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June 4, 2001

OPEN PROCEEDINGS

The following is a listing of current FCC Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) and Notices of Inquiry (NOIs) open for public comment; however, routine petitions to amend the Table of Allotments are not included. This listing also includes pertinent Public Notices (PNs) 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. An asterisk indicates comment period deadline is past, but reply comment period is still open.

CABLE SERVICES BUREAU

PN 03/28/01; DA 01-780

Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals, Amendments to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Published in the Federal Register, March 26, 2001.

Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals, Amendments of Part 76 of the Commission's Rules, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-22 (CS Docket Nos. 98-120, 00-96, 00-2) regarding cable carriage of broadcast digital television pursuant to mandatory carriage and retransmission consent has been published in the Federal Register, 66 Fed. Reg. 16523, 16532 (March 26, 2001). Comments due May 10*; replies due June 25. Contact: Michelle Russo at 418-2358. TTY: (202) 418-7172.

CS 98-120, 00-96, 00-2; ORDER 04/25/01 (adopted 04/24/01); FCC 01-22

Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals and Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999.

Order issued to extend the period for filing comments on the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the above captioned proceeding. Comments due June 11; replies due July 26. Contact: Eloise Gore at (202) 418-7200.

MM 92-266; ORDER 05/17/01 (05/15/01) DA 01-1219

In the Matter of Implementation of Section 3 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992.

The Commission ordered cable systems subject to the price survey requirements described in the above captioned proceeding to complete and return the questionnaire no later than July 21.

COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

CC 95-20, 98-10; PN 03/07/01; DA 01-620

Further Comment Requested to Update and Refresh Record on Computer III Requirements.

The Commission seeks comment on whether ISPs can obtain, under the ONA framework, the telecommunications service inputs that they require from the BOCs, including Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) 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 Jessica Rosenworcel at (202) 418-1580.

CC 96-98, PN 04/23/01; DA 01-1041

Common Carrier Bureau Grants Motion for Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments on BOC Joint Motion Regarding Unbundled Network Elements.

On April 5, 2001, BellSouth Corporation and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., BellSouth Commissions, Inc., and Verizon Telephone Companies filed a Joint Petition asking the Commission to find that high-capacity loops and dedicate transport should not be subject to mandatory unbundling. Comments due June 11; replies due June 25. Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1580.

CC 96-45; FNPRM 04/30/01 (adopted 04/26/01); FCC 01-143

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

The Commission seeks comment on a proposed rule change to give funding priority to requests for internal connections made by individual schools and libraries that did not receive funding commitments for internal connections during the previous funding year.

The Commission also seeks comment on proposed administrative modifications to its rules to provide additional time for recipients under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism to implement contracts or agreements with service providers for non-recurring

services. Comments due 15 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 22 days after publication in the Federal Register.

CC 96-98, CC 99-200; PN 05/03/01; DA 01-1129

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for Delegation of Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures.

The Commission seeks comment on the South Carolina Commission's request for delegated authority to implement the number conservation measures mentioned in the above captioned proceeding. Comments due June 1*; replies due June 22. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320.

PN 05/04/01; DA 01-1140

Comments Sought on Roseville Telephone Company's CAM.

On April 30, 2001, Roseville Telephone Company filed revisions to its cost allocation manual in accordance with Section 64.903 of the Commission's rules. Comments due June 5; replies due June 20. Contact: Debbie Weber at (202) 418-0812.

PN 05/04/01; DA 01-1141

Comments Sought on Cost Allocation Manual Revisions by Verizon East and West Operating Companies.

On April 30, 2001, Verizon Communications East Operating Companies and Verizon Communications West Operating Companies filed revisions to their cost allocation manuals in accordance with Section 64.903 of the Commission's rules. Comments due June 5; replies due June 20. Contact: Kim Yee at (202) 418-0805.

CC 96-45; PN 05/08/01; DA 01-1154

Oklahoma Telephone & Telegraph, Inc. Seek a Waiver of Section 36.621(a)(4) In Part 36 of the Commission's Rules. Pleading Cycle Established.

On April 30, 2001, Oklahoma Telephone & Telegraph, Inc. pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, filed a letter seeking a waiver of the corporate operations expense limitation in section 36.621(a)(4)(ii) of the Commission's rules to allow it to include its actual corporations expenses in the calculation of its Federal USF expense adjustment. Comments due May 30*; replies due June 11. Contact: Antoinette Stevens at (202) 418-7400, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

CC 96-45, 98-171; NPRM 05/08/01 (adopted 04/26/01); FCC 01-145

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review

Streamlining Contributor Reporting Requirements et al.

