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June 11, 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 the comment period deadline is past, but the 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.

MO&O 05/31/01 (adopted 05/31/01); DA 01-1335

Time Warner Cable.

The Commission granted Gemstar TV Guide International, Inc.'s request for an extension of the filing deadlines. Comments responsive to the Petition for Declaratory Ruling are due June 18; replies due June 28.

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, 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 05/14/01; 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.

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

CC 97-213; PN 05/31/01; DA 01-1316

CALEA Section 107(c) Extension Petitions.

The wireline telecommunications carriers have filed petitions with the Commission seeking extensions of the deadline for complying with the capability requirements of section 103 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), as provided in section 107(c) of CALEA. Additional petitions can be filed by wireline carriers for preliminary extensions for compliance with section 103 of CALEA until June 30. Comments due June 11; replies due June 18. Contact: Gayle Radley Teicher at (202) 418-1515.

CC 98-184; PN 05/31/01; DA 01-1325

Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Verizon's May 1st Letter Concerning Relief from Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Conditions.

On May 1, 2001 Verizon filed a letter requesting relief from one of the conditions in the BA/GTE Merger Order. Comments due June 14; oppositions or replies due June 21. Contact: Janice M. Myles at (202) 418-1577.

PN 06/04/01; DA 01-1345

Comments Invited on CTSI, Inc. Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.

On May 8, 2001, CTSI, 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 the provision of U.S. domestic telecommunications services in the states of New York, Ohio, West Virginia and certain areas of Pennsylvania. Comments due June 18. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

CC 01-117; PN 06/04/01; DA 01-1348

Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Mpower Petition for Forbearance and Rulemaking.

On May 25, 2001, Mpower Communications Corp. filed a petition for forbearance and rulemaking requesting that the Commission establish a new flexible contract mechanism, which would be in addition to the UNE "safety net." Comments due July 3; replies due July 18. Contact: Janice M. Myles at (202) 418-1580.

CC 96-98, 99-200; PN 06/05/01; DA 01-1354

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Florida Public Service Commission's Petition for Delegated Authority to Implement Thousands-Block Number Pooling in the 941 Area Code.

The Commission seeks comment on the Florida Commission's request for delegated authority to implement thousands-block number pooling in the 941 NPA. Comments due June 22; replies due July 9. Contact: Jennifer Gorny at (202) 418-2320.

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.

IB 97-95; FNPRM 05/31/01; (adopted 05/24/01); FCC 01-182

Allocation and Designation of Spectrum for Fixed-Satellite Services in the 37.5-38.5 GHZ, 40.5-41.5 GHZ and 48.2-50.2 GHZ Frequency Bands, Et al.

The Commission has proposed to modify the band plan for the 36.051.4 GHz band. Comments due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 90 days after publication in the Federal Register.

MASS MEDIA BUREAU

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 July 23; replies due August 22. Contact: Mania K. Baghdadi at (202) 418-2120.

ORDER 05/25/01; (adopted 05/25/01); DA 01-1306

In the Matter of Advertising Council Request for Declaratory Ruling or Waiver Concerning Sponsorship Identification Rules.

The Commission granted Media Access Project's request for a two-week extension to file comments. Comments due June 12; replies due June 22, 2001.

OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

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 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 45days 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.

CC 94-102; FNPRM 05/25/01 (adopted 05/23/01); FCC 01-175

In the Matter of Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems.

The Commission examined further the issue of non-service initialized mobile wireless phones used to make 911 calls and whether such phones should provide for call back by Public Safety Answering Points. Comments due July 9; replies due August 8.