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**Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions-Fall 2007**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Twice a year, in spring and fall, the Commission publishes in the **Federal Register** a list in the Unified Agenda of those major items and other significant proceedings under development or review that pertain to the Regulatory Flexibility Act. (U.S.C. 602). The Unified Agenda also provides the Code of Federal Regulations citations and legal authorities that govern these proceedings. The complete Unified Agenda will be published on the Internet in a searchable format at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Unified Agenda of Major and Other Significant Proceedings**

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To help keep the public informed of significant rulemaking proceedings, the Commission has prepared a list of important proceedings now in progress. The General Services Administration publishes the Unified Agenda in the **Federal Register** in the spring and fall of each year.

The following terms may be helpful in understanding the status of the proceedings included in this report:

*Docket Number* — assigned to a proceeding if the Commission has issued either a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or a Notice of Inquiry concerning the matter under consideration. The Commission has used docket numbers since January 1, 1978. Docket numbers consist of the last two digits of the calendar year in which the docket was established plus a sequential number that begins at 1 with the first docket initiated during a calendar year (e.g., Docket No. 96-1 or Docket No. 99-1). The abbreviation for the responsible bureau usually precedes the docket number, as in “MM Docket No. 96-222,” which indicates that the responsible bureau is the Mass Media Bureau (now the Media Bureau). A docket number consisting of only five digits (e.g., Docket No. 29622) indicates that the docket was established before January 1, 1978.

*Notice of Inquiry (NOI)* — issued by the Commission when it is seeking information on a broad subject or trying to generate ideas on a given topic. A comment period is specified during

which all interested parties may submit comments.

*Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* — issued by the Commission when it is proposing a specific change to Commission rules and regulations. Before any changes are actually made, interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed revisions.

*Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)* — issued by the Commission when additional comment in the proceeding is sought.

*Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)* — issued by the Commission to deny a petition for rulemaking, conclude an inquiry, modify a decision, or address a petition for reconsideration of a decision.

*Rulemaking (RM) Number* — assigned to a proceeding after the appropriate bureau or office has reviewed a petition for rulemaking, but before the Commission has taken action on the petition.

*Report and Order (R&O)* — issued by the Commission to state a new or amended rule or state that the Commission rules and regulations will not be revised.

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504	Direct Broadcast Public Interest Obligations (MM Docket No. 93-25) .....	3060-AH59
505	Revision of EEO Rules and Policies (MM Docket No. 98-204) .....	3060-AH95
506	Broadcast Multiple and Cross-Ownership Limits .....	3060-AH97
507	Establishment of Rules for Digital Low Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations (MB Docket 03-185) .....	3060-AI38
508	Joint Sales Agreements in Local Television Markets .....	3060-AI55
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510	Revision of Procedures Governing Amendments to FM Table of Allotments and Changes of Community of License in the Radio Broadcast Services (MB Docket 05-210) .....	3060-AI63
511	Digital Television Distributed Transmission System Technologies (Docket 05-312) .....	3060-AI68
512	Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 .....	3060-AI69
513	Program Access Rules—Sunset of Exclusive Contracts Prohibition (Docket No. 07-29) .....	3060-AI87
514	Third Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television; MB Docket No: 07-91 .....	3060-AI89
515	DTV Consumer Education Initiative; MB Docket No. 07-148 .....	3060-AI96

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517	Rules Governing Broadcast Television Advertising (MM Docket No. 95-90) .....	3060-AF81
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532	Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act, Competitive Bidding; 218-219 MHz Competitive Bidding Rules .....	3060-AG00
533	39 GHz Channel Plan .....	3060-AG16
534	Implementation of 309(j) of the Communications Act, Amendment of Parts 20 and 24 of the Commission's Rules—Broadband PCS Competitive Bidding and the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Spectrum Cap .....	3060-AG21
535	Multiple Access Systems .....	3060-AG86
536	Amendment of Part I of the Commission's Rules—Competitive Bidding Procedures .....	3060-AG87
537	Amendment of Part 90 of the Rules To Adopt Regulations for Automatic Vehicle Monitoring Systems .....	3060-AH12
538	Fixed Satellite Service and Terrestrial System in the Ku-Band .....	3060-AH17
539	Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands, and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission's Rules .....	3060-AH32
540	Implementation of Sections 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended .....	3060-AH33
541	Amendment to Parts 1, 2, 87, and 101 of the Rules To License Fixed Services at 24 GHz .....	3060-AH41
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544	Transfer of the 3650 Through 3700 MHz Band From Federal Government Use .....	3060-AH75
545	2000 Biennial Regulatory Review Spectrum Aggregation Limits for Commercial Mobile Radio Services .....	3060-AH81
546	In the Matter of Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum Through Elimination of Barriers to the Development of Secondary Markets .....	3060-AH82
547	Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers .....	3060-AH83
548	Amendment to Licensing Low Power Operations in 450-470 MHz Band .....	3060-AH84
549	Review of Quiet Zones Application Procedures .....	3060-AH88
550	Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59) .....	3060-AH89
551	Year 2000 Part 22 Biennial Review (WT Docket No. 01-108) .....	3060-AI26
552	Air-Ground Telecommunications Services .....	3060-AI27
553	Amendments of Various Rules Affecting Wireless Radio Services (WT Docket No. 03-264) .....	3060-AI30
554	Facilitating the Provision of Spectrum-Based Services to Rural Areas .....	3060-AI31
555	Extending Wireless Telecommunications Services to Tribal Lands .....	3060-AI32
556	Amendment of Commission Rules Concerning Airport Terminal Use Frequencies 450-470 MHz Band of the Private Land Mobile Radio Services, WT 02-318 .....	3060-AI33
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558	Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Aviation; WT Docket No. 01-289 .....	3060-AI35
559	Digital Broadcast Content Protection (MB Docket No. 02-230) .....	3060-AI37
560	Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones (WT Docket Nos. 01-309 & 06-150) .....	3060-AI57
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563	Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information .....	3060-AG43
564	Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 .....	3060-AG50
565	Detariffing of Competitive Local Exchange Carriers' Interstate Exchange Access Services .....	3060-AG73
566	Local Telephone Networks That LECs Must Make Available to Competitors .....	3060-AH44
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568	Access Charge Reform and Universal Service Reform .....	3060-AH74
569	Numbering Resource Optimization .....	3060-AH80
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573	Regulation of Prepaid Calling Card Services; WC Docket No. 05-68 .....	3060-AI83

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**467. POLICIES AND RULES GOVERNING INTERSTATE PAY-PER-CALL AND OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 (CC DOCKET NOS. 96-146, 93-22)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 228

**Abstract:** The Commission received comments on proposed rules designed to implement the 1996 Telecommunications Act with respect to information services to prevent abusive and deceptive practices by entities that might try to circumvent the statutory requirements. The proposed rules address generally the use of dialing sequences other than the 900 service access code to provide information services. The Commission issued an NPRM on these issues July 16, 2004.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/26/96	61 FR 39107
Order	07/26/96	61 FR 39084
NPRM Comment Period End	09/16/96	
Notice to Refresh Record	03/27/03	68 FR 14939
Comment Period End	05/27/03	
NPRM	10/15/04	69 FR 61184
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG42

**468. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBSCRIBER SELECTION CHANGES PROVISION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996; CC DOCKET NO. 94-129**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 201; 47 USC 258

**Abstract:** In December 1998, the Commission established new rules and policies implementing section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which makes it unlawful for any telecommunications carrier to “submit or execute a change in a subscriber’s selection of a provider of telecommunications exchange service or telephone toll service except in accordance with such verification procedures as the Commission shall prescribe.” The rules provide, among other things, that any telecommunications carrier that violates such verification procedures and that collects charges for telephone exchange service or telephone toll service from a subscriber shall be liable to the carrier previously selected by the subscriber in an amount equal to 150 percent of all charges paid by the subscriber after such violation. In April 2000, the Commission modified the slamming liability rules by giving

victims of slamming adequate redress, ensuring that carriers that slam do not profit from their fraud, and allowing States to act as the primary administrator of slamming complaints.

In July 2000, the Commission took further action to improve the existing carrier change process for both consumers and carriers. In December 2000, the Commission adopted a Biennial Review FNPRM seeking comment on proposals to amend the slamming rules to lighten administrative burdens associated with selling or transferring customer bases by eliminating the need to obtain a waiver, while continuing to protect consumers. In February 2001, the Commission adopted an order modifying and clarifying certain aspects of the reporting and registration requirements it had adopted in July 2000. In May 2001, the Commission adopted streamlined procedures for the carrier-to-carrier sale or transfer of customer bases, as proposed in the Biennial Review FNPRM.

In February, 2003, the Commission adopted a Reconsideration Order and Second FNPRM. The Reconsideration Order addresses, amongst other things, the requirement that a carrier’s sales agent drop-off a carrier change request phone call once the customer has been connected to an independent third party verifier, and the applicability of our slamming rules to local exchange carriers. In the Second FNPRM, the Commission sought comment on rule

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modifications with respect to third party verifications.

In July, 2004, the Commission released a Fourth Order on Reconsideration disposing of petitions for reconsideration of the streamlined rules for compliance with section 258 of the Act. In November, 2004, a Fifth Order on Reconsideration was released that confirmed certain carrier change verification rules.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
MO&O on Recon and FNPRM	08/14/97	62 FR 43493
FNPRM Comment Period End	09/30/97	
Second Report & Order and Second FNPRM	02/16/99	64 FR 7745
First Order on Recon	04/13/00	65 FR 47678
Third Report & Order and Second Order on Recon	11/08/00	65 FR 66934
Third FNPRM	01/29/01	66 FR 8093
Order	03/01/01	66 FR 12877
First Report & Order and Fourth Report & Order	06/06/01	66 FR 30334
2nd FNPRM	03/17/03	68 FR 19176
3rd Order on Recon	03/17/03	68 FR 19152
2nd FNPRM Comment Period End	06/17/03	
4th Order on Recon & First Order on Recon	07/17/04	
5th Order on Recon (Release Date)	11/24/04	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG46

**469. IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 255 AND SECTION 251(A)(2) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996; ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES EQUIPMENT AND CUSTOMER PREMISE EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 255; 47 USC 251(a)(2)

**Abstract:** This proceeding is initiated to implement the provisions of sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act and related sections of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 regarding the accessibility of telecommunications equipment and services to persons with disabilities.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	03/07/96	61 FR 9164
Notice	07/30/96	61 FR 39657
R&O	08/14/96	61 FR 42181
NOI	09/26/96	61 FR 50465
Notice	10/23/96	61 FR 54999
NPRM	05/22/98	63 FR 28456
Notice	10/28/98	63 FR 57686
Notice	04/13/99	64 FR 18021
Notice	04/19/99	64 FR 19178
Notice	06/02/99	64 FR 29644
Report & Order	11/19/99	64 FR 63235
Further NOI	11/19/99	64 FR 63277
Public Notice	07/13/00	65 FR 43372
Public Notice	01/07/02	67 FR 678
Notice	04/23/02	67 FR 19753
Notice	09/06/02	67 FR 57009
Notice	10/30/02	67 FR 66154
Public Notice	07/21/04	69 FR 43586
Notice	07/29/04	69 FR 45318
Notice	02/14/05	70 FR 7503
Notice	04/06/05	70 FR 17456
Public Notice	07/20/05	70 FR 41754
Notice	03/29/06	71 FR 15738
Notice	07/26/06	71 FR 42396
Public Notice	08/02/06	71 FR 43768
R&O	08/06/07	72 FR 43546
Notice	08/06/07	72 FR 43638
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG58

**470. IN THE MATTER OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996; CC DOCKET NO. 90-571**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 225

**Abstract:** This item addresses the requirement that telecommunications relay services be capable of handling any type of call normally provided by common carriers, including coin sent-paid calls. On April 5, 2001, the Commission published a Second FNPRM seeking comment on the coin sent-paid issue. This Second FNPRM suspended the enforcement of section 64.604(a)(3) of our rules until final rules in this proceeding are adopted and published in the Federal Register.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/04/90	55 FR 50037
R&O and Request for Comments	08/01/91	56 FR 36729
Order on Recon & Second R&O	03/03/93	58 FR 12175
FNPRM	03/30/93	58 FR 12204
MO&O	11/28/95	60 FR 58626
Order	09/08/97	62 FR 47152
2nd NPRM	04/05/01	66 FR 18059
5th R&O	02/07/03	68 FR 6352
R & O (Correction)	02/24/03	68 FR 8553
Recon of 5th R&O and Order Comment Deadline	04/04/03	
Public Notice	04/15/03	68 FR 18205
Comment Period End for Petitions for Recon	04/30/03	
Notice	08/27/04	69 FR 52694
Petitions for Recon of 5th R&O Denied	09/01/04	69 FR 53346
Notice	09/01/04	69 FR 53442
Comment Period End	11/01/04	
Public Notice	11/12/04	69 FR 65401
Comment Period End	11/30/04	
Notice	12/27/04	69 FR 77246
Comment Period End	01/26/05	
Notice	04/06/05	70 FR 17456
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG75

**471. RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (TCPA) OF 1991 (CG DOCKET NO. 02-278) (SECTION 610 REVIEW)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 227

**Abstract:** The Commission released an NPRM on September 18, 2002, seeking

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comment on the rules implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA). The NPRM sought comment on whether the Commission should revise its existing rules, or adopt additional rules, on the use of autodialers, prerecorded messages, and unsolicited facsimile advertisements. The NPRM also sought comment on the effectiveness of the company-specific do-not-call lists and whether to revisit the option of establishing a national do-not-call list.

On July 3, 2003, the Commission released a Report and Order establishing, along with the FTC, a national do-not-call registry. The Commission's Report and Order also adopted rules on the use of predictive dialers, the transmission of caller ID information by telemarketers, and the sending of unsolicited fax advertisements.

On September 21, 2004, the Commission released an Order adopting a limited safe harbor period from the prohibition on placing automatic telephone dialing systems or prerecorded message calls to wireless numbers when such calls are made to numbers that have been recently ported from wireline service to wireless service. In addition, the Commission amended its existing safe harbor rules for telemarketers subject to the do-not-call registry to require such telemarketers to access the do-not-call list every 31 days, rather than every three months.

On February 18, 2005, the Commission released a Second Order on Reconsideration to Address issues raised in petitions for reconsideration of the Commission's 2003 TCPA Report and Order.

