom, Inc. filed applications requesting review by the Commission of action taken by the Common Carrier Bureau pursuant to delegated authority. Comments due February 13*; replies due February 23. Contact: Joi Roberson Nolen at (202) 418-1520.

CC 96-45; PN 01/30/01; DA 01-232

Amana Colonies Telephone Company d/b/a Hickorytech and Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa and South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company Seek a Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" in Part 36 and Section 69.605(C) of the Commission's Rules.

On December 13, 2000, Amana Colonies Telephone Company d/b/a Hickory Tech and Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa and South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company filed a joint petition for waiver of the definition of "study area" as set forth in Part 36 of the Commission's rules. Comments due February 19*; replies due March 1. Contact: Adrian Wright at (202) 418-7400; TTY at (202) 418-0484.

PN 02/01/01; DA 01-244

4MTV Corporation Seeks Commission Determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" Status Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act. Pleading Cycle Established.

On January 4, 2001, 4MTV Corporation 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 February 19*; replies due February 26. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320, TTY at (202) 418-0484.

CC 96-45; PN 02/01/01; DA 01-267

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Moultrie Independent Telephone Company's Request for Clarification of the Affiliate Sale/Lease-Back Rules Under Part 36 of the Commission's Rules. Pleading Cycle Established.

On March 29, 1999, Moultrie Independent Telephone Company filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding the treatment of sale/lease-back arrangements between a carrier and its affiliate. Comments due February 16;* replies due February 26. Contact: William Cox at (202) 418-7400, TTY at (202) 418-0484.

CC 96-45; PN 02/02/01; DA 01-278

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Western Wireless' Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

On January 19, 2001, Western Wireless Corporation filed with the Commission a petition under section 214(e)(6) seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to receive federal

universal service support for the provision of service on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Richard D. Smith or Anita Cheng at (202) 418-7400; TTY at (202) 418-0484.

PN 02/02/01; DA 01-281

NECA 2001 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas For July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

On December 28, 2000, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. filed proposed 2001 Modification of Average Schedules with the Commission pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §69.606. Comments due March 5; replies due March 26. Contact: Stephen Burnett at (202) 418-2257, TTY at (202) 418-0484.

PN 02/05/01; DA 01-297

Entel -Chile and Stet International Netherlands N.V. Seeks Consent for Stet to Acquire Domestic Telecommunications Lines Held by Americatel Corporation. Pleading Cycle Established. Comments due February 19*; replies due February 26. Contact Bill Dever at (202) 418-1580.

PN 02/05/01; DA 01-301

AT&T and Sprint File Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on CLEC Access Charge Issues. Pleading Cycle Established.

On January 19, 2001, AT&T and Sprint each filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling with the Commission pursuant to the District Court's referral. The Commission is seeking comments on the petitions. Comments due February 20; replies due March 2. Contact: Tamara Preiss at (202) 418-1520.

PN 02/05/01

Comment Sought on Verizon Massachusetts Request For Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide One-Way Expanded Local Calling Service. Pleading Cycle Established. Comments due February 16*; reply due March 2. Contact: Alan Thomas at (202) 418-2320, TTY at (202) 418-0484.

PN 02/05/01

Comment Sought on BellSouth Requests for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service Between Certain Exchanges in Louisiana. Pleading Cycle Established. Comments due February 16*; replies due March 2. Contact: Alan Thomas at (202) 418-2320, TTY at (202) 418-0484.

PN 02/06/01; DA 01-290

Sprint Files Pricing Flexibility Petition Pleading Cycle Established.

On February 1, 2001, the Sprint local telephone companies filed a petition seeking pricing flexibility in the provision of dedicated transport and special access services pursuant to section 1.774 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774. Comments due February 16*; replies due February 26. Contact: Joi Roberson Nolen at (202) 418-1520.

CC 96-98; PN 02/09/01; DA 01-341

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Florida PSC Petition for Expedited Decision for the Release of a New Area Code to Provide Relief for the 561 Numbering Plan Area.

The Commission seeks comment on the request of the Florida Public Service Commission for the release of a new area code to provide relief for the 561 numbering plan area. Comments due March 9; replies due March 23. Contact: Sanford Williams at (202) 418-2320, TTY (202) 418-0484.

