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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 (202) 418-2374 in the Consumer Information Bureau. Please note: as comment and reply comment periods expire, they are deleted from this listing. An asterisk indicates that the comment period deadline has past, but the reply comment period is still open.

COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

CC 98-67; PN 07/16/01; DA 01-1706

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Requests for Temporary Waiver of Video Relay Service Requirements.

The Common Carrier Bureau seeks comment on the waiver requests filed by Hamilton Telephone Company and Sprint Communications. Both Hamilton and Sprint request temporary waiver of certain mandatory minimum requirements for providing Video Relay Services. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Pam Slipakoff at (202) 418-7705 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 01-150; Declaratory Ruling and NPRM 07/20/01 (adopted 07/12/01); FCC 01-205

Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations.

The Commission seeks comment on (1) how best to streamline the application process to reduce the regulatory burden on applications and simplify application procedures (2) whether certain transactions merit treatment similar to that currently afforded pro forma assignments and transfers of control in the wireless and international context and (3) what treatment should apply where an internal corporate restructuring results in a new or existing subsidiary assuming interstate carrier operations under section 214 from an existing parent or affiliated company.

Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

CC 96-45; PN 08/01/01; DA 01-1842

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Guamcell Communications Petition for Designation as a Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Territory of Guam.

On July 26, 2001, Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Guamcell Communications filed a petition under section 214(e)(6) seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to receive federal universal service support for service offered in Guam. 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 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

PN 08/16/01; DA 01-1956

Comments Sought on BellSouth Communications, Inc. Expedited Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 32.27(c).

On August 9, 2001, BellSouth Communications, Inc. (BST) filed an expedited petition for waiver of the Commission's affiliate transactions rules. In its petition, BellSouth requested that the Commission waive § 32.27© of its rules to allow BST to receive services from certain affiliates at "less than fully distributed cost" or at "no charge". Comments due September 17*; replies due October 2. Contact: Debbie Weber at (202) 418-0812 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 01-194; PN 08/20/01; DA 01-1952

Comments Requested on the Applications by SB Communications Inc. for Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service in the State of Arkansas and Missouri.

On August 20, 2001, SBC Communications Inc. and its subsidiaries, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance filed a joint application for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the States of Arkansas and Missouri, pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 271. Comments due September 10*; replies due October 4. Contact: Scott Bergmann at (202) 418-7102 (voice) or Michael Balmoris at (202) 418-1500 (voice).

CC 99-200; PN 08/20/01; DA 01-1966

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition for Reconsideration Filed by Competitive Telecommunications Association and Personal Communications Industry Association.

The Commission seeks comment on Petitioners' request for reconsideration of the requirement to report forecast and utilization data for numbering resources in the 500 and 900 numbering plan areas. Comments due September 19*; replies due October 4. Contact: Tania Cho at (202) 418-2320 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 96-128; PN 08/20/01; DA 01-1967

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Petitions for Declaratory Ruling, Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Payphone Compensation Second Order on Reconsideration.

The Commission seeks comment on the petitioners' requests for declaratory ruling, clarification and reconsideration. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Tania Cho at (202) 418-2320 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 96-45; PN 08/21/01; FCC 01-J-1

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) Seeks Comment on Review of the Definition of Universal Service.

The Joint Board invites comment on what services should be added to or removed from the list of core services eligible for federal universal service support and how those core service should be defined. Comments due 60 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 120 days from publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Greg Guice at (202) 418-7400 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

PN 08/22/01; DA 01-1978

Comments Sought on Roseville Telephone Company's Cost Allocation Manual.

On August 17, 2001, Roseville Telephone Company filed revisions to its cost allocation manual in accordance with Section 64.903 of the Commission's rules. Comments due September 21*; replies due October 9. Contact: Debbie Weber at (202) 418-0812 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 92-105; PN 08/24/01; DA 01-1994

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition for Waiver of 711 Implementation Rules Filed by CenturyTel, Inc.