On December 9, 2005 the Commission released an NPRM proposing to amend the fax advertising rules to implement the Junk Fax Protection Act of 2005. On April 5, 2006, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Third Order on Reconsideration amending its facsimile advertising rules. On April 5, 2006, the Commission released a Public Notice seeking comment on a petition for declaratory ruling filed by ACA International, which asks the Commission to clarify that the TCPA's restriction on calls to wireless numbers do not apply to creditors calling to recover payments. The period for filing comments on ACA's petition closed on May 22, 2006.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/08/02	67 FR 62667
NPRM Comment	11/29/02	67 FR 71126
Period Extended		
Reply Comment	12/26/02	67 FR 78763
Period Extended		
Comment Period End	01/31/03	
FNPRM	04/03/03	68 FR 16250
Order	07/25/03	68 FR 44144
Order Effective	08/25/03	
Order on Recon	08/25/03	68 FR 50978
Order	10/14/03	68 FR 59130
FNPRM	03/31/04	69 FR 16873
Order	10/08/04	69 FR 60311
Order	10/28/04	69 FR 62816
Order on Recon	04/13/05	70 FR 19330
Order	06/30/05	70 FR 37705
NPRM	12/19/05	70 FR 75102
Notice	04/26/06	71 FR 24634
Order	05/03/06	71 FR 25967
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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#### **472. RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING SECTION 225 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT (TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE) (CG DOCKET NO. 03-123) (SECTION 610 REVIEW)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 225; 47 USC 255; 47 USC 610

**Abstract:** This proceeding establishes a new docket flowing from the previous telecommunications relay service (TRS) history, CC Docket No. 98-67. This proceeding contains an NPRM continuing the Commission's inquiry into improving the quality of TRS and furthering the goal of functional equivalency consistent with the Congress' mandate that TRS regulations encourage the use of existing technology and not discourage or impair the development of new technology. The Commission seeks comment on ways to improve emergency preparedness for TRS facilities and services, new TRS technologies, public access to information and outreach, and issues

related to payments from the Interstate TRS Fund.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/25/03	68 FR 50993
NPRM Comment	10/09/03	
Period End		
Public Notice	07/26/04	69 FR 44534
Comment Period End	08/30/04	
R&O, Order on Recon	09/01/04	69 FR 53346
FNPRM	09/01/04	69 FR 53382
Public Notice	11/12/04	69 FR 65401
FNPRM Comment	11/15/04	
Period End		
Comment Period End	11/30/04	
Comment Period End	12/30/04	
Public Notice	01/11/05	70 FR 2360
Comment Period End	01/19/05	
Public Notice	02/17/05	70 FR 8034
Declaratory Ruling/ Interpretation	02/25/05	70 FR 9239
Comment Period End	03/04/05	
Public Notice	03/07/05	70 FR 10930
Public Notice	03/16/05	70 FR 12884
Order	03/23/05	70 FR 14568
Public Notice/ Announcement of Date	04/06/05	70 FR 17334
Comment Period End	05/02/05	
Public Notice	05/11/05	70 FR 24790
Comment Period End	05/25/05	
Order	07/01/05	70 FR 38134
Deadline	07/01/05	
Public Notice	07/13/05	70 FR 38134
Order on Recon	08/31/05	70 FR 51643
R&O	08/31/05	70 FR 51649
Public Notice	09/07/05	70 FR 53191
Order on Clarification	09/14/05	70 FR 54294
Notice	09/14/05	70 FR 54381
Order on Clarification	09/14/05	70 FR 54298
Comment Period End	10/07/05	
Public Notice	10/12/05	70 FR 59346
Public Notice	11/30/05	70 FR 71849
R&O / Order on Reconsideration	12/23/05	70 FR 76208
Order	12/28/05	70 FR 76712
Order	12/29/05	70 FR 77052
Notice	01/11/06	71 FR 1753
Notice	01/11/06	71 FR 1755
Comment Period End	01/17/06	
Public Notice/Petition for Rulemaking Withdrawn	01/18/06	71 FR 2942
NPRM	02/01/06	71 FR 5221
Notice	02/01/06	71 FR 5221
Comment Period End	02/10/06	
Comment Period End	03/08/06	
Notice/Announcement of Effective Date	03/15/06	71 FR 13281
Notice	03/24/06	71 FR 14893
Public Notice	05/10/06	71 FR 27252
Notice	05/24/06	71 FR 29961
Declaratory Ruling/Clarification	05/31/06	71 FR 30818



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Action	Date	FR Cite
FNPRM	05/31/06	71 FR 30848
Declaratory Ruling/Dismissal of Petition	06/21/06	71 FR 35553
Clarification	06/28/06	71 FR 36690
Public Notice	06/28/06	71 FR 36795
Public Notice	06/28/06	71 FR 36796
Public Notice	06/28/06	71 FR 36794
Declaratory Ruling on Recon	07/06/06	71 FR 38268
Comment Period End	07/17/06	
Comment Period End	07/17/06	
Public Notice	08/02/06	71 FR 43768
Order on Reconsideration	08/16/06	71 FR 47141
MO&O	08/16/06	71 FR 47145
Clarification	08/23/06	71 FR 49380
FNPRM	09/13/06	71 FR 54009
Correction	09/27/06	71 FR 56442
FNPRM Comment Period End	10/30/06	
FNPRM Comment Period End	11/13/06	
PRA Comment Period End	11/13/06	
Final Rule; Clarification	02/14/07	72 FR 6960
Notice	02/14/07	72 FR 7031
Notice Comment Period End	04/16/07	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined

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**473. RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE CONTROLLING THE ASSAULT OF NON-SOLICITED PORNOGRAPHY AND MARKETING ACT OF 2003 (CG DOCKET NO. 04-53)**

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 7706; 15 USC 7712; PL 108-187

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted rules to protect consumers from unwanted electronic mobile service messages to implement the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/31/04	69 FR 16873
NPRM Comment Period End	05/17/04	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order	09/16/04	69 FR 55765
Order Cross Referencing Federal Trade Commission Definitions	03/25/05	70 FR 34665
Next Action Undetermined		

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**474. RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING MINIMUM CUSTOMER ACCOUNT RECORD EXCHANGE OBLIGATIONS ON ALL LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS (CG DOCKET NO. 02-386)**

**Legal Authority:** Communications Act of 1934, as amended

**Abstract:** On December 20, 2002, the Commission issued a Public Notice directing interested parties to file comments on issues raised in a petition filed with the Commission by AmeriCatel Corporation and on a separate petition filed by AT&T, Sprint, and MCI. The petitions asked the Commission to address problems relating to the exchange of customer account records between local and long distance telephone service providers. On March 25, 2004, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CG Docket No. 02-386 seeking further comment on the two petitions and seeking comment as to whether to replace the current voluntary industry process for the exchange of customer account information between local and long distance service providers with mandatory, minimum standards applicable to all such providers.

On February 25, 2005, the Commission released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CG Docket No. 02-386. The Report and Order adopted final rules governing the exchange of customer account information between local and long distance telephone service providers. The Commission adopted these rules to help to ensure that consumers' phone service bills are

accurate and that their carrier selection requests are honored and executed without undue delay. In the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission sought comment on the need for rules governing the exchange of customer account information between local telephone service providers. On April 15, 2005 and June 15, 2005, a coalition of local and long distance carriers proposed minor modifications and clarifications to section 64.4002 of the Commission's CARE rules. On August 29, 2005, the Commission released a public notice requesting comment on the coalition's proposed clarifications and modifications. Notice of the proposed changes was published in the Federal Register on September 7, 2005 (70 FR 53137). The comment cycle established by the August 29 public notice closed October 3, 2005.

On September 13, 2006, the Commission released an Order on Reconsideration adopting the clarifications and technical corrections to the Report and Order, as proposed by the coalition of carriers.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/19/04	69 FR 20845
NPRM Comment Period End	06/18/04	
R&O and FNPRM (Release Date)	02/25/05	
FNPRM Comment Period End	08/01/05	
Public Notice	08/29/05	70 FR 53137-01
Public Notice Comment Period End	10/03/05	
Order on Reconsideration	12/13/06	71 FR 74819
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AI58

**475. TRUTH IN BILLING AND BILLING FORMAT**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 201; 47 USC 258

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**Abstract:** In 1999, the Commission adopted truth-in-billing rules to address concerns that there is consumer confusion relating to billing for telecommunications services. On March 18, 2005, the Commission released an Order and FNPRM to further facilitate the ability of telephone consumers to make informed choices among competitive service offerings.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
FNPRM	05/25/05	70 FR 30044
Order	05/25/05	70 FR 29979
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI61

**476. CLOSED CAPTIONING OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 613

**Abstract:** This proceeding is initiated to seek comment on rules the FCC adopted in 1997 regarding closed captioning and whether changes are needed to make the rules more effective in making video programming more accessible to deaf and hard of hearing Americans.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O	09/16/97	62 CFR 48487
Notice	10/02/97	62 FR 54848
Order on Recon	10/28/98	63 FR 55959

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	09/29/00	65 FR 58552
Notice	01/05/01	66 FR 1136
Notice	12/31/03	68 FR 75558
Notice	05/11/04	69 FR 26095
NPRM	09/26/05	70 FR 56150
Comment Period Extended	11/25/05	70 FR 71077
Comment Period End	12/16/05	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

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**477. REVISION OF THE RULES REGARDING ULTRA-WIDEBAND TRANSMISSION**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 302 to 304; 47 USC 307; 47 USC 544A

**Abstract:** The First Report and Order amends the Commission's rules to permit the marketing and operation of certain types of new products incorporating Ultra-Wideband (UWB) technology. UWB devices operate by employing very narrow or short duration pulses that result in very large or wideband transmission bandwidths. UWB technology holds great promise for a vast array of new applications that we believe will provide significant benefits for public safety, businesses and consumers. With appropriate technical standards, UWB devices can operate using spectrum occupied by existing radio services without causing interference, thereby permitting scarce spectrum resources to be used more efficiently.

The Memorandum Opinion and Order responded to fourteen petitions for reconsideration that were filed in response to the regulations for unlicensed ultra wideband (UWB) operations. In general, this document does not make any significant changes to the existing UWB parameters as the

Commission is reluctant to do so until it has more experience with UWB devices. The Commission believes that any major changes to the rules for existing UWB product categories at this early stage would be disruptive to current industry product development efforts.

The Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposed new rules to address issues raised by some of the petitions for reconsideration that were outside the scope of the proceeding. New rules were proposed to address issues regarding the operation of low pulse repetition frequency UWB systems, including vehicular radars, in the 3.1-10.6 GHz band; and the operation frequency hopping vehicular radars in the 22-29 GHz band as UWB devices. The Commission also proposed new rules that would establish new peak power limits for wideband part 15 devices that do not operate as UWB devices and proposed to eliminate the definition of a UWB device.

The 2nd Report & Order and 2nd Memorandum Opinion & Order responds to two petitions for reconsideration that were filed in response to the Commission's decision to establish regulations for unlicensed ultra-wideband ("UWB") operation. It

also responds to the rule making proposals contained in the Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in this docket. The order establishes new rules for wideband unlicensed devices operating in the 5925-7250 MHz, 16.2-17.7 GHz, and 22.12-29 GHz bands.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/14/00	65 FR 37332
NPRM Comment Period End	10/12/00	
1st R&O	05/16/02	67 FR 34852
MO&O	04/22/03	68 FR 19746
FNPRM	04/22/03	68 FR 19773
2nd R&O and 2nd MO&O	02/09/05	70 FR 6771
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**478. NEW ADVANCED WIRELESS SERVICES; ET DOCKET NO. 00–258**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 157(a); 47 USC 303(c); 47 USC 303(f); 47 USC 303(g); 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** This proceeding explores the possible uses of frequency bands below 3 GHz to support the introduction of new advanced wireless services, including third generations as well as future generations of wireless systems. Advanced wireless systems could provide for a wide range of voice data and broadband services over a variety of mobile and fixed networks.

The Third Notice of Proposed Rule Making discusses the frequency bands that are still under consideration in this proceeding and invites additional comments on their disposition.

Specifically, it addresses the Unlicensed Personal Communications Service (UPCS) band at 1910-1930 MHz, the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) spectrum at 2155-2160/62 MHz bands, the Emerging Technology spectrum, at 2160-2165 MHz, and the bands reallocated from MSS 91990-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz and 2165-2180 MHz. We seek comment on these bands with respect to using them for paired or unpaired Advance Wireless Service (AWS) operations or as relocation spectrum for existing services.

The 7th Report & Order facilitates the introduction of Advanced Wireless Service (AWS) in the band 1710-1755 MHz—an integral part of a 90 MHz spectrum allocation recently reallocated to allow for such new and innovative wireless services. We largely adopt the proposals set forth in our recent AWS Fourth NPRM in this proceeding that are designed to clear the 1710-1755 MHz band of incumbent Federal Government operations that would otherwise impede the development of new nationwide AWS services. These actions are consistent with previous actions in this proceeding and with the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) 2002 Viability Assessment, which addressed relocation and reaccommodation options for Federal Government operations in the band.

The 8th Report and Order reallocated the 2155-2160 MHz band for Fixed and Mobile services and designates the 2155-2175 MHz band for Advanced Wireless Service (AWS) use. This

proceeding continues the Commission’s ongoing efforts to promote spectrum utilization and efficiency with regard to the provision of new services, including Advanced Wireless Services.

The Order requires Broadband Radio Service (BRS) licensees in the 2150-2160/62 MHz band to provide information on the construction status and operational parameters of each incumbent BRS system that would be the subject of relocation.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making requested comments on the specific relocation procedures applicable to Broadband Radio Service (BRS) operations in the 2150-2160/62 MHz band, which the Commission recently decided will be relocated to the newly restructured 2495-2690 MHz band. The Commission also requested comments on the specific relocation procedures applicable to Fixed Microwave Service (FS) operations in the 2160-2175 MHz band.

The Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) set forth the specific data that Broadband Radio Service (BRS) licensees in the 2150-2160/62 MHz band must file along with the deadline date and procedures for filing this data on the Commission’s Universal Licensing System (ULS). The data will assist in determining future AWS licensee’s relocation obligations.

The 9th Report and Order established procedures for the relocation of Broadband Radio Service (BRS) operations from the 2150-2160/62 MHz band, as well as for the relocation of Fixed Microwave Service (FS) operations from the 2160-2175 MHz band, and modified existing relocation procedures for the 2110-2150 MHz and 2175-2180 MHz bands. It also established cost-sharing rules to identify the reimbursement obligations for Advanced Wireless Service (AWS) and Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) entrants benefiting from the relocation of incumbent FS operations in the 2110-2150 MHz and 2160-2200 MHz bands and AWS entrants benefiting from the relocation of BRS incumbents in the 2150-2160/62 MHz band. The Commission continues its ongoing efforts to promote spectrum utilization and efficiency with regard to the provision of new services, including AWS. The Order dismisses a petition for reconsideration filed by the

Wireless Communications Association International, Inc. (WCA) as moot.

Two petitions for Reconsideration were filed in response to the 9th Report and Order.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/23/01	66 FR 7438
NPRM Comment Period End	03/09/01	
Final Report	04/11/01	66 FR 18740
FNPRM	09/13/01	66 FR 47618
MO&O	09/13/01	66 FR 47591
First R&O	10/25/01	66 FR 53973
Petition for Reconsideration	11/02/01	66 FR 55666
2nd R&O	01/24/03	68 FR 3455
3rd NPRM	03/13/03	68 FR 12015
7th R&O	12/29/04	69 FR 7793
Petition for Reconsideration	04/13/05	70 FR 19469
8th R&O	10/26/05	70 FR 61742
Order	10/26/05	70 FR 61742
NPRM	10/26/05	70 FR 61752
Public Notice	12/14/05	70 FR 74011
9th R&O and Order	05/24/06	71 FR 29818
Petition for Recon	07/19/06	71 FR 41022
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060–AH65

**479. EXPOSURE TO RADIOFREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 302 to 303; 47 USC 309(j); 47 USC 336

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed amendments to the FCC rules relating to compliance of transmitters and facilities with guidelines for human exposure to radio frequency (RF) energy.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/08/03	68 FR 52879
NPRM Comment Period End	12/08/03	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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#### 480. UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THE 3650-3700 MHz BAND (ET DOC. NO. 04-151)

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed to maximize the efficient use of the 3650-3700 MHz band. The proposal would allow unlicensed devices to operate in either all, or portions of, this radiofrequency (RF) band under flexible technical limitations with smart/cognitive features that should prevent interference to licensed satellite services. The proposal fostered the introduction of new and advanced services to the American public, especially in rural areas.

The Report and Order adopted rules that provide for nationwide, non-exclusive, licensing of terrestrial operations, utilizing technology with a contention-base protocol, in the 3650-3700 MHz band. The Commission also adopted a streamlined licensing mechanism with minimal regulatory entry requirements that will encourage multiple entrants and stimulate the rapid expansion of wireless broadband services—especially in rural American and will also serve as a safeguard to protect incumbent satellite earth stations from harmful interference.

In the MO&O, the Commission addressed several petitions for reconsideration and an emergency motion for stay that were filed in response 3650 MHz Allocation Order in ET Docket No. 98-237.

In light of its full review of the refreshed record in this proceeding, and in light of the decisions made in the companion R&O, the Commission denied the aspects of the petitions that challenge and seek to reverse the allocation decisions made in the 3650 MHz Allocation Order.

The Commission denied the motion for stay. When the Commission established the November 30, 2000, filing deadline, it did so because it found that

additional new FSS facilities permitted by the Freeze MO&O could affect the use of the 3650-3700 MHz band by the terrestrial services. By deciding in this Order to maintain the FSS allocation changes made in the 3650 MHz Allocation Order, the Commission, reaffirmed its conclusion that allowing additional primary FSS earth stations in the 3650 MHz band could negatively affect the prospects for viable FS/MS terrestrial operations.

The Memorandum Opinion and Order addressed petitions for reconsideration filed in response to the Commission's Report and Order relating to the 3650-3700 MHz band (3650 MHz band) proceeding. The Commission affirmed its previous decisions to create a spectrum environment that will encourage multiple entrants and stimulate the expansion of broadband service to rural and under served areas. To facilitate rapid deployment in the band, the Commission maintains the previously adopted, non-exclusive licensing scheme. The clarification and modification will facilitate operation of the widest variety of broadband technologies with minimal risk of interference in both the near and long terms. They should further reduce the potential for co-channel interference, provide additional protections to the multiple users in the band under the current licensing regime, and create incentives for the rapid development of broadly compatible contention technologies.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/14/04	69 FR 26790
R&O & MO&O	05/11/05	70 FR 24712
MO&O	07/25/07	72 FR 40767

Next Action Undetermined

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#### 481. UNLICENSED OPERATION IN THE TV BROADCAST BANDS (ET DOC. NO. 04-186)

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 302; 47 USC 303(e) to 303(f); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 307

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking proposes to amend the Commission's rules to allow unlicensed radio transmitters to operate in the broadcast television spectrum at locations where that spectrum is not being used. We believe that the proposals set forth will provide for more efficient and effective use of the TV spectrum and will have significant benefits for the public by allowing the development of new and innovative types of unlicensed broadband devices and services for businesses and consumers.