W-P-D-480; PN 02/12/01; DA 01-362

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

On December 18, 2000, OpTel, Inc. filed an application for itself and for its affiliates and subsidiaries 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 facilities-based and resold interstate and interexchange service. Comments due February 22. Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320 or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, TTY (202) 418-0484.

W-P-D-481; PN 02/12/01; DA 01-363

Comments Invited on MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. Application to Discontinue Domestic Services--OnLine Card Services.

On December 20, 2000, MCI WorldCom Communications, 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 OnLine Card Services. Comments due March 2. Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320 or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, TTY (202) 418-0484.

W-P-D- 482; PN 02/12/01; DA 01-364

Comments Invited on MCI Worldcom Communications, Inc. Application to Discontinue Domestic Services--MetroMedia Calling Card, MFS IntelNet Calling Card Service and Travel Card Service.

On December 20, 2000, MCI Worldcom Communications, 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 Metromedia Calling Card, MFS Intelenet Calling Card Service, and Travel Card Service. Comments due March 2. Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320, or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325.

ETC 01-02; PN 02/12/01; DA 01-365

AGL Networks, LLC Seeks Commission Determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" Status Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act. Pleading Cycle Established.

On January 11, 2001, AGL Networks, 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: February 22; replies due March 1. Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320 or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, TTY (202) 418-0484.

ETC 01-03; PN 02/12/01; DA 01-366

KeySpan MHK Inc. Seeks Commission Determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" Status Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act.

On January 12, 2001, KeySpan MHK, Inc. 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 February 22; replies due March 1. Contact: Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320 or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, TTY (202) 418-0484.

PN 02/13/01; DA 01-384

Common Carrier Bureau Announces the Comment and Reply Comment Dates Relating to Western Wireless' Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Comments due March 12; replies due March 26. Contact: Richard D. Smith at (202) 418-7400.

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 and replies due 75 days after 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 is seeking comment on steps to facilitate licensing of earth stations. Comments due March 26; replies due April 23.

PN 12/15/00; DA 00-2826

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

The Commission is seeking 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.

MM 00-39; R&O and FNPRM 01/19/01 (adopted 01/18/01) FCC 01-24

Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television.

The Commission resolved several issues crucial to the rapid conversion of the nation's broadcast television system from analog to digital. Comments due April 6; replies due May 7. Contact: Roger Holberg at (202) 418-2134.

PN 02/07/01; DA 01-325

Comment Sought on the Weather Channel Request for Clarification of Emergency Information Rules.

Comments due February 27; replies due March 9. Contact: Eric J. Bash at (202) 418-1188.

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 and replies due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

ET 98-206; 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 Federal Register publication. Contact: Tom Mooring at (202) 418-2450

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 due 135 days from publication in the Federal Register.

ET 98-153; PN 01/24/01; DA 01-171

Comments Requested on Test Data Submitted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Regarding Potential Interference from Ultra-Wide Band and Transmission Systems.

On January 18, 2001, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration released two reports containing analyses of data it collected regarding the potential for ultra-wideband transmission systems to cause harmful interference to U.S. Government radio operations

between 400 MHz and 6000 MHz. Comments due February 23; replies due March 12. Contact: John Reed at (202) 418-2455.

ET 00-221; PN 01/24/01; DA 01-172

FCC Encourages Comment on NTIA Proposed Reimbursement Rules

The Commission is seeking comment on the above caption proceeding. Contact: Ira Keltz at (202) 418-0616.

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 publication in the Federal Register. 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 00-230; 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 and replies due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

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 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.

WT 96-86; 4th R&O and 5th NPRM 01/17/01 (adopted 01/11/01) FCC 01-10

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

Adopted various technical and operational rules and policies regarding the use of frequencies in the 764-776 MHz and 794-806 MHz bands designated for interoperability uses. The Commission is seeking comments on the NCC's recommendations and certain related issues. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

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).

PN 01/18/01; DA 01-135

Cingular Wireless LLC and VoiceStream Wireless Corporation Seek FCC Consent for Assignment of PCS Licenses.