Proposed streamlining and reforming both the manner in which the Commission assesses carrier contributions to the universal service fund and the manner in which carriers may recover those costs from their customers. Comments due 30 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days from publication in the Federal Register.

PN 05/10/01; DA 01-1162

BellSouth Files Petition for Waiver of Filing Requirement for Pricing Flexibility For New Services. Pleading Cycle Established.

On April 30, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a petition for waiver of the requirement that it submit pricing flexibility requests for new services as part of its annual access charge tariff filing. Comments due May 25*; replies due June 4. Contact: Lynne Milne at (202) 418-1520, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

PN 05/14/01; DA 01-1211

Common Carrier Bureau Requests Comment on Crandall Declaration.

On April 30, 2001, the United States Telecom Association (USTA) filed reply comments as requested by the Commission's Public Notice in CC Docket No. 96-98 inviting comment on issues raised in conjunction with the use of unbundled network elements to provide exchange access service. USTA attached to its reply comments a declaration by Robert W. Crandall. Comments on the Crandall Declaration is due June 11; replies due June 25. Contact: Jeremy Miller or Julie Veach at (202) 418-1580.

CC 92-237; PN 05/15/01; DA 01-1213

North American Billing and Collection, Inc. (NBANC) Submits The Contribution Factor and Fund Size Estimate for North American Numbering Plan Administration for July 2001 through June 2002.

The NBANC Board of Directors recommends that the current contribution factor of 0.000043 remain in effect for the upcoming fund year until issues regarding the implementation of thousands-block number pooling, audits, and a replacement for the Central Office Code Utilization Survey are resolved. Comments due: May 30*; replies due June 7. Contact: Sanford Williams at (202) 418-2320.

CC 90-571; PN 05/15/2001; DA 01-1214

National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Submits the Payment Formula and Fund Size Estimate for Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund for July 2001 through June 2002.

NECA proposes a carrier contribution factor of 0.00073, and a fund size requirement of \$59.4 million. NECA also proposes a reimbursement rate for traditional TRS of \$1.309 per completed interstate conversation minute, a speech to speech reimbursement rate of \$2.62 per completed interstate conversation minute, and a video relay service reimbursement rate of \$7.449 per completed interstate or intrastate conversation minute. Comments due May 30*; replies due June 7. Contact: Sanford Williams at (202) 418-2320.

PN 05/22/01; DA 01-1233

Comments on Cost Allocation Manual Revisions Filed by Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company.

On May 11, 2001, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company filed revisions to its cost allocation manual in accordance with Section 64.903 of the Commission's rules. Comments due June 23; replies due July 9. Contact: Colleen Nibbe at (202) 418-0388.

PN 05/25/01; DA 01-1299

Comp Tel Files Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charges. Pleading Cycle Established.

On May 16, 2001, the Competitive Telecommunications Association pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, petitioned the Commission to initiate a rulemaking proceeding revising its policies governing the federally-tariffed charges of incumbent local exchange carriers for changing the presubscribed interexchange carrier for end-user subscribers. Comments due June 18; replies due July 2. Contact: Jennifer McKee at 202-418-1530

ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

EB 01-66; NPRM 03/20/01 (adopted 03/13/01); FCC 01-88

Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The Commission seeks comment on requested revisions to the Part 11 rules governing the Emergency Alert System (EAS) set forth in petitions for rulemaking filed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service and the Society of Broadcast Engineers. In addition, the Commission proposed to revise Part 11 of the Rules to eliminate references to the now-defunct Emergency Action Notification network and its participants. Further, the Commission proposed to amend Part 11 to delete the requirement that international High Frequency broadcast stations purchase and install EAS Equipment. Comments due 75 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 105 days after publication in the Federal Register.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB 01-96; NPRM 05/03/01 (adopted 04/19/01) FCC 01-134

In the Matter of the Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit, Fixed Satellite Service in the Ku-Band.

The Commission initiates a proceeding to determine the means by which multiple satellite network licensees will share spectrum recently designated for the non-geostationary satellite orbit, fixed-satellite service. Comments due June 18; replies due July 19. Contact: Mark Young at (202) 418-0762.

MASS MEDIA BUREAU

PN 05/08/01; DA 01-1169

Comment Sought on the Advertising Council Request for Declaratory Ruling or Waiver Concerning Sponsorship Identification Rules.

On March 27, 2001, the Advertising Council, Inc. filed a Request for an Expedited Declaratory Ruling or Waiver of Section 317 of the Communications Act. Comments due May 29*; replies due June 8. Contact: Hope Cooper at (202) 418-1440.