On June 5, 2001, CenturyTel, Inc. filed a petition for waiver of the 711 implementation rules for 15 switches that cannot be upgraded to handle 711 calls by the October 1, 2001 deadline. The Commission seeks comment on CenturyTel's petition. Comments due September 24*; replies due October 8. Contact: Tania Cho at (202) 418-2320 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 01-195; PN 08/30/01; DA 01-2050

Commission Seeks Comment on Joint Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Ameritel Corporation.

On August 17, 2001, Bell S.A. and Pirelli S.p.A. filed a joint application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, requesting Commission approval for the transfer of control of Ameritel Corporation from Bell to Pirelli. Comments due 30 days following the date of the Public Notice. Contact: Aaron Goldberger at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

CC 01-174; NPRM 08/31/01 (adopted 07/31/01); FCC 01-218

In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review – Requirements Governing the NECA Board of Directors and Requirements for the Computation of Average Schedule Company Payments.

The Commission seeks comment on certain rules pertaining to the National Exchange Carrier Association. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

ORDER 09/04/01 (adopted 08/31/01); DA 01-2062

Alameda County Office of Education, Hayward, CA, et al.

The Commission extended by 60 days the deadline for resolution of the captioned Requests for Review.

ORDER 09/04/01 (adopted 08/31/01); DA 01/2064

Centerville School, Centerville, SD, et al.

The Commission extended by 30 days the deadline for resolution of the captioned Requests for Review.

CC 96-115, 96-149; ORDER and 2nd FURTHER NPRM 09/07/01 (adopted 8/28/01); FCC 01-247

Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI).

The Commission seeks comment on the responsibilities of carriers in obtaining consent from customers for the use of CPNI and, whether it should adopt opt-in or opt-out consent under Section 222(c)(1). Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

CC 96-45; PN 09/11/01; DA 01-2107

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Updating Line Counts and Other Limited Information used Calculating High-Cost Universal Service Support for Non-Rural Carriers for 2002.

The Commission seeks comment on (1) updating line count data in the universal service cost model consistent with the updated framework adopted in the *Line Counts Updates Order*; (2) whether to adjust support amounts each quarter using wire center line count data reported by carriers each quarter, (3) whether to apply the methods adopted in the *Line Counts Update Order* for allocating line counts to classes of service in order to calculate support in 2002, whether to divide the 2000 ARMIS special lines access lines among wire centers in the same proportion as the special lines from the *1999 Data Request* to estimate special line count growth, and (4) whether to apply the method adopted in the *Line Counts Update Order* for matching line count data to wire centers used in the model for calculating support in 2002. Comments due 15 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 21 days from publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Katie King or Thomas Buckley at (202) 418-7400 (voice).

CC 96-262, 94-1; PN 09/17/01; DA 01-2163

Initiation of Cost Review Proceeding for Residential and Single-Line Business Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) Caps.

The Commission seeks comment on LECs price cap cost submissions described in CALLS Order, 15 FCC Rcd at 12994, para. 83. Cost information due October 17; comments due November 14; replies due November 28. Contact: Jennifer McKee at (202) 418-1530 (voice).

PN 09/18/01; DA 01-2181

Comments Invited on Urban Media Long Distance, Inc. Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.

On August 17, 2001, Urban Media Long Distance, Inc. filed an application with the Commission, requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services. Comments due October 2. Contact: Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice) or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

PN 09/18/01; DA 01-2182

Comments Invited on Sprint Communications Company L.P. Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.

On August 29, 2001, Sprint Communications Company L.P. filed an application with the Commission requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934,

47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services. Comments due October 2. Contact: Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice) or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 01-92; ORDER 09/19/01 (adopted 09/18/01); DA 01-2188

In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime.

On September 14, 2001, the United States Telecom Association (USTA) filed a Motion for Extension of Time to extend the date for reply comments until November 19, 2001. The Commission granted the extension for reply comments until November 5, 2001.