In the First Report and Order, the Commission took a number of steps towards allowing the introduction of new low power devices in the broadcast television spectrum (TV bands) on channels/frequencies that are not being used for authorized services (hereinafter referred to as "TV band devices"). The goal in this proceeding is to allow such devices to operate on unused television channels in locations where such operations will not result in harmful interference to TV and other authorized services. The Commission believes that this plan will provide for more efficient and effective use of the TV spectrum and will significantly benefit the public by allowing the development of new and innovative types of devices and services for businesses and consumers, without disrupting television and other authorized services using the TV bands. Because transmissions in the TV band are subject to less propagation attenuation than transmissions in other bands where lower power operations are permitted (such as unlicensed operations in the 2.4 GHz band), operations in the TV bands can benefit a wide range of service providers and consumers by improving the service range of wireless operations, thereby allowing operators to reach new customers. While there will be significant benefits to the public from its actions, the Commission recognizes that it must balance these benefits with the need to protect authorized services in the TV bands from harmful interference.

The Further NPRM proposed to allow low power transmitters to operate in the TV broadcast bands at locations where spectrum is not being used by authorized services without causing harmful interference to these services. The Further NPRM seeks comment on whether these TV band devices should

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be authorized on a licensed, unlicensed or hybrid basis. It would propose to require TV band devices to incorporate “smart radio” features to detect vacant TV channels and prevent harmful interference from TV band devices to authorized services operating in the TV bands. These features would include the abilities to 1) monitor spectrum prior to transmitting to ensure that it is not in use by authorized services, 2) switch frequencies or cease transmitting if an authorized service begins using a previously unused frequency, 3) adjust transmit power to the minimum needed to establish a link, 4) determine geographic location and access a database to determine which channels are in use, and/or 5) receive a control signal and select the operating frequency based on data in the control signal.

These proposals, if adopted, will prove beneficial to manufacturers and users of low power transmitters because they will provide for more efficient and effective use of the TV spectrum and allow the development of new and innovative types of wireless devices and communication services for businesses and consumers.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/18/04	69 FR 34103
First R&O	11/17/06	71 FR 66876
FNPRM	11/17/06	71 FR 66897
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI52

**482. UNLICENSED DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT APPROVAL (ET DOCKET NO. 03-201)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 302(a); 47 USC 303; 47 USC 306

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed to update section 15.247 of the rules to allow the use of more efficient antenna technologies with unlicensed devices.

The Report and Order updates several technical rules for unlicensed radiofrequency devices in part 15 of the Commission’s rules. The rule changes will allow device manufacturers to develop expanded applications for unlicensed devices and will allow unlicensed device operators, including Wireless Internet Service providers greater flexibility to modify or substitute parts as long as the overall system operation is unchanged. The changes are part of an ongoing process of updating our rules to promote more efficient sharing of spectrum used by unlicensed devices and remove unnecessary regulations that inhibit such sharing. The Commission received one petition for reconsideration in this proceeding.

The Second Report and Order amended the Commission’s rules to provide for more efficient equipment authorization of both existing modular transmitter devices and emerging partitioned (or “split”) modular transmitter devices. These rule changes will benefit manufacturers by allowing greater flexibility in certifying equipment and providing relief from the need to obtain a new equipment authorization each time the same transmitter is installed in a different final product. The rule changes will also enable manufacturers to develop more flexible and more advanced unlicensed transmitter technologies. The Commission further found that modular transmitter devices authorized in accordance with the revised equipment authorization procedures will not pose any increased risk of interference to other radio operations.

The Further NPRM, seeks comment on whether there is a need to require unlicensed transmitters operating in the 915 MHz band under sections 15.247 and 15.249 of the rules to comply with a spectrum etiquette requirement, and the impact that requiring an etiquette would have on the development and operation of unlicensed 915 MHz devices operating under those rule sections. The Commission also seeks comment on the particular etiquette suggested by Cellnet that would require digitally modulated spread spectrum transmitters operating in the 915 MHz band under section 15.247 of the rules to operate at less than the 1-watt maximum power if they are continuously silent less than 90 percent

of the time within a 0.4 second interval. This etiquette would require that the maximum permitted power level decrease in accordance with a specified formula as the silent interval between transmission decreases. The Commission further seeks comment on alternatives to the etiquette suggested by Cellnet.

The Memorandum Opinion and Order dismissed two petitions for reconsideration of the rules adopted in the Report and Order, 69 FR 54027, September 7, 2004, in this proceeding. It dismissed a petition for reconsideration filed by Warren C. Havens and Telesaurus Holdings GB LLC (“Havens”) requesting that the Commission suspend the rule changes adopted for unlicensed devices in the 902-928 MHz (915 MHz) band until such time as it completes a formal inquiry with regard to the potential effect of such changes to Location and Monitoring Service (LMS) licensees in the band. The Commission also dismissed a petition for reconsideration filed by Cellnet Technology (“Cellnet”) requesting that the Commission adopt spectrum sharing requirements in the unlicensed bands, e.g., a “spectrum etiquette,” particularly in the 915 MHz band.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/17/03	68 FR 68823
R&O	09/07/04	69 FR 54027
Petition for Reconsideration	11/19/04	69 FR 67736
Petition for Reconsideration	02/15/05	70 FR 7737
2nd R&O	05/23/07	72 FR 28889
FNPRM	08/01/07	72 FR 42011
MO&O	08/01/07	72 FR 41937
Next Action Undetermined		

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**483. UNLICENSED DEVICES IN THE 5 GHz BAND**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 301; 47 USC 302(a); 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307; 47 USC 309; 47 USC 316; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to amend the rules governing the operation of Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) devices, including Radio Local Area Networks (RLANS) to make available an additional 255 MHz of spectrum in the 5.47-5.725 GHz band.

The Report and Order amends the Commission's rules to make an additional 255 megahertz of spectrum available in the 5.470-5.725 GHz band for Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) devices, including Radio Local Area Networks (RLANS). The action aligns the frequency bands used by U-NII devices in the United States with bands in other parts of the word. The Commission believes that the increased demand that will result from expanding the markets for U-NII devices, coupled with the operational flexibility provided by the U-NII rules, will lead manufacturers to develop a wide range of new and innovative unlicensed devices and thereby increase wireless broadband access and investment.

The Order extends the one year transition period for Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) equipment operating in the 5.250-5.350 GHz band. This was necessary to allow a sharing protocol to be developed.

The Public Notice refreshed the record on issues raised in petitions for reconsideration of the Report and Order in the proceeding. The petitions sought reconsideration and clarification, in part, of the equipment authorization requirements for Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) devices employing dynamic frequency selection (DFS). The Commission requested additional comments on the DFS issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration and, in particular, how these issues are addressed by the Project Team's revised compliance and measurement procedures and the Commission's rules.

The Memorandum Opinion and Order addressed petitions for reconsideration and clarification of the Commission's rules for 5 GHz U-NII devices adopted

in the Report and Order in ET Docket No. 03-122 and revised the measurement procedures for certifying U-NII devices in the 5 GHz band. The Commission's action will ensure that all applications for equipment certification of U-NII devices comply with the U-NII requirements.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/25/03	68 FR 44011
R&O	01/20/04	69 FR 2677
Petition for Recon	04/12/04	69 FR 19184
Order	04/06/05	70 FR 17328
Public Notice	05/03/06	71 FR 26004
MO&O	07/12/06	71 FR 39229

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI16

**484. NARROWBANDING FOR PRIVATE LAND MOBILE RADIO SERVICE (ET DOC. NO. 04-243)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 301 to 303

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking proposes to revise our transition plan for Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) licensees in the 150.05-150.8 MHz, 162-174 MHz, and 406.1-420 MHz bands. This action will provide for an orderly transition from wideband to narrowband operations, increase spectrum efficiency, maintain compatibility with Federal operations, permit PLMR licensees to operate using existing equipment with greater confidence that their critical operations will not be suddenly required to cease transmissions, and significantly reduce the probability that wideband PLMR operations will interfere with new Federal operations.

The Report and Order amended the procedures by which forty Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) channels, which are located in frequency bands that are allocated primarily for Federal use, are to transition to narrower, more spectrally efficient channels in a process commonly known as "narrowbanding." This action was taken because the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) adopted a more rapid narrowbanding schedule in the 150.05-150.8 MHz, the 162.0125-173.2 MHz and 173.4-174 MHz (162-174 MHz), and the 406.1-420 MHz bands (collectively, the Federal bands) than the Commission has required for its licensees.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/03/04	69 FR 46462
R&O	04/27/05	70 FR 21652

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI53

**485. DTV TUNER REQUIREMENTS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 302 to 304; 47 USC 307; 47 USC 554A

**Abstract:** The Notice proposed to adjust the schedule by which new broadcast television receivers are required to include the capability to tune digital television (DTV) signals. The Commission request comment on whether there is need to revise the implementation schedule of the DTV tuner requirement for receivers with screen sizes 25 to 36 inches and, if so, how that schedule should be revised to achieve our goal that all new television receivers include DTV tuning capability by July 1, 2007.

The Report and Order maintains the schedule of July 1, 2005, by which new broadcast television receivers with screen sizes 25-36 inches are required to include the capability to receive over-the-air digital television (DTV) broadcast signals. This action ensures that DTV tuner equipped sets are available to consumers this year, and will also serve to promote the expeditious completion of the transition from analog to digital broadcast television service.

The Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposed to advance the date on which all new television receiving equipment must include the capability to receive over-the-air DTV

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broadcast signals from July 1, 2007 to a date no later than December 31, 2006. This revision would require all television receivers to include DTV tuners on a schedule not later than the statutory target date for the end of the DTV transition, when analog television service is to end. This proposal is intended to apply the DTV tuner requirement to all TV receivers on an advanced schedule that will allow a more rapid completion of the DTV transition while providing manufacturers with adequate time to

include DTV tuners in all their TV products.

The Order denied in part and granted in part a Reconsideration/Clarification of the Second Report and Order in this proceeding.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/18/05	70 FR 13139
R&O	07/06/05	70 FR 38800
FNPRM	07/06/05	70 FR 38845
2nd R&O	12/21/05	70 FR 75739
Order	09/13/06	71 FR 53991

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
International Bureau

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**486. STREAMLINING THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SATELLITE APPLICATION AND LICENSING PROCEDURES (IB DOCKET NO. 95-117)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 4; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 554; 47 USC 701 to 744

**Abstract:** On February 10, 1997, the FCC adopted rules and policies that streamlined the application and licensing requirements of part 25 of its rules, which deals with communication satellites and earth stations. The streamlined rules waived the construction permit requirement for satellite space stations; changed the license term for temporary fixed earth stations; and adjusted or changed the rules concerning minor modifications and basic requirements for satellite service applications. The streamlined rules also resulted in the creation of a new application form, FCC Form 312. Form 312 eliminated from the International Bureau's use of the FCC Form 493, FCC Form 430, FCC Form 702, and FCC Form 704. Petitions for Reconsideration were filed in this matter. In March 1997 the Commission released a Public Notice concerning these petitions, which are presently pending before the International Bureau.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/09/95	60 FR 46252
R&O, Recon Pending	02/10/97	62 FR 5924
Public Notice/Petitions for Recon	03/26/97	62 FR 14430
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AD70

**487. ESTABLISHING RULES AND POLICIES FOR THE USE OF SPECTRUM FOR MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICE IN THE L-BAND (IB DOCKET NO. 96-132)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 316; 47 USC 403

**Abstract:** The Commission has established licensing policies to govern mobile-satellite services (MSS) in the L-band. Specifically, the Commission has modified the license of Motient Services, Inc. (Motient), the only U.S. MSS system currently authorized to operate in the L-band, to use up to 20 megahertz of spectrum across the entire L-band. Previously, Motient was authorized only to operate in the upper portion of the L-band. In addition, the Commission has adopted and incorporated into part 25 of the rules specific operational parameters and technical requirements to ensure the integrity of maritime distress and safety communications service will not be compromised by MSS operation in the lower portion of the L-band. Petitions for reconsideration were filed.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/18/96	61 FR 40772
NPRM Comment Period End	09/23/96	
R&O	08/07/02	67 FR 51105
Next Action Undetermined		

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**488. ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND POLICIES FOR THE DIGITAL AUDIO RADIO SATELLITE SERVICE IN THE 2310-2360 MHZ FREQUENCY BAND (IB DOCKET NO. 95-91; GEN DOCKET NO. 90-357)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 151(i); 47 USC 154(j); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 309(j)

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing rules to govern satellite digital audio radio services (SDARS). The Commission adopted service rules for SDARS in 1997 and sought further comment on proposed rules governing the use of complementary terrestrial repeaters. See 62 FR 19095.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/95	60 FR 35166
R&O	03/11/97	62 FR 11083

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Action	Date	FR Cite
FNPRM	04/18/97	62 FR 19095
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AF93

**489. ALLOCATE & DESIGNATE: SPEC FOR FIXED-SAT SRV (37.5-38.5, 40.5-41.5 & 48.2-50.2 GHZ BANDS). ALLOCATE: FIXED & MOBILE 40.5-42.5 GHZ; WIRELESS 46.9-47 GHZ; GOV OPER 37-38 & 40-40.5 GHZ (IB DOCKET NO. 97)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 301 to 302; 47 USC 303(e) to 303(g); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 304; 47 USC 307

**Abstract:** This item adopts a plan for non-government operations in the 36.0-51.4 GHz portion of the V-band, establishing priorities for different services in different parts of this band.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/04/97	62 FR 16129
Report & Order	01/15/99	64 FR 2585
Correction	02/08/99	64 FR 6138
Correction	02/10/99	64 FR 6565
Notice of Petition for Reconsideration	03/22/99	64 FR 13796
Order on Reconsideration	12/01/99	
Further NPRM	07/05/01	66 FR 35399
2nd R&O (release date)	11/17/03	
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH23

**490. 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW—REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS SETTLEMENT IN MARITIME MOBILE AND MARITIME MOBILE-SATELLITE RADIO SERVICES; (IB DOCKET NO. 98-96)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 154(j); 47 USC 201 to 205; 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** The FCC seeks comment regarding Accounts Settlement in the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) Radio Services.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/24/98	63 FR 39800
Report & Order	07/28/99	64 FR 40774
Further NPRM	07/28/99	64 FR 40808
Comment Period Extended	09/03/99	64 FR 48337
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH30

**491. SPACE STATION LICENSING REFORM (IB DOCKET 02-34)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 303(c); 47 USC 303(g); ...

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to streamline its procedures for reviewing satellite license applications. Currently, the Commission uses processing rounds to review those applications. In a processing round, when an application is filed, the International Bureau (Bureau) issues a public notice establishing a cut-off date for other mutually exclusive satellite applications, and then considers all those applications together. In cases where sufficient spectrum to accommodate all the applicants is not available, the Bureau directs the applicants to negotiate a mutually agreeable solution. Those negotiations usually take a long time, and delay provision of satellite services to the public.

The NPRM invites comment on two alternatives for expediting the satellite

application process. One alternative is to replace the processing round procedure with a "first-come, first-served" procedure that would allow the Bureau to issue a satellite license to the first party filing a complete, acceptable application. The other alternative is to streamline the processing round procedure by adopting one or more of the following proposals: (1) Placing a time limit on negotiations; (2) establishing criteria to select among competing applicants; (3) dividing the available spectrum evenly among the applicants.

In the First Report and Order in this proceeding, the Commission determined that different procedures were better-suited for different kinds of satellite applications. For most geostationary orbit (GSO) satellite applications, the Commission adopted a first-come, first-served approach. For most non-geostationary orbit (NGSO) satellite applications, the Commission adopted a procedure in which the available spectrum is divided evenly among the qualified applicants. The Commission also adopted measures to discourage applicants from filing speculative applications, including a bond requirement, payable if a licensee misses a milestone. The bond amounts originally were \$5 million for each GSO satellite, and \$7.5 million for each NGSO satellite system. These were interim amounts. Concurrently with the First Report and Order, the Commission adopted an FNPRM to determine whether to revise the bond amounts on a long-term basis.

In the Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted a streamlined procedure for certain kinds of satellite license modification requests.

In the Third Report and Order in this proceeding, the Commission adopted a standardized application form for satellite licenses, and adopted a mandatory electronic filing requirement for certain satellite applications.

In the Fourth Report and Order in this proceeding, the Commission extended the mandatory electronic filing requirement to all satellite applications.

In the Fifth Report and Order in this proceeding, the Commission revised the bond amounts based on the record developed in response to FNPRM. The bond amounts are now \$3 million for each GSO satellite, and \$5 million for each NGSO satellite system.