PN 05/22/01; DA 01-1264

Comment Sought on "Petition for Inquiry into Network Practices" Filed by Network Affiliated Stations Alliance.

On March 8, 2001, Network Affiliated Stations Alliance filed a Petition for Inquiry into Network Practices. The Commission seeks comment on the Petition and the responses to the Petition. Comments due June 23; replies due August 22. Contact: Mania K. Baghdadi at (202) 418-2120.

PN 05/24/01; DA 01-1245

Deadline for NCE Settlements and Supplements Extended to July 19, 2001; Date for Calculating Comparative Qualifications Remains June 4, 2001, Mass Media Bureau Provides Examples of Applications of NCE Section 307(b) Criteria.

The Mass Media Bureau provides additional information regarding the processing of pending closed group applications for reserved channel noncommercial educational broadcast stations.

Settlement and deadline extended but date for determining qualifications unchanged. Contact: Irene Bleiweiss at (202) 418-2700 or Edward P. De La Hunt at (202) 418-2700.

OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

GN 01-74; NPRM 03/28/01 (adopted 03/16/01); FCC 01-91

Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59).

The Commission proposed to reallocate the 698-746 MHz spectrum band, currently comprising television ("TV") Channels 52-59. Comments due May 14*; replies due June 4.

ET 99-231; FNPRM & ORDER 05/11/01 (adopted 05/10/01); FCC 01-158

Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Spread Spectrum Devices, WI-LAN, Inc. et al.

The Commission propose to amend Part 15 of its rules to improve spectrum sharing by unlicensed devices operating in the 2.4 GHz band (2400 - 2483.5 MHz), provide for introduction of new digital transmission technologies, and eliminate unnecessary regulations for spread spectrum systems. Comments due 75 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 105 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact Neal L. McNeil at (202) 418-2408, TTY (202) 418-2989.

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

WT 94-102, PN 04/23/01; DA 01-1042

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Wireless E911 Phase II Waiver Request Filed by Carolina PCS I, LP.

On February 6, 2001, Carolina PCS I, LP requested a waiver rule to permit it to deploy a hybrid ALI approach for its Global System for Mobile Co. network that would include both network and handset upgrades. Comments due May 23*; replies due June 7. Contact: Jennifer Tomchin at (202) 418-1310.

WT 01-97; NPRM 05/07/01(adopted 04/27/01); FCC 01-148

In the Matter of Amendment of Section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission's Rules to Revise the Authorized Duty Cycle on 173.075 MHz.

The Commission seeks comment on a proposal to amend Section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission's Rules to revise the authorized duty cycle for stolen vehicle recovery system (SVRS) operations on 173.075 MHz. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Freda Lippert Thyden at (202) 418-0627, TTY: (202) 418- 7233.

PN 05/15/01; DA 01-1191

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Waiver by Shell Chemical Company to Obtain a License for Eleven Unassigned UHF Public Mobile Service Channel Pairs.

On February 28, 2001, Shell Chemical Company filed an application and a request for waiver to use the eleven unassigned Part 22 Public Mobile Service UHF channel pairs for use in Deer Park, Texas. Comments due: June 12; replies due June 26. Contact: Guy Benson at (202) 418-0680, TTY (202) 418-7233.

PN 05/15/01; DA 01-1216

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Requests for Waiver of Part 22 Air-Ground Radio Telephone Service Rules.

On April 9, 2001, Claircom Licensee Corporation and GTE Airfone Incorporated submitted separate requests for joint waiver of a number of commercial Air-Ground Radiotelephone Service licensing rules. Comments due June 14; replies due June 29. Contact: Kathy Harris at (202) 418-0609.

WT 01-108; NPRM 05/17/01 (adopted 05/03/01); FCC 01-153

In the Matter of Year 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review - Amendment of Part 22 of the Commission's Rules to Modify or Eliminate Out dated Rules Affecting the Cellular Radiotelephone Service et al.

The Commission seeks comment on modification or elimination of certain other Part 22 rules that apply both to cellular and to other CMRS. The Commission also seeks comment on its proposal to eliminate or modify certain cellular anti-trafficking rules, specifically Sections 22.937, 22.943, and 22.945. Comments due: July 2; replies due August 1.

PN 05/25/01; DA 01-1307

Auction of Licenses for Lower and Upper Paging Bands Postponed Until October 30, 2001.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau postponed the auction of lower and upper paging bands, scheduled for June 26, 2001 until October 30, 2001, due to the need for additional testing on newly developed Web-based software. Contact: Kathy Garland at (717) 338-2888 or Erik Salovaara at (202) 418-0660.