PN 09/19/01; DA 01-2194

Comments Invited on Universal Access, Inc. d/b/a Pacific Crest Networks, Inc. Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.

On September 10, 2001, Universal Access, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Crest Networks, Inc. filed an application with the Commission, requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services. Comments due October 3. Contact: Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice) or Carmell Weather (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

PN 09/19/01; DA 01-2196

BroadRiver Communications Company and its Wholly Owned Subsidiaries Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.

On September 13, 2001, BroadRiver Communications Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries, jointly filed an application with the Commission, requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue providing local, long distance, and international service in the states of Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida. Comments due October 3. Contact: Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice) or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

CC 00-206; PN 09/19/01; DA 01-2199

Comments Requested on Additional Information Submitted by WorldCom Relating to its Acquisition of Intermedia.

The Commission seeks comment on information submitted by WorldCom, Inc. on August 31 and September 12, 2001 regarding its acquisition of Intermedia Communications as well as comment on whether changed circumstances require modifications to the conditions imposed in

a January 17, 2001, Bureau-level Memorandum Opinion and Order. Comments due October 19; replies due November 2. Contact: Henry L. Thaggert at (202) 418-7941 (voice).

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB 01-185; NPRM 08/17/01 (adopted 08/09/01); FCC 01-225

In the Matter of Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Band.

The Commission seeks comment on proposals to bring flexibility to the delivery of communications by mobile satellite service providers. Comments due 28 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 42 days after publication in the Federal Register.

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 proposes 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 (voice), (202) 418-2989 TTY.

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

WT 01-146; NPRM 07/24/01 (adopted 07/02/01); FCC 01-199

Part 90 of the Commission Rules and Policies.

The Commission seeks comment on the proposals set forth in the LMCC's Petition as well as other matters related to low power operations in the private land mobile radio (PLMR) 450-470 MHz band. Comments due 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register; replies due 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register.

WT 01-184; PN 08/07/01; DA 01-1872

WTB Seeks Comment on Wireless LNP Forbearance Petition Filed by Verizon Wireless.

On July 26, 2001, Verizon Wireless submitted a petition for forbearance from the LNP requirements. Comments due: September 21*; replies due October 22. Contact: Jennifer Salhus at (202) 418-1310 (voice).

WT 01-193; PN 08/17/01; DA 01-1955

Chadmoore Wireless Group, Inc. and Nextel Communications, Inc. Seek Consent to assign 800 MHz and 900 MHz SMR Licenses.

Chadmoore Wireless Group, Inc. and Nextel Communications, Inc. filed an application under Section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking Commission approval to assign 1,062 licenses in the 800 MHz specialized mobile radio and the 900 MHz SMR service held by Chadmoore to Nextel. Petitions/Comments due September 17*; oppositions due September 27*; replies due October 4. Contact: Lauren Kravetz Patrich or Susan Sullivan Singer at (202) 418-7240 (voice).

PN 09/14/01; DA 01-2141

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Waiver of the Commission's Rules to Allow a 100-Question Test for Commercial Operator License Examination Element 7 (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Radio Operating Procedures).

On August 15, 2001, the National Radio Examiners requested a waiver of Section 13.203(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 13.203(a)(5) to allow a 100-question test, with a minimum passing score of 75 questions answered correctly, for Commercial Operator License Examination Element 7 (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System Radio Operating Procedures). Comments due September 30*; replies due October 10. Contact: Ghassan Khalek at (202) 418-2771 (voice), (202) 418-7233 TTY.

CC 94-102; PN 09/19/01; DA 01-2187

WTB Seeks Comment on Wireless E911 Phase II Waiver Request Filed by AT&T Wireless Services, INC.

The Commission seeks comment on AT&T's request for waiver to deploy TruePosition or Grayson's network overlay technologies. Comments due October 4; replies due October 11. Contact: Jennifer Tomchin at (202) 418-1310 (voice).