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**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/19/02	67 FR 12498
NPRM Comment Period End	07/02/02	
2nd R&O (Release Date)	06/20/03	68 FR 62247
2nd FNPRM (Release Date)	07/08/03	68 FR 53702
3rd R&O (Release Date)	07/08/03	68 FR 63994
FNPRM	08/27/03	68 FR 51546
First R&O	08/27/03	68 FR 51499
FNPRM Comment Period End	10/27/03	
4th R&O (Release Date)	04/16/04	69 FR 67790
5th R&O, 1st Order on Recon (Release Date)	07/06/04	69 FR 51586
Next Action Undetermined		

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Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AH98

**492. MITIGATION OF ORBITAL  
DEBRIS (IB DOCKET NO. 02-54)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 157(a); 47 USC 303(c); 47 USC 303(f) to 303(g); 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted rules that require all entities seeking FCC authorization for satellite services to address orbital debris mitigation as part of their application for FCC authorization. Orbital debris consists of artificial objects orbiting the Earth that are not functional spacecraft. In addition, the Commission established requirements for the removal of geostationary spacecraft from operational orbits at the end of their useful lives and amended the Commission's rules regarding orbit raising maneuvers, the use of inclined orbits, and orbital longitudinal tolerance station-keeping requirements. The Commission indicated that it will seek further comment on the application of the Commission's longitudinal tolerance station-keeping requirements for Fixed-Satellite space stations to space stations in the Mobile-

Satellite Service and remote sensing services.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/03/02	67 FR 22376
NPRM Comment Period End	08/16/02	
First R&O	08/27/03	68 FR 59127
2nd R&O	09/09/04	69 FR 54581
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis  
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**RIN:** 3060-AI06

**493. AMENDMENT OF PARTS 1 AND  
63 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES  
(DOCKET 04-47)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 34 to 39; 47 USC 151; 47 USC 161; 47 USC 201 to 205; ...

**Abstract:** FCC proposes amendments to several rules. Specifically, FCC proposes to: (1) Amend the procedures for discontinuing an international service; (2) establish post service notification for Commercial Mobile Radio Service carriers providing international service; (3) allow U.S. carriers to resell the U.S.-inbound service of foreign carriers; (4) allow commonly controlled subsidiaries to use their parent corporation's authority to provide international service; and (5) amend the submarine cable landing licensing procedures compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/22/04	69 FR 13276
NPRM Comment Period End	06/07/04	
R&O (Release Date)	06/22/07	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis  
Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AI41

**494. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR U.S. PROVIDERS OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
(IB DOCKET NO. 04-112)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 161; 47 USC 201 to 205; ...

**Abstract:** FCC is reviewing the reporting requirements to which carriers providing U.S. international services are subject under 47 CFR part 43. FCC proposes to amend 47 CFR 43.61 and to repeal 47 CFR 43.53.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/12/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/23/04	69 FR 29676
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis  
Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AI42

**495. REVIEW OF THE SPECTRUM  
SHARING PLAN AMONG  
NON-GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE  
ORBIT MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICE  
SYSTEMS IN THE 1.6/2.4 GHZ BANDS  
(IB DOCKET NO. 02-364)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 302(a); 47 USC 303(e); ...

**Abstract:** The Commission issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on whether code division multiple access and time division multiple access satellite operators feasibly could share additional spectrum in the 1.6 GHz band. The Commission also affirmed its sharing plan in the 2.4 GHz band. The Commission also affirmed its sharing plan in the 2.4 GHz band.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/29/03	68 FR 33666

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Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O	08/09/04	69 FR 48157
FNPRM	08/09/04	69 FR 48192
Petitions for Reconsideration	10/12/04	69 FR 60626
First Order on Reconsideration	06/19/06	71 FR 35178
Petitions for Further Reconsideration	07/27/06	71 FR 44029
Recon Comment Period End	08/31/06	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI44

**496. • AMENDMENT OF PARTS 2 AND 25 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES TO ALLOCATE SPECTRUM AND ADOPT SERVICE RULES AND PROCEDURES TO GOVERN THE USE OF VEHICLE-MOUNTED EARTH STATIONS; IB DOCKET NO. 07-101**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to (j); 47 USC 157(a); 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303 (c); 47 USC 303 (f); 47 USC 303 (g); 47 USC 303 (r); 47 USC 303 (y); 47 USC 308

**Abstract:** The Commission seeks comment on the proposed amendment of parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's rules to allocate spectrum for use with Vehicle-Mounted Earth Stations (VMES) in the Fixed-Satellite Service in the Ku-band uplink at 14.0-14.5 GHz and Ku-band downlink 11.72-12.2 GHz on a primary basis, and in the extended Ku-band downlink at 10.95-11.2 GHz and 11.45-11.7 GHz on a non-protected basis, and to adopt Ku-band VMES

licensing and service rules modeled on the FCC's rules for Ku-band Earth Stations on Vessels (ESVs). The record in this proceeding will provide a basis for Commission action to facilitate introduction of this proposed service.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/08/07	72 FR 39357
NPRM Comment Period End	09/04/07	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI90

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## Media Bureau

**497. CABLE TELEVISION RATE REGULATION**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 543

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted rate regulations to implement section 623 of the 1992 Cable Act to ensure that cable subscribers nationwide enjoy the rates that would be charged by cable systems operating in a competitive environment. Reconsideration was requested. The 14th Order on Reconsideration addresses petitions on issues governing regulated services by cable systems. In a subsequent notice, comment was sought on recalibrating the competitive differential between rates of systems subject to effective competition and noncompetitive systems. In addition, comment was sought as to whether there may be a different approach to establish reasonable rates on the basic service tier.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/04/93	58 FR 48
R&O and FNPRM	05/21/93	58 FR 29736
MO&O and FNPRM	08/18/93	58 FR 43816
3rd R&O	11/30/93	58 FR 63087

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order on Recon, 4th R&O, and 5th NPRM	04/15/94	59 FR 17943
3rd Order on Recon	04/15/94	59 FR 17961
5th Order on Recon and FNPRM	10/13/94	59 FR 51869
4th Order on Recon	10/21/94	59 FR 53113
6th Order on Recon, 5th R&O, and 7th NPRM	12/06/94	59 FR 62614
7th Order on Recon	01/25/95	60 FR 4863
9th Order on Recon	02/27/95	60 FR 10512
8th Order on Recon	03/17/95	60 FR 14373
6th R&O and 11th Order on Recon	07/12/95	60 FR 35854
13th Order on Recon	10/05/95	60 FR 52106
12th Order on Recon	10/26/95	60 FR 54815
10th Order on Recon	04/08/96	61 FR 15388
Order on Recon of the 1st R&O and Further NPRM	04/15/96	61 FR 16447
MO&O	02/12/97	62 FR 6491
Report on Cable Industry Prices	02/24/97	62 FR 8245
R&O	03/31/97	62 FR 15118
14th Order on Recon	10/15/97	62 FR 53572
NPRM and Order	09/05/02	67 FR 56882
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AF41

**498. CABLE TELEVISION RATE REGULATION: COST OF SERVICE**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 543

**Abstract:** The Commission has established rules pursuant to which cable operators may set rates for regulated cable service in accordance with traditional cost-of-service principles, as modified to take account of unique characteristics of the cable industry. In the latest NPRM, comment was sought on rule changes that may be necessary or desirable in order to account for changes in the regulatory process resulting from the end of the Commission's statutory authority to regulate certain tiers of cable programming service.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/30/93	58 FR 40762

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Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O	04/15/94	59 FR 17975
2nd NPRM	04/15/94	59 FR 18066
MO&O	10/14/94	59 FR 52087
2nd R&O/1st Order on Recon/FNPRM	03/08/96	61 FR 9361
Correction	03/22/96	61 FR 11749
NPRM and Order	09/05/02	67 FR 56882
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AF48**499. CABLE HOME WIRING****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 544(i)

**Abstract:** On October 6, 1997, the FCC adopted a Report and Order and Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 97-7360) that amends its cable inside wiring rules to enhance competition in the video distribution marketplace. The Second FNPRM seeks comment on, among other things, whether there are circumstances where the FCC should adopt restrictions on exclusive contracts in order to further promote competition in the multiple dwelling unit marketplace. The 2nd Report and Order addresses multiple dwelling units when the occupant charges video service providers. In the First Order on Reconsideration and the Second Report and Order, the Commission modified its rules in part. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit remanded a portion of the Commission decision back to the Commission for further consideration. In September 2004, the Commission issued an FNPRM in response to the courts decision. The subsequent Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling concluded that cable wiring behind sheet rock is physically inaccessible for determining the demarcation point.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/17/92	57 FR 54209
R&O	03/02/93	58 FR 11970
NPRM	02/01/96	61 FR 3657

Action	Date	FR Cite
First Order on Recon & FNPRM	02/16/96	61 FR 6210
FNPRM	09/03/97	62 FR 46453
R&O and Second FNPRM	11/14/97	62 FR 60165
First Order on Recon and 2nd R&O	03/21/03	68 FR 13850
FNPRM	10/15/04	69 FR 61193
R&O and Declaratory Ruling (release date)	06/08/07	
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AG02**500. COMPETITIVE AVAILABILITY OF NAVIGATION DEVICES (97-80)****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 549

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted rules to address the mandate expressed in section 629 of the Communications Act to ensure the commercial availability of "navigation devices," the equipment used to access video programming and other services from multichannel video programming systems.

Specifically, in 1998, the Commission required MVPDs to make available by July 1, 2000, a security element separate from the basic navigation device (e.g., cable set-top boxes, digital video recorders, and television receivers with navigation capabilities). The separation of the security element from the host device required by this rule (referred to as the "integration ban") was designed to enable unaffiliated manufacturers, retailers, and other vendors to commercially market host devices while allowing MVPDs to retain control over their system security. MVPDs were permitted to continue providing equipment with integrated security until January 1, 2005, so long as modular security components, known as point-of-deployment modules, were also made available for use with host devices obtained through retail outlets. In April

2003, in response to requests from cable operators, the Commission extended the effective date of the integration ban until July 1, 2006. Then, in 2005, again at the urging of cable operators, the Commission extended that date until July 1, 2007. Also, in this proceeding, in April 2003, the Commission adopted unidirectional "plug and play" rules, to govern compatibility between MVPDs and navigation devices manufactured by consumer electronics manufacturers not affiliated with cable operators. In June 2007, the Commission solicited comment on proposed standards to ensure bidirectional compatibility of cable television systems and consumer electronics equipment.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/05/97	62 FR 10011
R&O	07/15/98	63 FR 38089
Order on Reconsideration	06/02/99	64 FR 29599
FNPRM & Declaratory Ruling	09/28/00	65 FR 58255
FNPRM	01/16/03	68 FR 2278
Order and FNPRM	06/17/03	68 FR 35818
2nd R&O	11/28/03	68 FR 66728
FNPRM	11/28/03	68 FR 66776
Order on Reconsideration	01/28/04	69 FR 4081
2nd R&O	06/22/05	70 FR 36040
3rd FNPRM	07/25/07	72 FR 40818
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AG28**501. HORIZONTAL OWNERSHIP LIMITS AND ATTRIBUTION RULES****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 533

**Abstract:** Section 613 of the Communications Act requires the Commission to "prescribe rules and regulations establishing reasonable limits on the number of cable subscribers a person is authorized to reach through cable systems owned by such person, or in which such person has an attributable interest." On October 8, 1999, the Commission

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issued a Third Report and Order, FCC 99-289, in this matter. The Commission revised the horizontal ownership rules as follows: (1) All multichannel video subscribers will be counted when calculating the 30 percent ownership limit; (2) actual subscriber numbers, rather than potential subscriber numbers, will be used for calculating an owner's share; and (3) the minority exception which allowed a 35 percent ownership limit for minority-owned entities under certain circumstances was eliminated. On March 2, 2001, the District of Columbia Circuit Court reversed and remanded the cable horizontal and vertical limits, as well as two aspects of the attribution rules used to determine compliance with these limits. (*Time Warner Entertainment Co. v. FCC*, 240 F.3d 1126 (DC cir. 2001)). Pursuant to the court's remand, the Commission solicited comment in a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (September 2001) and is now seeking supplemental comment and evidence.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Second MO&O on Recon and FNPRM	07/14/98	63 FR 37790
Third R&O	12/01/99	64 FR 67198
Order on Recon	03/08/00	65 FR 12135
MO&O	06/08/00	65 FR 36382
FNPRM	10/11/01	66 FR 51905
Second FNPRM	06/18/05	70 FR 33680
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH09

**502. DIGITAL AUDIO BROADCASTING SYSTEMS (MM DOCKET NO. 99-325)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303

**Abstract:** The rulemaking proceeding was initiated to foster the development and implementation of terrestrial digital audio broadcasting (DAB). The transition to DAB promises the benefits that have generally accompanied digitalization—better audio fidelity, more robust transmission systems, and

the possibility of new auxiliary services. In the First Report and Order, the Commission selected in-band, on-channel as the technology that will permit AM and FM radio broadcasters to introduce digital operations. Consideration of formal standard-setting procedures and related broadcasting licensing and service rule changes are addressed in a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Further technical guidance is provided in a Second Report and Order.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/09/99	64 FR 61054
First R&O	12/23/02	67 FR 78193
FNPRM and NOI	05/14/04	69 FR 27815
2nd R&O	08/15/07	72 FR 45712
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AH40

**503. PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES AND POLICIES AFFECTING THE CONVERSION TO DTV**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 4(i) to 4(j); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 307; 47 USC 309; 47 USC 336

**Abstract:** On January 18, 2001, the Commission adopted a Report and Order (R&O) and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, addressing a number of issues related to the conversion of the nation's broadcast television system from analog to digital television. The 2nd Report & Order resolved several major technical issues including the issue of receiver performance standards, DTV tuners, and revisions to certain components of the DTV transmission standard. The latest NPRM commenced the Commission's second periodic review of the progress of the digital television conversion. The resulting R&O adopted a multi-step process to create a new DTV table of allotments and authorizations. Also in the R&O, the Commission adopted replication and maximization deadlines for DTV broadcasters and updated rules in

recognition revisions to broadcast transmission standards.

The Second R&O adopts disclosure requirements for televisions that do not include a digital tuner.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/00	65 FR 15600
Report & Order	02/13/01	66 FR 9973
MO&O	12/18/01	66 FR 65122
3rd MO&O and Order on Recon	10/02/02	67 FR 61816
2nd R&O and 2nd MO&O	10/11/02	67 FR 63290
NPRM	02/18/03	68 FR 7737
R&O	10/04/04	69 FR 59500
2nd R&O	05/10/07	72 FR 26554
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH54

**504. DIRECT BROADCAST PUBLIC INTEREST OBLIGATIONS (MM DOCKET NO. 93-25)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 335

**Abstract:** The Commission adopted rules in 1998 that implement section 25 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as codified at section 335 of the Communications Act of 1934. Section 335 directs the Commission to impose certain public interest obligations on direct broadcast satellite providers. Several petitions for reconsideration are pending.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/08/93	58 FR 12917
Report and Order	02/08/99	64 FR 52399
Order on Reconsideration	04/22/04	69 FR 21761
Order on Reconsideration	04/28/04	69 FR 23155
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AH59

### 505. REVISION OF EEO RULES AND POLICIES (MM DOCKET NO. 98-204)

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 257; 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307 to 309; 47 USC 334; 47 USC 403; 47 USC 554

**Abstract:** FCC authority to govern Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) responsibilities of cable television operators was codified in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984. This authority was extended to television broadcast licensees and other multi-channel video programming distributors in the Cable and Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992. In the Second Report and Order, the FCC adopted new EEO rules and policies. This action was in response to a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that found prior EEO rules unconstitutional. The Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requests comment as to the applicability of the EEO rules to part-time employees. The Third Report and Order adopted revised forms for broadcast station and MVPDs Annual Employment Report. In the Fourth NPRM, comment was sought regarding public access to the data contained in the forms.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/14/02	67 FR 1704
2nd R&O and 3rd NPRM	01/07/03	68 FR 670
Correction	01/13/03	68 FR 1657
4th NPRM	06/23/04	69 FR 34986
3rd R&O	06/23/04	69 FR 34950
Next Action Undetermined		

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH95

### 506. BROADCAST MULTIPLE AND CROSS-OWNERSHIP LIMITS

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 152(a); 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307; 47 USC 309 to 310

**Abstract:** In 2002, the Commission undertook a comprehensive review of its broadcast multiple and cross-ownership limits examining: cross ownership of TV and radio stations; local TV ownership limits; national TV cap; and dual network rule.