Cingular Wireless LLC and VoiceStream Wireless Corporation have filed applications pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 310(d), seeking

Commission consent to the full or partial assignment of certain broadband Personal Communications Services licenses held by subsidiaries of Cingular and VoiceStream, as part of a proposed license exchange. Comments/petitions due February 20; replies/oppositions due March 2. Contact: Lauren Kravetz or John Branscome at (202) 418-7240.

PN 01/22/01; DA 01-151

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Informal Request of American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials for Certification to Provide Frequency Coordination for 800 MHz Private Land Mobile Radio Service Frequencies.

On December 4, 2000, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials filed an information request for frequency coordination certification in the 800 MHz Private Land Mobile Radio Service Public Safety Radio Service Frequencies. The Commission is seeking comment on AASHTO's request. Comments due February 21; replies due March 8. Contact: John Evanoff at (202) 418-0848.

PN 01/22/01; DA 01-152

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Informal Request of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., and the International Municipal Signal Association for Certification to Provide Frequency Coordination for 800 and 900 MHz Private Land Mobile Radio Service Frequencies.

On July 6, 2000, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., and the International Municipal Signal Association filed an informal request for frequency coordination certification in the 800 MHz and 900 MHz Public Safety Pool Private Land Mobile Radio Service frequencies. The Commission is seeking comment on IAFC/IMSA's request. Comments due: February 21; replies due March 8. Contact: Freda Thyden at (202) 418-0627 or John Evanoff at (202) 418-0848.

PN 02/01/01; DA 01-280

Five Entities Seeks Declaratory Ruling Pursuant to Section 310(B)(4) Allowing Indirect foreign Ownership Resulting from the Proposed Acquisition of Voicestream Wireless Corporation by DeutscheTelekom AG, and Iowa Wireless Seeks Declaratory Ruling Pursuant to Section 310(b)(D). Comments due February 22; replies due March 8.

PN 02/02/01; DA 01-264

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Waiver by DuPage Public Safety Communications to Obtain a License for Eight Unassigned Frequencies Allocated for Non-Public Safety Use.

On December 22, 1000, DuPage Public Safety Communications filed an application and a request for waiver to permit it to use for public safety purposes eight radio frequencies allocated

for non-public safety use in the Chicago, Illinois, metropolitan area. Comments due February 20; replies due February 27. Contact: Michael Connelly at (202) 418-0680, TTY at (202) 418-7233.

PN 02/06/01; DA 01-295

Repeater Communications Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc. Seek Consent to Assign 800 MHZ SMR Licenses

Repeater Communications Corporation and Nextel Communications of Texas, Inc., have filed applications under Section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking Commission approval to assign 23 licenses in the 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio service held by Repeater Communications Corporation to Nextel. Comments due: March 9; replies due March 19. Contact: Monica Desai, Susan Singer or John Branscome at (202) 418-7240.

PN 02/12/01; DA 01-360

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Waiver and Proposed Airtime Capacity Agreement.

On December 15, 2000, James A. Kay, Jr. filed a waiver request with the Commission pursuant to section 1.925 of the Commission rules. Comments due February 27; replies due March 9. Contact: Don Johnson or Paul Murray at (202) 418-7240.

PN 02/14/01; DA 01-393

800 MHZ Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Service Frequencies in the Lower 80 Channels. Pleading Cycle Established.

The long-form applications for 800 MHz SMR Service Frequencies in the Lower 80 Channels licenses have been accepted for filing. Petitions to deny the applications must be filed no later than February 26, 2001. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2108(b). Oppositions to the petition must be filed no later than March 5, 2001. See 47 C.F.R. § C.F.R. 1.2108(c). Replies to oppositions must be filed no later than March 12, 2001. Contact: Gary Oshinsky at (202) 418-7240.

PN 02/14/01; DA 01-394

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants 800 MHZ Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Service General Category (851-854 MHZ) and Upper Band (861-865 MHZ) Auction Licenses.

On January 29, 2001, the Commission announced that it is prepared to grant applications for 6 licenses to A.R.C. Inc. Comments due February 26; replies due March 5. Contact: Gary Oshinsky or Erin McGrath at (202) 418-7240 or Meribeth McCarrick at (202) 418-0654.