The Report and Order replaced the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership and radio and TV rules with a tiered approach based on the number of television stations in a market. Petitions for Reconsideration are pending. Also, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals remanded portions of the Commission's decisions. In June 2006, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking initiating the 2006 review of the broadcast ownership rules. The further notice also sought comment on how to address the issues raised by the Third Circuit. Additional questions are raised for comment in a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/05/01	66 FR 50991
R&O	08/05/03	68 FR 46286
Public Notice	02/19/04	69 FR 9216
FNPRM	08/09/06	71 FR 4511
2nd FNPRM	08/08/07	72 FR 44539
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH97

### 507. ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES FOR DIGITAL LOW POWER TELEVISION, TELEVISION TRANSLATOR, AND TELEVISION BOOSTER STATIONS (MB DOCKET 03-185)

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 309; 47 USC 336

**Abstract:** This proceeding initiates the digital television conversion for low power television (LPTV) and television

translator stations. The rules and policies adopted as a result of this proceeding provide the framework for these stations' conversion from analog to digital broadcasting. The Report and Order adopts definitions and permissible use provisions for digital TV translator and LPTV stations. Petitions for reconsideration of the Report and Order are pending resolution.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/26/03	68 FR 55566
R&O	11/29/04	69 FR 69325
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AI38

### 508. JOINT SALES AGREEMENTS IN LOCAL TELEVISION MARKETS

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 152(a); 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303; ...

**Abstract:** A joint sales agreement (JSA) is an agreement with a licensee of a brokered station that authorizes a broker to sell some or all of the advertising time for the brokered station in return for a fee or percentage of revenues paid to the licensee. The Commission has sought comment on whether TV JSAs should be attributed for purposes of determining compliance with the Commission's multiple ownership rules.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/26/04	69 FR 52464
Next Action Undetermined		

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI55

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**509. SIGNIFICANTLY VIEWED OUT-OF-MARKET BROADCAST STATIONS (DOCKET 05-49)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 340

**Abstract:** Section 202 of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 creates section 340 of the Communications Act, which provides satellite carries with the authority to offer Commission determined “significantly viewed” signals of out-of-market broadcast stations to subscribers. In the NPRM, comment was sought on implementation of section 340. The resulting R&O adopted a list of significantly viewed stations and procedures for stations to petition the Commission for inclusion on the list.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/08/05	70 FR 11314
R&O	12/27/05	70 FR 76504
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

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**510. REVISION OF PROCEDURES GOVERNING AMENDMENTS TO FM TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS AND CHANGES OF COMMUNITY OF LICENSE IN THE RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES (MB DOCKET 05-210)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303

**Abstract:** The rulemaking was initiated to reduce backlog in, and streamline, the FM allotment procedures and, to a lesser extent, streamline certain procedures pertaining to AM applications. Although the Commission has made important changes to streamline the processing of radio broadcast applications, the basic procedures for amending the Table have not changed since 1982. The Notice seeks comment on a number of specific rule and procedural changes in the handling of FM and AM applications and rulemaking petitions to amend the Table. In the area of

applications procedures, the Notice seeks comments on various proposals designed to encourage only bona fide proponents to submit petitions and to limit the complexity of such petitions. If these changes are adopted, it will expedite the approval and implementation on new and upgraded radio service to the public. The Report and Order adopted the proposals from the notice.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/22/05	70 FR 44537
NPRM Comment Period End	10/03/05	
Report & Order	12/20/06	71 FR 76208
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

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**RIN:** 3060-AI63

**511. DIGITAL TELEVISION DISTRIBUTED TRANSMISSION SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES (DOCKET 05-312)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 301; ...

**Abstract:** A digital television transmission system (“DTS”) employs multiple synchronized transmitters spread around a station’s service area. Such distributed transmitters fill in unserved areas in the parent station’s coverage area. The notice of proposed rulemaking examines issues related to the use of DTS and proposes rules for future DTS operation.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/07/05	70 FR 72763
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

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**RIN:** 3060-AI68

**512. IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 621(A)(1) OF THE CABLE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY ACT OF 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE CABLE TELEVISION CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION ACT OF 1992**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 541(a)(1); 47 USC 556(c)

**Abstract:** Section 621(a)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, states in relevant part that “a franchising authority . . . may not unreasonably refuse to award an additional competitive franchise.” The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“Notice”) solicits comment on implementation of section 621(a)(1)’s directive, and whether the franchising process unreasonably impedes the achievement of the interrelated Federal goals of enhanced cable competition and accelerated broadband deployment and, if so, how the Commission should act to address that problem.

The subsequent Report and Order found that certain actions by local franchising authorities constitute an unreasonable refusal to award a competitive franchise within the meaning of section 621(a)(1). The item included a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on how the findings should affect existing franchises.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/19/05	70 FR 73973
R&O and FNPRM	03/21/07	72 FR 13230
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI69

**513. PROGRAM ACCESS RULES—SUNSET OF EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS PROHIBITION (DOCKET NO. 07-29)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 548

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**Abstract:** The program access provisions of the Communications Act (Section 628) generally prohibit exclusive contracts for satellite delivered programming between programmers in which a cable operator has an attributable interest (“vertically integrated programmers”) and cable operators. This limitation will expire on October 5, 2007, unless circumstances in the video programming marketplace indicate that an extension of the prohibition continues “to be necessary to preserve and protect competition and diversity in the distribution of video programming.” The proceeding undertakes the required review.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/01/07	72 FR 9289
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI87

**514. • THIRD PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION’S RULES AND POLICIES AFFECTING THE CONVERSION TO DIGITAL TELEVISION; MB DOCKET NO: 07-91**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 154(j); 47 USC 301 to 303; 47 USC 307 to 309; 47 USC 312; 47 USC 316; 47 USC 318 to 319; 47 USC 324 to 325; 47 USC 336 to 337

**Abstract:** Congress has mandated that after February 17, 2009, full-power broadcast stations must transmit only in digital signals, and may no longer transmit analog signals. This proceeding is the Commission’s third periodic review of the transition of the nation’s broadcast television system from analog to digital television (“DTV”). The Commission conducts these periodic reviews in order to assess the progress of the transition and make any necessary adjustments to the Commission’s rules and policies to facilitate the introduction of DTV service and the recovery of spectrum at the end of the transition. In this review, the Commission considers how to ensure that broadcasters complete construction of their final post-transition (digital) facilities by the statutory deadline.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/09/07	72 FR 37310
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI89

**515. • DTV CONSUMER EDUCATION INITIATIVE; MB DOCKET NO. 07-148**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 335 to 336

**Abstract:** Congress has mandated that after February 17, 2009, full-power

broadcast stations must transmit only in digital signals, and may no longer transmit analog signals. From the beginning of the digital transition, the Commission has been committed to working with representatives from industry, public interest groups, and Congress to make the significant benefits of digital broadcasting available to the public. The digital transition will make valuable spectrums available for both public safety uses and expanded wireless competition and innovation. It will also provide consumers with better quality television picture and sound, and make new services available through multicasting. These innovations, however, are dependent upon widespread consumer understanding of the benefits and the mechanics of the transition. While the Commission has been engaged in various DTV outreach efforts, this proceeding was initiated to seek public comment on whether there are additional steps relating to consumer education about the digital transition which the Commission should take.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/16/07	72 FR 46014
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI96

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**516. FILING OF TELEVISION NETWORK AFFILIATION CONTRACTS (MM DOCKET NO. 95-40)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** This proceeding considers changes to the requirement that stations file their network affiliation agreements with the Commission.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/19/95	60 FR 19564
NPRM Comment Period End	06/12/95	
No Further Action Required	10/26/07	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AF80

## FCC—Media Bureau

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**517. RULES GOVERNING BROADCAST TELEVISION ADVERTISING (MM DOCKET NO. 95–90)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 313 to 314

**Abstract:** This proceeding considers changes to two rules regulating broadcast television advertising. The first advertising rule prohibits a broadcast television network from influencing or controlling the rates its affiliates set for the sale of their non-network advertising time. The second advertising rule prohibits a broadcast television network from representing any of its affiliates in the sale of non-network advertising time.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/95	60 FR 34959
NPRM Comment Period End	08/28/95	
No Further Action Required	10/26/07	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060–AF81

**518. IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 210 OF THE SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004 TO AMEND SECTION 338 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 338(a)(4)

**Abstract:** In this document the Commission establishes final rules implementing section 210 of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, which amends section 338(a)(4) of the Communications Act to require satellite carriage of the analog signals and digital signals of local stations in Alaska and Hawaii. Satellite carriers with more than five million subscribers

must carry these signals to substantially all of their subscribers in each station's local market by December 8, 2005 for analog signals and by June 8, 2007 for digital signals.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proceeding Terminated	10/17/04	69 FR 7397
NPRM	05/09/05	70 FR 24350–01
R&O	12/27/05	70 FR 76504–01

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**519. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF REGULATORY FEES FOR FY 2006**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 159

**Abstract:** Section 9 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 159, requires the FCC to recover the cost of its activities by assessing and collecting annual

regulatory fees from beneficiaries of the activities.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/06/06	71 FR 17410
R&O	08/02/06	71 FR 43842
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**520. • ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF REGULATORY FEES FOR FY 2007**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 159

**Abstract:** Section 9 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 159, requires the FCC to recover the cost of its activities by assessing and collecting annual

regulatory fees from beneficiaries of the activities.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/02/07	72 FR 24213
R&O	08/16/07	72 FR 46010

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

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**Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
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**521. REVISION OF THE RULES TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY WITH ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY CALLING SYSTEMS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 134(i); 47 USC 151; 47 USC 201; 47 USC 208; 47 USC 215; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 309

**Abstract:** In a series of orders in several related proceedings issued since 1996, the Federal Communications Commission has taken action to improve the quality and reliability of 911 emergency services for wireless phone users. Rules have been adopted governing the availability of basic 911 services and the implementation of enhanced 911 (E911) for wireless services.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
FNPRM	07/26/96	61 FR 40374
R&O	07/26/96	61 FR 40348
MO&O	01/16/98	63 FR 2631
Second Report & Order	06/28/99	64 FR 34564
Third R&O	11/04/99	64 FR 60126
Second MO&O	12/29/99	64 FR 72951
Fourth Report & Order, Third NPRM, and NPRM	09/19/00	65 FR 56752
Fourth MO&O	10/02/00	65 FR 58657
FNPRM	06/13/01	66 FR 31878
Order	11/02/01	66 FR 55618
R&O	05/23/02	67 FR 36112
Public Notice	07/17/02	67 FR 46909
Order to Stay	07/26/02	
Order on Recon	01/22/03	68 FR 2914
FNPRM	01/23/03	68 FR 3214
2nd R & O, 2nd FNPRM	02/11/04	69 FR 657801
2nd R&O	09/07/04	69 FR 54037
NPRM	06/01/07	72 FR 33948
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AG34

**522. ENHANCED 911 SERVICES FOR WIRELINE**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 201; 47 USC 222; 47 USC 251

**Abstract:** The rules generally will assist State governments in drafting legislation that will ensure that multi-line telephone systems are compatible with the enhanced 911 network.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/11/94	59 FR 54878
FNPRM	01/23/03	68 FR 3214
2nd FNPRM	02/11/04	69 FR 6595
R&O	02/11/04	69 FR 6578
Public Notice	01/13/05	70 FR 2405
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AG60

**523. IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 229; 47 USC 1001 to 1008

**Abstract:** All of the decisions in this proceeding thus far are aimed at implementation of provisions of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/10/97	62 FR 63302
Order	01/13/98	63 FR 1943
FNPRM	11/16/98	63 FR 63639
Report & Order	01/29/99	64 FR 51462
Order	03/29/99	64 FR 14834
Second Report & Order	09/23/99	64 FR 51462
Third Report & Order	09/24/99	64 FR 51710
Order on Recon	09/28/99	64 FR 52244
Policy Statement	10/12/99	64 FR 55164
Second Order on Recon	05/04/01	66 FR 22446
Order	10/05/01	66 FR 50841
Order on Remand	05/02/02	67 FR 21999
NPRM	09/23/04	69 FR 56976
First Report & Order	10/13/05	70 FR 59704
Second Report & Order	07/05/06	71 FR 38091
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AG74

**524. DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND SPECTRUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 160; 47 USC 201 to 202; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 337(a); 47 USC 403

**Abstract:** This item takes steps toward developing a flexible regulatory framework to meet vital current and future public safety communications needs.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/09/97	62 FR 60199
Second NPRM	11/07/97	62 FR 60199
First R&O	08/06/98	63 FR 58645
Third NPRM	08/06/98	63 FR 58685
MO&O	04/26/99	64 FR 60123
Second R&O	08/08/00	65 FR 48393
Fourth NPRM	08/25/00	65 FR 51788
Second MO&O	09/05/00	65 FR 53641
Third MO&O	11/07/00	65 FR 66644
Third R&O	11/07/00	65 FR 66644
Fifth NPRM	02/16/01	66 FR 10660
Fourth R&O	02/16/01	66 FR 10632
MO&O	09/27/02	67 FR 61002
NPRM	11/08/02	67 FR 68079
R&O	12/13/02	67 FR 76697
NPRM	04/27/05	70 FR 21726
R&O	04/27/05	70 FR 21671
NPRM	04/07/06	71 FR 17786
NPRM	09/21/06	71 FR 55149
Ninth NPRM	01/10/07	72 FR 1201
R&O and FNPRM	05/02/07	72 FR 24238
2nd R&O	08/10/07	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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**525. IMPLEMENTATION OF 911 ACT**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 160; 47 USC 202; 47 USC 208; 47 USC 210; 47 USC 214; 47 USC 251(e); 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 308 to 309(j); 47 USC 310

**Abstract:** This proceeding is separate from the Commission's proceeding on Enhanced 911 Emergency Systems (E911) in that it is intended to implement provisions of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 through the promotion of public safety by the deployment of a seamless, nationwide emergency communications infrastructure that includes wireless communications services. More specifically, a chief goal of the proceeding is to ensure that all emergency calls are routed to the appropriate local emergency authority to provide assistance. The E911 proceeding goes a step further and is aimed at improving the effectiveness and reliability of wireless 911 dispatchers with additional information on wireless 911 calls.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	01/25/02	67 FR 3621
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AH90

**526. COMMISSION RULES CONCERNING DISRUPTIONS TO COMMUNICATIONS**

**Legal Authority:** Not Yet Determined

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed to extend the Commission's disruption reporting requirements to communications providers who are not wireline carriers. The proposal will allow the Commission to obtain the necessary information regarding service disruptions in an efficient and expeditious manner and to achieve significant concomitant public interest benefits.

The further notice of proposed rulemaking expands the record in the proceeding to focus specifically on the unique communications needs of airports, including wireless and satellite communications. In this regard, the Commission requested comment on the additional types of airport communications (e.g., wireless, satellite) that should be required to file service disruption reports—particularly from a homeland security and defense perspective. These types of airport communications may include, for example, communications that are provided by ARINC as well as commercial communications (e.g., air-to-ground and ground-to-air telephone communications) as well as intra-airline commercial links. The Commission also requested comment on whether the outage-reporting requirements for special facilities should be extended to cover general aviation airports (GA) and, if so, what the applicable threshold criteria should be.

The Report and Order extended the Commission's disruption reporting requirements to communications providers who are not wireline carriers. The Commission also streamlined compliance with the reporting requirements through electronic filing with a "fill in the blank" template and by simplifying the application of that rule. In addition, the Commission delegates authority to the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, to make the revisions to the filing system and template necessary to improve the efficiency of reporting and to reduce, where reasonably possible, the time for providers to prepare, and for the Commission staff to review, the communications disruption reports required to be filed. These actions will allow the Commission to obtain the necessary information regarding service disruptions in an efficient and expeditious manner and to achieve significant concomitant public interest benefits.

The Commission received nine petitions for reconsideration in this proceeding, which are pending.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/26/04	69 FR 15761
FNPRM	11/26/04	69 FR 68859
R&O	12/03/04	69 FR 70316

Action	Date	FR Cite
Petition for Reconsideration	02/15/05	70 FR 7737
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AI22

**527. E911 REQUIREMENTS FOR IP-ENABLED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 251(e); 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** The notice seeks comment on what additional steps the Commission should take to ensure that providers of voice-over Internet protocol services that interconnect with the public switched telephone network provide ubiquitous and reliable enhanced 911 service.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/29/05	70 FR 37307
NPRM Comment Period End	09/12/05	
NPRM	06/01/07	72 FR 33948
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**

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**RIN:** 3060-AI62

**528. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT PANEL REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 218; 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in EB Docket No. 06-119, the Commission initiated a

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comprehensive rulemaking to address and implement the recommendations presented by the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks (Independent Panel). The Independent Panel's report described the impact of one of the worst natural disasters in the Nation's history as well as the overall public and private response efforts. In addition, the report included recommendations which relate to: (1) Pre-positioning the communications industry and the government for disasters in order to achieve greater network reliability and resiliency; (2) improving recovery coordination to address existing shortcomings and to maximize the use of existing resources; (3) improving the operability and

interoperability of public safety and 911 communications in times of crisis; and (4) improving communication of emergency information to the public. The Commission, in this proceeding, is to take the lessons learned from this disaster and build upon them to promote more effective, efficient response and recovery efforts as well as heightened readiness and preparedness in the future. To accomplish this goal, the Commission invited comment on what actions the Commission can take to address the Independent Panel's recommendations.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Order	07/07/06	71 FR 38564
	07/11/07	72 FR 37655

Action	Date	FR Cite
Delay of Effective Date of Rule	08/10/07	72 FR 44978
Petition for Reconsideration	08/20/07	72 FR 46485
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**529. COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT AND BROADBAND ACCESS SERVICES (ET DOCKET NO. 04-295)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 157 (A); 47 USC 229; 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM"), the Commission examined issues relating to the scope of CALEA's applicability to packet-mode services, such as broadband Internet access, and implementation and enforcement issues. The Commission tentatively concluded that: (1) Congress intended the scope of CALEA's definition of "telecommunications carrier" to be more inclusive than that of the Communications Act; (2) facilities-based providers of any type of broadband Internet access service, whether provided on a wholesale or retail basis, are subject to CALEA; (3) "certain" Voice-over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") services are subject to CALEA; (4) the phrase in section 102 of CALEA "a replacement for a substantial portion of the local telephone exchange service" calls for assessing the replacement of any portion of an individual subscriber's functionality previously provided via "plain old telephone service" ("POTS"); and (5) call-identifying information in packet networks is "reasonably available" under section 103 of CALEA if the information is accessible without

"significantly modifying a network." We sought comment on: (1) The feasibility of carriers relying on a trusted third party to manage their CALEA obligations and to provide to law enforcement agencies ("LEAs") the electronic surveillance information they require in an acceptable format; and (2) whether standards for packet technologies are deficient and should not serve as safe harbors for complying with section 103 capability requirements.

The Commission issued a Declaratory Ruling to clarify that commercial wireless "push-to-talk" services continue to be subject to the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act ("CALEA"), regardless of the technologies that Commercial Mobile Radio Services ("CMRS") providers choose to apply in offering them. This ruling was issued at the request of, and in response to, a joint petition filed by the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (collectively, "Law Enforcement").

In the First Report and Order, the Commission determined that providers of facilities-based broadband Internet access services and providers of interconnected voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services—meaning VoIP service that allows a user generally to receive calls originating from and to terminate calls to the public switched

telephone network (PSTN)—must comply with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). The new rule will enhance public safety and ensure that the surveillance needs of law enforcement agencies continue to be met as Internet-based communications technologies proliferate.

The Commission initiated this rulemaking to explore whether the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) should apply to providers of VoIP services that do not satisfy the Commission's definition of interconnected VoIP. The rulemaking also sought comment on what procedures the Commission should use to exempt a class or category of telecommunications carrier from CALEA, as well as the appropriateness of requiring something less than full CALEA compliance for certain classes or categories of providers of facilities-based broadband Internet access services. The rulemaking will also enhance public safety and ensure that the surveillance needs of law enforcement agencies continue to be met as Internet-based communications technologies proliferate.

The Commission received one petition for reconsideration and clarification.

The Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order (Second R&O and MO&O) addresses the assistance capabilities required,

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pursuant to section 103 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) for facilities-based broadband Internet access providers and providers of interconnected Voice-over Internet Protocol (VoIP). More generally, the Second R.O and MO&O specifies mechanisms to ensure that telecommunications carriers comply with CALEA. The MO&O denies in part and grants in part a petition for reconsideration and clarification filed by the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom) relating to the

compliance date for broadband Internet access providers and providers of interconnected VoIP.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/23/04	69 FR 56976
Declaratory Ruling	09/23/04	69 FR 56956
FNPRM	10/13/05	70 FR 59704
First R&O	10/13/05	70 FR 59664
Petition for Reconsideration	01/04/06	71 FR 345
2nd R&O and M&O	07/05/06	71 FR 38091
Merged With RIN 3060-AG74	07/05/06	

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**RIN:** 3060-AI70

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**530. AMENDMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES CONCERNING MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303

**Abstract:** Amendment of the Maritime Radio Service Rules to encourage growth and improve the regulatory structure in VHF maritime communications.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NOI/NPRM	11/05/92	57 FR 57717
FNPRM	04/26/95	60 FR 35507
First R&O	04/26/95	60 FR 34198
Second FNPRM	06/17/97	62 FR 37533
Second R&O	06/17/97	62 FR 40281
Third R&O and MO&O	07/06/98	63 FR 40059
MO&O	04/26/99	64 FR 26885
Third NPRM	12/08/00	65 FR 76966
Fourth R&O	12/13/00	65 FR 77821
Fourth NPRM	02/04/02	67 FR 5080
2nd MO&O and 5th R&O	07/25/02	67 FR 48560
R&O	08/13/03	68 FR 48446
MO&O	04/15/04	69 FR 19947
Correcting Amendment	07/26/04	69 FR 44471
2nd R&O and 6th R&O	11/08/04	69 FR 64664
Final Rule	10/12/06	71 FR 60075
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AF14

**531. RESALE AND ROAMING OBLIGATIONS PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES**

**Legal Authority:** PL 103-66, sec 6002, Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993

**Abstract:** On an interim basis, the First Report and Order extends to broadband PCS and covered SMR providers the cellular rule that prohibits restricting resale of communications services. The new rules sunset five years after the last group of initial licensees for currently allocated broadband PCS spectrum is awarded. The rules also eliminate all exceptions to the rule that allowed cellular licensees to restrict resale by competing with fully operational cellular licensees in the same geographic market. The Commission successfully adopted a Second Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding. The Second Report and Order extends the Commission's cellular rules on manual roaming by any individual whose handset is capable of accessing the network of a cellular, broadband PCS, or covered SMR provider. The Third NPRM, among other things, sought comment on whether the Commission should adopt rules requiring cellular, broadband PCS, and covered SMR providers to provide automatic roaming in their coverage areas, and whether both automatic and manual roaming requirements should sunset five years after the initial grant of PCS licenses. The Third MO&O generally affirmed the Commission's earlier decision to extend the cellular resale rule to

include certain PCS and SMR providers and to sunset the rule until November 24, 2002. However, it modified the prior decision by removing customer premise equipment (CPE) and CPE in bundled packages from the scope of the resale rule, by revising the scope of the resale rule to exclude all C, D, E, and F block PCS licensees that do not own and control and are not controlled by cellular or A or B block licensees, and by exempting from the rule all SMR and other CMRS providers that do not utilize in-network switching facilities.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/13/94	59 FR 35664
NOI	07/13/94	59 FR 35664
NPRM Comment Period End	09/29/94	
NPRM	04/04/95	60 FR 20949
NPRM Comment Period End	07/14/95	
First R&O	07/12/96	61 FR 38399
Second R&O and Third NPRM	08/15/96	61 FR 44026
MO&O and O on Recon	11/09/99	64 FR 61022
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AF58

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**532. IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 309(J) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, COMPETITIVE BIDDING; 218–219 MHZ COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULES**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 309(j)

**Abstract:** Tenth Report and Order modifies the competitive bidding rules for the upcoming auction of 218-219 MHz: (1) Eliminates bidding credits available to women- and minority-owned 218-219 MHz applicants; (2) extends two levels of bidding credits to small businesses based on a two-tiered small business definition; (3) clarifies the attribution rules for affiliates of 218-219 MHz applicants; and (4) increases the amount of the upfront payments required to participate in the 218-219 MHz auction.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O	04/25/94	59 FR 24947
FNPRM	08/06/96	61 FR 49103
R&O	11/15/96	61 FR 60198
FNPRM	09/30/98	63 FR 52215
MO&O	10/08/98	63 FR 54073
R&O and MO&O	11/03/99	64 FR 59656
Order on Reconsideration	12/29/99	64 FR 72956
Second Order on Reconsideration	02/07/01	66 FR 9212
3rd Order on Recon of R&O and MO&O	06/24/02	67 FR 42507

Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG00

**533. 39 GHZ CHANNEL PLAN**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 302; 47 USC 524

**Abstract:** This proceeding amends the FCC's rules to facilitate more effective use of the 39 GHz band.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/26/96	61 FR 2465
NPRM Comment Period End	02/12/96	
Order	02/22/96	61 FR 6809

Action	Date	FR Cite
Reply Comments	02/27/96	
Order	05/01/96	61 FR 19236
Second NPRM	01/21/98	63 FR 3075
R&O	02/06/98	63 FR 6079
MO&O	08/23/99	64 FR 45891
NPRM	12/20/99	64 FR 71088
R&O	01/02/01	66 FR 33
NPRM	12/21/01	66 FR 65866
R&O	03/04/02	67 FR 9610
R&O	12/03/02	67 FR 71861
R&O	08/13/03	68 FR 48446
Third NPRM	08/27/04	69 FR 52632
Third NPRM Comment Period Extended	10/04/04	69 FR 59166

Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG16

**534. IMPLEMENTATION OF 309(J) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, AMENDMENT OF PARTS 20 AND 24 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES—BROADBAND PCS COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND THE COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE SPECTRUM CAP**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 301 to 302; 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 309(j); 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** NPRM to modify the competitive bidding rules for the Broadband PCS F Block. Report and Order, adopted June 21, 1996, modified the PCS/cellular rule and the cellular spectrum cap.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
O on Recon of Fifth MO&O and D, E, & F R&O	11/15/00	65 FR 68927
Final Rule	03/02/01	66 FR 13022
Final Rule	06/04/01	66 FR 29911
3rd NPRM	08/27/04	69 FR 52632
3rd NPRM Comment Period Extended	10/04/04	69 FR 59166

Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG21

**535. MULTIPLE ACCESS SYSTEMS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 302 to 303

**Abstract:** This proceeding amended the FCC's rules regarding multiple address systems (MAS) in the microwave service. It streamlined regulations and established a framework for MAS spectrum that provides opportunities for continued development of competitive service offerings by allowing a variety of services.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/19/97	62 FR 11407
Order	09/17/98	63 FR 53350
FNPRM	05/18/99	64 FR 38617
R&O	04/03/00	65 FR 17445
MO&O	07/03/01	66 FR 35107
Final Rule	07/22/04	69 FR 43772

Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG86

**536. AMENDMENT OF PART I OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES—COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 202; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 309(j)

**Abstract:** This proceeding proposes to amend and modify the competitive bidding rules for all auctionable services.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/21/97	62 FR 13570
NPRM Comment Period End	04/16/97	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Second FNPRM	01/07/98	63 FR 770
Third R&O	01/15/98	63 FR 2315
Fifth R&O, Order on Recon	08/29/00	65 FR 52323
Fourth FNPRM	08/29/00	65 FR 52401
Seventh R&O	10/29/01	66 FR 54447
8th R&O	04/08/02	67 FR 16647
2nd Order on Recon of 3rd R&O and Order on Recon of 5th R&O	07/21/03	68 FR 42984
Final Rule	10/07/03	68 FR 57828
Final Rule	09/30/05	70 FR 57183
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG87**537. AMENDMENT OF PART 90 OF THE RULES TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR AUTOMATIC VEHICLE MONITORING SYSTEMS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 251 to 252; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 309; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** This Second Report and Order adopts rules and procedures governing competitive bidding for multilateration Location and Monitoring Service (LMS) frequencies.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/06/97	62 FR 52078
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/97	
Second R&O	07/30/98	63 FR 40659
NPRM	05/03/99	64 FR 23571
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH12**538. FIXED SATELLITE SERVICE AND TERRESTRIAL SYSTEM IN THE KU-BAND**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 157; 47 USC 303

**Abstract:** The Memorandum Opinion and Order and 2nd Report and Order addressed petitions for reconsideration and established technical, service, and licensing rules for Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service (MVDDS) in the 12 GHz band. MVDDS will facilitate the delivery of new communications services, such as video and broadband services, to a wide range of populations, including those that are unserved or underserved. These rules will allow MVDDS licensees to share the 12 GHz band with new operators on a com-primary basis, and non-harmful interference basis with incumbent Direct Broadcast Satellite service providers.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/12/99	64 FR 1786
Order	02/16/99	64 FR 7577
Public Notice	12/15/99	64 FR 70028
FNPRM	01/24/01	66 FR 7607
R&O	02/16/01	66 FR 10601
Petitions for Reconsideration	04/09/01	66 FR 18474
2nd R&O	06/26/02	67 FR 43031
3rd R&O	06/18/03	68 FR 42610
Order To Deny	07/25/03	68 FR 43942
Final Rule	05/18/04	69 FR 28062
Final Rule	06/07/04	69 FR 28062
Correcting Amendment	10/04/04	69 FR 59145
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH17**539. SERVICE RULES FOR THE 746-764 AND 776-794 MHZ BANDS, AND REVISIONS TO PART 27 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 1; 47 USC 4(i); 47 USC 7; 47 USC 10; 47 USC 201 to 202; 47 USC 208; 47 USC 214; 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307 to 308; 47 USC 309(j) to 309(k); 47 USC

310 to 311; 47 USC 315; 47 USC 317; 47 USC 324; 47 USC 331 to 332; 47 USC 336

**Abstract:** The Report and Order in this proceeding adopts service rules for licensing and auction of commercial services in spectrum in the 700 MHz band to be vacated by UHF television licensees.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/07/99	64 FR 36686
R&O	01/20/00	65 FR 3139
Second R&O	04/04/00	65 FR 17594
MO&O and FNPRM	07/12/00	65 FR 42879
Second MO&O	02/06/01	66 FR 9035
Third R&O	02/14/01	66 FR 10204
Second MO&O	02/15/01	66 FR 10374
Order on Recon of Third R&O	10/10/01	66 FR 51594
3rd MO&O and Order	07/30/02	67 FR 49244
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH32**540. IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 309(J) AND 337 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 AS AMENDED**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 309(j)

**Abstract:** This NPRM commences a proceeding to implement 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act, as amended by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which was signed into law on August 5, 1997. This notice seeks comment on changes to the Commission's rules and policies to implement the revised auction authority.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/03/99	64 FR 23571
R&O	01/02/01	66 FR 33
MO&O	05/16/02	67 FR 34848
NPRM	07/17/03	68 FR 42337
R&O	07/17/03	68 FR 42296
Order	04/06/04	69 FR 17959
Final Rule	06/15/05	70 FR 34666

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/05	70 FR 34726
Final Rule	05/11/05	70 FR 24712
Final Rule	07/15/05	70 FR 41631
Final Rule	04/18/07	72 FR 19387
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH33**541. AMENDMENT TO PARTS 1, 2, 87, AND 101 OF THE RULES TO LICENSE FIXED SERVICES AT 24 GHZ****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 309(j)**Abstract:** This rulemaking proposes licensing and service rules to govern the 24 GHz band generally.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/20/99	64 FR 71088
R&O	08/05/00	65 FR 59350
Order	06/01/01	66 FR 29722
NPRM	12/21/01	66 FR 65866
Final Rule	07/27/04	69 FR 44608
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH41**542. AMENDMENT OF PARTS 13 AND 80 GOVERNING MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 302 to 303**Abstract:** This matter concerns the amendment of the rules governing

maritime communications in order to consolidate, revise and streamline the regulations as well as address new international requirements and improve the operational ability of all users of marine radios.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/24/00	65 FR 21694
NPRM	08/17/00	65 FR 50173
NPRM	05/17/02	67 FR 35086
Report & Order	08/07/03	68 FR 46957
2nd R&O, 6th R&O, 2nd FNPRM	04/06/04	69 FR 18007
Comments Due	06/07/04	
Reply Comments Due	07/06/04	
2nd R&O and 6th R&O	11/08/04	69 FR 64664
NPRM	11/08/06	71 FR 65447
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH55**543. COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 301 to 303; 47 USC 309; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** This proceeding proposes resumption of installment payments for broadband Personal Communications Services (PCS), e.g., for C and F Block, with payment deadline to be reinstated as of March 31, 1998. The proposal contemplates, inter alia, changes to the FCC's C Block rules to govern re-auction of surrendered spectrum in the C Block. The proposal was released on October 16, 1997, and published in the Federal Register.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
2nd R&O	10/24/97	62 FR 55348
FNPRM	10/24/97	62 FR 55375
Order on Recon of Second R&O	04/08/98	63 FR 17111
Fourth R&O	09/23/98	63 FR 50791
Second Order on Recon of Second R&O	05/18/99	64 FR 26887
Recon of Fourth R&O	03/16/00	65 FR 14213
FNPRM	06/13/00	65 FR 37092
6th R&O and Order on Recon	09/05/00	65 FR 53620
Order on Recon	02/12/01	66 FR 9773

Action	Date	FR Cite
7th R&O	10/29/01	66 FR 54447
8th R&O	04/08/02	67 FR 16647
Final Rule	07/21/03	68 FR 42984
Final Rule	10/07/03	68 FR 57828
Final Rule	09/30/05	70 FR 57183
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH57**544. TRANSFER OF THE 3650 THROUGH 3700 MHZ BAND FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USE****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 157; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** This proceeding seeks to determine whether the 3650 to 3700 MHz band should be used for unlicensed devices or some or all of the band should be used for unlicensed options.

In January 1999, the 3650-3700 MHz band (3650 MHz band) was transferred from government/non-government shared use to a mixed-use band. In October 2000, in ET Docket No. 98-237, the FCC allocated the band to fixed and mobile terrestrial services on a co-primary basis, but in order to protect grandfathered Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) earth stations and Federal Government radiolocation operations, limited the mobile allocation to base stations use only. At this same time, the FCC proposed licensing and service rules for fixed and mobile operations in the band. Subsequently, in December 2002, in ET Docket No. 02-380, the FCC sought comment, in part, on the possibility of allowing unlicensed devices to operate in the 3650 MHz band. In April 2004, in ET Docket No. 04-151, the FCC followed-up on this inquiry by releasing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on whether the 3650 MHz band should be used for unlicensed devices or part or all of the band should be used for licensed operations.

The NPRM proposes to allow unlicensed devices to operate in all, or part, of the 3650 MHz band at higher

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power levels than usually permitted for unlicensed services. These devices would be subject to smart (or cognitive) requirements and other safeguards designed to prevent interference to the licensed FSS earth stations now resident in the band. As with other unlicensed devices, these devices would not be permitted to cause interference to licensed services, such as the FSS earth stations, and would have to accept interference. The NPRM also seeks comment on other options for the band, including licensed use of the band by fixed and mobile services, or segmenting the 3650 MHz band to provide for a combination of unlicensed and licensed terrestrial services. The Notice seeks comment on issues related both to allocation changes necessary to set the relative priority between terrestrial and FSS licensed operations, and to licensing rule changes necessary to implement licensed terrestrial service operations.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/16/00	65 FR 14230
First R&O and Second NPRM	11/17/00	65 FR 69612
Petition for Reconsideration	03/28/01	66 FR 16940
R&O	02/27/02	67 FR 17038
MO&O and 3rd R&O	05/02/03	68 FR 38635
Notice of Inquiry	01/21/03	68 FR 2730
NPRM	05/14/04	69 FR 26790
Final Rule	05/11/05	70 FR 24712
Final Rule	07/20/05	70 FR 41631
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH75**545. 2000 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW SPECTRUM AGGREGATION LIMITS FOR COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 161; 47 USC 303(g); 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted a final rule in a proceeding reexamining the need for Commercial

Mobile Radio Services spectrum aggregation limits.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/12/01	66 FR 9798
NPRM Comment	05/14/01	
Period End		
Final Rule	01/14/02	67 FR 1626
Correction to Final Rule	01/31/02	67 FR 4675
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH81**546. IN THE MATTER OF PROMOTING EFFICIENT USE OF SPECTRUM THROUGH ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY MARKETS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 160; 47 USC 201 to 202; 47 USC 208; 47 USC 214; 47 USC 301; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 308 to 310

**Abstract:** The Commission has opened a proceeding to examine actions it may take to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to the development of more robust secondary markets in radio spectrum usage rights.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/26/00	65 FR 81475
NPRM Comment	01/29/01	66 FR 8149
Period End		
New NPRM Comment	02/09/01	
Period End		
NPRM	11/25/03	68 FR 66232
Final Rule	11/25/03	68 FR 66252
NPRM Comment	01/05/04	
Period End		
Final Rule	02/12/04	69 FR 6920
Final Rule	02/25/04	69 FR 8569
Final Rule	11/15/04	69 FR 65544
Final Rule	12/27/04	69 FR 77522
Proposed Rule	12/27/04	69 FR 77560
Final Rule	08/01/07	72 FR 41935
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH82**547. REEXAMINATION OF ROAMING OBLIGATIONS OF COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 152(n); 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 201(b); 47 USC 251(a); 47 USC 253; 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 332(c)(1)(B); 47 USC 309

**Abstract:** This rulemaking considers whether the Commission should adopt an automatic roaming rule for Commercial Mobile Radio Services and sunset the current manual roaming requirement.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/21/00	65 FR 69891
NPRM	09/28/05	70 FR 56612
NPRM	01/19/06	71 FR 3029
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AH83**548. AMENDMENT TO LICENSING LOW POWER OPERATIONS IN 450-470 MHz BAND**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 1; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 302 to 303; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** The proposed amendments facilitate the viability of low power operations in the private land mobile radio 450-470 MHz Band.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/12/01	66 FR 47435
R&O	04/21/03	68 FR 19444
Final Rule	09/25/03	68 FR 55319
Final Rule	10/12/04	69 FR 60561
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes



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#### 549. REVIEW OF QUIET ZONES APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 1; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 161; 47 USC 303(g); 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** Review of Quiet Zones rules for possible streamlining while ensuring adequate protection from interference.

##### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/21/01	66 FR 65866
NPRM Comment Period End	02/06/02	
R&O	04/06/04	69 FR 17946
Final Rule	09/23/04	69 FR 56956
Final Rule	12/06/04	69 FR 70378
Next Action Undetermined		

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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#### 550. REALLOCATION AND SERVICE RULES FOR THE 698-746 MHZ SPECTRUM BAND (TELEVISION CHANNELS 52-59)

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 152; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 155(c); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 201 to 202; 47 USC 208; 47 USC 214; 47 USC 301 to 302(g); 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307; 47 USC 309 to 311; 47 USC 314; 47 USC 316; 47 USC 319; 47 USC 324; 47 USC 331 to 333; 47 USC 336; 47 USC 534 to 535

**Abstract:** The Commission has adopted allocation and service rules for the 48 MHz of spectrum in the 698-746 MHz band currently occupied by television channels 52-59.

##### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/13/01	66 FR 19106
Report & Order	02/06/02	67 FR 5491
MO&O	07/09/02	67 FR 45380

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	08/28/04	69 FR 51706
Next Action Undetermined		

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#### 551. YEAR 2000 PART 22 BIENNIAL REVIEW (WT DOCKET NO. 01-108)

**Legal Authority:** Not Yet Determined

**Abstract:** The year 2000 part 22 Biennial Review Report & Order and subsequent Order on Reconsideration examined whether certain rules should be modified or eliminated as a result of technological changes or increased competition.

##### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	04/01/04	69 FR 17063
Final Rule Effective	06/01/04	
Final Rule	09/15/04	69 FR 55516
Next Action Undetermined		

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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#### 552. AIR-GROUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 151(i); 47 USC 161; 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** Re-examination of rules governing air-ground telecommunications services on commercial airplanes. Revision/elimination of 47 CFR 22 non-cellular provisions.

##### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/25/03	68 FR 44003
NPRM Comment Period End	10/23/03	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	04/13/05	70 FR 19293
NPRM	04/13/05	70 FR 19377
Final Rule Correction	04/27/05	70 FR 21663
Final Rule	12/27/05	70 FR 76411
Next Action Undetermined		

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI27

#### 553. AMENDMENTS OF VARIOUS RULES AFFECTING WIRELESS RADIO SERVICES (WT DOCKET NO. 03-264)

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 161; 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** This rulemaking proposes to streamline and harmonize wireless radio service rules.

##### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/23/04	69 FR 8132
NPRM Comment Period End	05/24/04	
NPRM	10/19/05	70 FR 60770
Final Rule	10/20/05	70 FR 61049
Proposed Rule	05/02/07	72 FR 24238
Final Rule	05/16/07	72 FR 27688
Final Rule	08/24/07	72 FR 48814
Next Action Undetermined		

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI30

#### 554. FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF SPECTRUM-BASED SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS

**Legal Authority:** Not Yet Determined

**Abstract:** This rulemaking will facilitate the provision of spectrum-based services to rural areas.

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**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/12/03	68 FR 64050
NPRM Comment Period End	01/26/04	
NPRM	12/15/04	69 FR 75174
Final Rule	12/15/04	69 FR 75144
Final Rule	04/27/05	70 FR 21652
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AI31**555. EXTENDING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO TRIBAL LANDS****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 309(j);

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**Abstract:** This action amends rules to encourage carriers to provide telecommunications services to tribal lands.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/02/03	68 FR 23417
Final Rule Effective	07/01/03	
Final Rule	10/18/04	69 FR 61317
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI32**556. AMENDMENT OF COMMISSION RULES CONCERNING AIRPORT TERMINAL USE FREQUENCIES 450-470 MHZ BAND OF THE PRIVATE LAND MOBILE RADIO SERVICES, WT 02-318****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(g); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 332(c)(7)**Abstract:** The Commission seeks comment on revisions to the use of Airport Terminal Use (ATU)

frequencies in the 45-470 Private Land Mobile Radio Industrial Business Pool.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/21/02	67 FR 70196
NPRM Comment Period End	01/06/03	
Final Rule	03/24/05	70 FR 15005
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI33**557. IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN THE 800 MHZ BAND INDUSTRIAL/LAND TRANSPORTATION AND BUSINESS CHANNELS****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 303(f); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 332**Abstract:** The Commission seeks to improve public safety communications in the 800 MHz band and consolidate the 800 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool channels.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/05/02	67 FR 16351
Final Rule	08/19/02	67 FR 53754
Proposed Rule	02/10/03	68 FR 6687
Final Rule	11/22/04	69 FR 67823
Final Rule	11/22/04	69 FR 67853
Final Rule	02/08/05	70 FR 6750
Final Rule	02/08/05	70 FR 6761
Final Rule	04/06/05	70 FR 17327
Notice	06/15/05	70 FR 34764
Final Rule	09/28/05	70 FR 56583
Notice	10/26/05	70 FR 61823
Final Rule	12/28/05	70 FR 76704
Proposed Rule	09/21/06	71 FR 55149
Clarification	06/20/07	72 FR 33914
Final Rule	07/20/07	72 FR 39756
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI34**558. REVIEW OF PART 87 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES CONCERNING AVIATION; WT DOCKET NO. 01-289****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 307(e)**Abstract:** This proceeding is intended to streamline, consolidate and revise our part 87 rules governing the Aviation Radio Service. The rule changes are designed to ensure these rules reflect current technological advances.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/16/01	66 FR 64785
R&O and FNPRM	10/16/03	
FNPRM	04/12/04	69 FR 19140
R&O	06/14/04	69 FR 32577
NPRM	12/06/06	71 FR 70710
Final Rule	12/06/06	71 FR 70671
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI35**559. DIGITAL BROADCAST CONTENT PROTECTION (MB DOCKET NO. 02-230)****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 303; 47 USC 403; 47 USC 601**Abstract:** This rulemaking examines the use of a content protection mechanism for digital broadcast television. The Report and Order adopted an anti-piracy mechanism known as the "broadcast flag." Products capable of receiving DTV over-the-air signals must comply with the broadcast flag requirements by July 1, 2005. The further notice of proposed rulemaking seeks comment on the process for approving digital recording and output content protection technologies.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/20/02	67 FR 53903
R&O	12/03/03	68 FR 67599

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Action	Date	FR Cite
FNPRM	12/03/03	68 FR 67624
Final Rule	01/20/04	69 FR 2688
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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RIN: 3060-AI37

**560. HEARING AID-COMPATIBLE TELEPHONES (WT DOCKET NOS. 01-309 & 06-150)**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154; 47 USC 160; 47 USC 251 to 254; 47 USC 303; 47 USC 332

**Abstract:** This item modifies exemptions for wireless phones under the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1988 (HAC Act) to require that digital wireless phones be capable of being effectively used with hearing aids. It finds that modifying the exemption will extend the benefits of wireless telecommunications to individuals with hearing disabilities—including emergency, business, and social communications—thereby increasing the value of the wireless network for all Americans.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/23/01	66 FR 58703
R&O	09/16/03	68 FR 54173

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	11/14/03	68 FR 64625
NPRM	07/27/05	70 FR 43386
Final Rule	07/27/05	70 FR 43323
NPRM	08/21/06	71 FR 48506
NPRM Comment Period End	09/20/06	
NPRM	09/26/06	71 FR 57455
Proposed Rule	05/02/07	72 FR 24236
Final Rule	05/16/07	72 FR 27688
Final Rule	08/24/07	72 FR 48814
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**561. • IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMERCIAL SPECTRUM ENHANCEMENT ACT (CSEA) AND MODERNIZATION OF THE COMMISSION'S COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULES AND PROCEDURES; WT DOCKET 05-211**

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 79; 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i)-(j); 47 USC 155; 47 USC 155(c); 47 USC 157; 47 USC 225; 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 307; 47 USC 309; 47 USC 309(j); 47 USC 325(e); 47 USC 334; 47 USC 336; 47 USC 339; 47 USC 554

**Abstract:** This proceeding implements rules and procedures needed to comply with the recently enacted Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act ("CSEA").

It establishes a mechanism for reimbursing federal agencies out of spectrum auction proceeds for the cost of relocating their operations from certain "eligible frequencies" that have been reallocated from Federal to non-Federal use. It also seeks to improve the Commission's ability to achieve Congress's directives with regard to designated entities and to ensure that, in accordance with the intent of Congress, every recipient of its designated entity benefits is an entity that uses its licenses to directly provide facilities-based telecommunications services for the benefit of the public.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/14/05	70 FR 43372
Declaratory Ruling	06/14/05	70 FR 43322
R&O	01/24/06	71 FR 6214
FNPRM	02/03/06	71 FR 6992
2nd R&O	04/25/06	71 FR 26245
Order on Recon of 2nd R&O	06/02/06	71 FR 34272
Order on Recon of 2nd R&O	06/02/06	71 FR 34272
Comment Period End	09/20/06	
Reply Comment Period End	10/20/06	
Next Action Undetermined		

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**562. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PORTIONS OF THE 1996 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 et seq

**Abstract:** As required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission sought comment on proposals for reforming universal service. On November 8, 1996, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service issued a recommended decision on changes to the universal service support mechanisms. In addition, on

January 10, 1997, the Commission issued an NPRM and NOI on changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), regarding the administration of universal service. On May 8, 1997, the Commission, at the direction of Congress, released its order implementing the universal service portions of the 1996 Act. On December 30, 1997, the Commission issued the 4th Order on Reconsideration which made changes and clarifications to the May 8 Order. On June 22, 1998, the Commission issued the 5th Order on

Reconsideration which revised the collection levels for the schools and libraries support mechanism through June 30, 1999, and revised the collection levels for the rural health care support mechanism through December 31, 1998. The 5th Order on Reconsideration also revised the priority with which schools and libraries and rural health care providers will receive support. On October 28, 1998, the Commission issued the 5th Report and Order, in which it adopted the model platform for its forward-looking economic cost methodology,

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which will be used to determine support for non-rural carriers beginning July 1, 1999. On November 21, 1998, the Commission issued the 8th Order on Reconsideration in which it consolidated the administration of universal service into a single entity known as the Universal Service Administrative Company or USAC. On November 25, 1998, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service issued its Second Recommended Decision in which the Joint Board made certain recommendations to the Commission regarding the high-cost support mechanism.

On May 28, 1999, the Commission issued the 13th Order on Reconsideration in which it adopted the principles of a Federal high-cost support mechanism that conformed to the Second Recommended Decision and in which it sought further comment on specific elements of the support methodology. In the 13th Order on Reconsideration, the Commission also decided to implement the new high-cost support mechanism on January 1, 2000, instead of July 1, 1999, as previously planned. On May 28, 1999, the Commission also issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in which it sought comment on proposed input values to be used in the forward-looking model to determine non-rural LECs' cost of providing supported services in high cost areas. On August 5, 1999, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in which it sought comment to ascertain the availability of, and to understand the possible impediments to, deployment and subscribership in unserved and underserved areas of the Nation, including tribal lands and other insular areas.

On November 1, 1999, the Commission issued the Fourteenth Order on Reconsideration, in which it eliminated the requirement that only carriers that have been certified as eligible telecommunications carriers may receive credit against their universal service contributions for providing telecommunications services to rural health care providers at the lower urban rates. On November 1, 1999, the Commission also issued the Fifteenth Order on Reconsideration, in which it authorized support for any commercially available telecommunications service regardless of the bandwidth, and simplified the

method for determining how much support a rural health care provider can receive. On November 2, 1999, the Commission issued the Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration in which it adopted a new forward-looking high-cost support mechanism that will enable States to ensure the reasonable comparability of non-rural carriers' intrastate rates. On November 2, 1999, the Commission also issued the Tenth Report and Order in which it completed the selection of a cost model to estimate forward-looking cost by adopting input values for the previously adopted cost model.

On June 30, 2000, the Commission issued the Twelfth Report and Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking it adopted on August 5, 1999. In the Twelfth Report and Order, the Commission adopted measures to promote telecommunications subscribership and infrastructure deployment within American Indian and Alaska Native tribal communities.

On October 12, 2000, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order to seek comment on proposals to modify the Commission's rules relating to contributions to the Federal universal service support mechanisms. On January 12, 2001, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) regarding a plan for reforming the universal service support mechanism for rural carriers. The Joint Board sent to the Commission the Rural Task Force Recommendation as a good foundation for implementing rural high-cost reform. The Rural Task Force recommends the use of a modified version of the current high-cost loop support mechanism based on carriers' embedded costs.

On May 23, 2001, the Commission released the Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In the Fourteenth Report and Order, the Commission adopted a 5-year plan that makes modifications to the high-cost loop support mechanism for rural carriers. These modifications were based on the recommendation of the

Joint Board and will provide predictable levels of support so that rural carriers can continue to provide affordable service in rural America, while ensuring that consumers in all areas of the nation, including rural areas, have access to affordable and quality telecommunications services.

On March 14, 2001, the Commission issued an order modifying the methodology used to assess contributions to universal service. The methodology was modified to reduce the interval between the accrual of revenues and the assessment of contributions based on those revenues. The order reduced the interval from an average of one year to an average of six months.

On May 8, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which sought comment on how to streamline and reform 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.

On May 22, 2001, the Commission adopted a 5-year interim freeze of the part 36 jurisdictional separations rules, pending comprehensive reform of the separations process. The 5-year interim freeze was based upon the July 21, 2000, Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations. Under the interim freeze, the part 36 categories and jurisdictional allocation factors of price cap incumbent LECs are frozen, while rate-of-return carriers had the option to freeze only their jurisdictional allocation factors. The interim freeze is in effect from July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2006, or until comprehensive reform is completed, whichever comes first.

On November 8, 2001, the Commission released the Fifteenth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Further Notice) reforming the interstate access charge and universal service support system for rate-of-return incumbent carriers. The Order established a new interstate support mechanism to replace implicit support in the interstate access rate structure of rate-of-return carriers with explicit, portable support. Among other things, the Further Notice sought comment on consolidating the existing Long Term Support mechanism with the new support mechanism created in the Order.

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On January 25, 2002, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (Further Notice), in which it sought comment on modifications to the rules governing the schools and libraries support mechanism. The modifications address changes that would make the program more efficient, ensure that the benefits of the program are distributed in an equitable manner, and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. In addition, the order denied certain petitions for reconsideration relating to unused funds.

On February 15, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, in which it sought comment on the issues from the Ninth Report and Order remanded by the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The Ninth Report and Order established a Federal high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers based on forward-looking economic costs. In addition, the order referred these issues to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service for a recommended decision.

On February 15, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking examining the appropriate legal and policy framework under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for broadband access to the Internet provided over domestic wireline facilities.

On February 26, 2002, the Commission issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Report and Order, in which it sought comment on specific proposals to change the manner in which universal service contributions are assessed and recovered, including one proposal to assess contributions based on the number and capacity of connections provided to a public network. This proceeding also made certain modifications to the existing contribution system.

On April 19, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in which it sought comment on specific proposals to: clarify how it should treat eligible entities that also perform functions that are outside the statutory definition of "health care provider;" provide support for Internet access; and change the calculation of discounted services, including the calculation of urban and rural rates.

On December 13, 2002, the Commission issued an Order and Second FNPRM in which it sought further comment on three specific connection-based universal service contribution methodologies. This Order also made interim changes to the contribution methodology to ensure the viability of the fund in the near term. On February 25, 2003, the Commission issued an NPRM in which it sought comment on the Recommended Decision issued by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service regarding the definition of services supported by universal service.

On February 26, 2003, the Commission issued a Public Notice in which it sought comment on a staff study of several alternative universal service contribution methodologies.

On April 30, 2003, the Commission issued a Second Report & Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in which it simplified and streamlined the operation of the schools and libraries support mechanism. In addition, it sought comment on further proposals to refine the support mechanism, including the carry-forward of unused funds.

On May 21, 2003, the Commission issued a Twenty-fifth Order on Reconsideration, Report and Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in which it resolved several petitions for reconsideration of the Twelfth Report and Order. In addition, it sought further comment on ways to provide enhanced Lifeline support to near reservation areas.

On June 9, 2003, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in which it sought comment on changes to the low-income support mechanisms recommended by the Joint Board.

On July 3, 2003, the Commission released an Order eliminating the requirement that the National Exchange Carrier Association hold annual elections for its board of directors and that its directors serve one-year terms.

On July 14, 2003, the Commission released an Order and Order on Reconsideration adopting the Joint Board's recommendations regarding the services supported by universal service.

On July 24, 2003, the Commission released an Order adopting measures to ensure that implementation of the Children's Internet Protection Act

complies with a US Supreme Court decision. 68 FR 47453.

On October 27, 2003, the Commission released an Order on Remand, Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking modifying the High-Cost mechanism for non-rural carriers and seeking comment on certain issues relating to rate review and an expanded certification process. Order: 68 FR 69622. FNPRM: 68 FR 69641.

On November 17, 2003, the Commission released a Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking improving the Rural Healthcare Support mechanism and seeking comment on modifications to the definition of "rural area" for the Rural Healthcare Support mechanism. 68 FR 74492.

On December 23, 2003, the Commission released the 3rd Report and Order and 2nd Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopting rules to limit waste, fraud and abuse in the Schools and Libraries mechanism and seeking comment on additional measures to limit waste, fraud, and abuse. Order: 69 FR 6181. FNPRM: 69 FR 6229.

On February 26, 2004, the Commission released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking modifying regulation of rate-of-return carriers and seeking comment on further changes to regulation of rate-of-return carriers. 69 FR 13794.

On April 29, 2004, the Commission released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking improving the effectiveness of the low-income mechanism and seeking comment on whether the Commission should add an income-based criterion of 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

On May 14, 2004, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that sought comment on various abbreviated dialing arrangements that could be used by state "One Call" notification systems in compliance with the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002.

On June 8, 2004, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that sought comment on the Recommended Decision of the Joint Board on Universal Service concerning the process for designation of eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) and

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the Commission's rules regarding high-cost universal service support.

On June 28, 2004, the Commission issued an Order that asked the Joint Board to review the Commission's rules relating to the high-cost universal service support mechanism for rural carriers and to determine the appropriate rural mechanism to succeed the 5-year plan adopted in the Rural Task Force Order.

On June 30, 2004, the Commission issued an Order appointing the Honorable Robert Nelson, Commissioner of the Michigan Public Service Commission to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

On July 20, 2004, the Commission issued an Order that granted, in part, waiver requests filed by AT&T, SBC and Verizon regarding the true-up process for universal service contributions based on 2003 revenues.

On July 30, 2004, the Commission issued an Order on Reconsideration and Fourth Report and Order that addressed Petitions for Reconsideration of the Commitment Adjustment Order, which directed the Universal Service Administrative Company to cancel any E-rate funding commitments that were made in violation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and to recover any erroneously distributed funds from service providers.

On August 13, 2004, the Commission issued a Fifth Report and Order and Order that adopted measures to protect against waste, fraud and abuse in the administration of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. The document also resolved a number of issues that have arisen from audit activities conducted as part of ongoing oversight over the administration of the universal service fund (USF) and addressed programmatic concerns raised by the Office of Inspector General.

On August 26, 2004, the Commission issued an Order that granted in part NeuStar's Request to perform certain changes and transactions that do not affect its neutrality without Commission approval.

On September 9, 2004, the Commission issued a Fourth Report to Congress that concluded the Commission's Fourth inquiry under section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. It concludes that the overall goal of

section 706 is being met, and that advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion.

On September 16, 2004, the Commission issued a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that sought comment on the North American Numbering Council recommendation for reducing the time interval for intermodal porting. The Commission also sought comment on implementation issues in the event that a reduced intermodal porting interval is adopted.

On September 27, 2004, the Commission issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order that dismissed as moot Accipiter's Application for Review of a decision by the Accounting and Audits Division made on delegated authority, denying Accipiter's request for waiver of 47 CFR sections 36.611 and 36.612.

On October 29, 2004, the Commission issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order that granted the Application for Review of a decision by the Common Carrier Bureau made on delegated authority, which granted Sandwich Isles a waiver to be treated as an incumbent Local Exchange Carrier serving a previously unserved area for purposes of receiving high-cost universal service support.

On October 29, 2004, the Commission issued an Order that denied a petition for reconsideration filed by Business Service Center, Inc., Mobile Phone of Texas, Inc., and 3 Rivers PCS, Inc. requesting that the Commission reconsider its "safe harbor" guidelines, adopted in 1998, which allow several categories of carriers to assume that a certain percentage of their telecommunications revenues is interstate for universal service reporting and contribution purposes.

On November 29, 2004, the Commission issued an Order on Reconsideration that addressed twelve petitions for reconsideration of the Universal Service First Report and Order and the Fourth Order on Reconsideration. These petitions concerned, among other issues, the high-cost and Schools and Libraries mechanisms, and contribution methodology.

On December 17, 2004, the Commission issued a Second Report and Order,

Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that modified its rules to improve the effectiveness of the rural health care universal service support mechanism.

On December 30, 2004, the Commission issued an Order that approved the nominations of two state commissioners, Elliott Smith and Ray Baum to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

On January 10, 2005, the Commission issued an Order and Order on Reconsideration that amended 47 CFR section 54.305 so that it does not apply to transfers to exchanges between non-rural carriers after the phase-down of interim hold-harmless support, and granted a request by the National Telephone Cooperative Association to provide that rural carriers may receive "safety valve" support for investment made in the first year of operating acquired exchanges.

On January 10, 2005, the Commission issued an Order that denied in part and granted in part a request by Valor for waiver of 47 CFR section 54.305. The waiver allowed it to receive additional safety valve support consistent with the modifications to the safety valve mechanism contained in the Companion Order.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Recommended Decision	11/08/96	61 FR 63778
Federal-State Joint Board, Universal Service		
1st R&O	05/08/97	62 FR 32862
2nd R&O	05/08/97	62 FR 32862
Order on Recon	07/10/97	62 FR 40742
R&O and 2nd Order on Recon	07/18/97	62 FR 41294
2nd R&O, and FNPRM	08/15/97	62 FR 47404
3rd R&O	10/14/97	62 FR 56118
2nd Order on Recon	11/26/97	62 FR 65036
4th Order on Recon	12/30/97	62 FR 2093
5th Order on Recon	06/22/98	63 FR 43088
5th R&O	10/28/98	63 FR 63993
8th Order on Recon	11/21/98	
2nd Recommended Decision	11/25/98	63 FR 67837
13th Order on Recon	06/09/99	64 FR 30917
FNPRM	06/14/99	64 FR 31780
FNPRM	09/30/99	64 FR 52738
14th Order on Recon	11/16/99	64 FR 62120
15th Order on Recon	11/30/99	64 FR 66778
10th R&O	12/01/99	64 FR 67372
9th R&O and 18th Order on Recon	12/01/99	64 FR 67416
19th Order on Recon	12/30/99	64 FR 73427

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20th Order on Recon	05/08/00	65 FR 26513
Public Notice	07/18/00	65 FR 44507
12th R&O, MO&O and FNPRM	08/04/00	65 FR 47883
FNPRM and Order	11/09/00	65 FR 67322
FNPRM	01/26/01	66 FR 7867
R&O and Order on Recon	03/14/01	66 FR 16144
NPRM	05/08/01	66 FR 28718
Order	05/22/01	66 FR 35107
14th R&O and FNPRM	05/23/01	66 FR 30080
FNPRM and Order	01/25/02	67 FR 7327
NPRM	02/15/02	67 FR 9232
NPRM and Order	02/15/02	67 FR 10846
FNPRM and R&O	02/26/02	67 FR 11254
NPRM	04/19/02	67 FR 34653
Order and 2nd FNPRM	12/13/02	67 FR 79543
NPRM	02/25/03	68 FR 12020
Public Notice	02/26/03	68 FR 10724
2nd R&O and FNPRM	06/20/03	68 FR 36961
25th Order on Recon, R&O, Order, and FNPRM	07/16/03	68 FR 41996
NPRM	07/17/03	68 FR 42333
Order	07/24/03	68 FR 47453
Order	08/06/03	68 FR 46500
Order and Order on Recon	08/19/03	68 FR 49707
Order on Remand, MO&O, FNPRM	10/27/03	68 FR 69641
R&O, Order on Recon, FNPRM	11/17/03	68 FR 74492
R&O, FNPRM	02/26/04	69 FR 13794
R&O, FNPRM	04/29/04	
NPRM	05/14/04	69 FR 3130
NPRM	06/08/04	69 FR 40839
Order	06/28/04	69 FR 48232
Order on Recon & 4th R&O	07/30/04	69 FR 55983
5th R&O and Order	08/13/04	69 FR 55097
Order	08/26/04	69 FR 57289
2nd FNPRM	09/16/04	69 FR 61334
Order & Order on Recon	01/10/05	70 FR 10057
6th R&O	03/14/05	70 FR 19321
R&O	03/17/05	70 FR 29960
MO&O	03/30/05	70 FR 21779
NPRM & FNPRM	06/14/05	70 FR 41658
Order	10/14/05	70 FR 65850
Order	10/27/05	
NPRM	01/11/06	71 FR 1721
Report Number 2747	01/12/06	71 FR 2042
Order	02/08/06	71 FR 6485
FNPRM	03/15/06	71 FR 13393
R&O and NPRM	07/10/06	71 FR 38781
Order	01/01/06	71 FR 6485
Order	05/16/06	71 FR 30298
MO&O and FNPRM	05/16/06	71 FR 29843
R&O	06/27/06	71 FR 38781
Public Notice	08/11/06	71 FR 50420
Order	09/29/06	71 FR 65517
Public Notice	03/12/07	72 FR 36706
Public Notice	03/13/07	72 FR 40816

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice	03/16/07	72 FR 39421
Next Action Undetermined		

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### 563. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS' USE OF CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION AND OTHER CUSTOMER INFORMATION

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 222; 47 USC 272; 47 USC 303(r)

**Abstract:** The Commission adopted rules implementing the new statutory framework governing carrier use and disclosure of customer proprietary network information (CPNI) created by section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. CPNI includes, among other things, to whom, where, and when a customer places a call, as well as the types of service offerings to which the customer subscribes and the extent to which the service is used.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/28/96	61 FR 26483
Public Notice	02/25/97	62 FR 8414
Second R&O and FNPRM	04/24/98	63 FR 20364
Order on Reconsideration	10/01/99	64 FR 53242
Final Rule, Announcement of Effective Date	01/26/01	66 FR 7865
Clarification Order & Second NPRM	09/07/01	66 FR 50140
3rd R&O and 3rd FNPRM	09/20/02	67 FR 59205
NPRM	03/15/06	71 FR 13317
NPRM	06/08/07	72 FR 31782
Final Rule, Announcement of Effective Date	06/08/07	72 FR 31948
Next Action Undetermined		

### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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### 564. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION PROVISIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 155; 47 USC 157; 47 USC 201 to 205; 47 USC 207 to 209; 47 USC 218

**Abstract:** On August 8, 1996, the Commission adopted the Local Competition Second Report and Order (FCC 96-333), implementing the dialing parity, nondiscriminatory access, network disclosure, and numbering administration provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. On July 19, 1999, the Commission released the First Order on Reconsideration (FCC 99-170), denying the petition for reconsideration of the Local Competition Second Report and Order filed by Beehive Telephone Company, Inc., which related to numbering administration.

On September 9, 1999, the Commission released the Second Order on Reconsideration (FCC 99-227), resolving petitions for reconsideration of rules adopted in the Local Competition Second Report and Order to implement the requirement of 47 U.S.C. section 251(b)(3) that LECs provide non-discriminatory access to directory assistance, directory listing and operator services. At the same time, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (also FCC 99-227) seeking comment on issues related to developments in, and the convergence of, directory publishing and directory assistance.

On October 21, 1999, the Commission released the Third Order on Reconsideration (FCC 99-243), resolving the remaining petitions for reconsideration regarding numbering administration under 47 U.S.C. section 251(e)(1). On January 9, 2002, the Commission released an Order on Reconsideration dismissing petitions for reconsideration or clarification of the Local Competition Second Report and Order regarding dialing parity under 47 U.S.C. section 251(b)(3) and network disclosure under 47 U.S.C. section 251(c)(5).

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On January 23, 2001, the Commission released a First Report and Order (FCC 01-27) resolving issues raised in the September 9, 1999 NPRM and concluding, among other things, that competing directory assistance (DA) providers that are certified as competitive local exchange carriers (competitive LECs), are agents of competitive LECs, or that offer call completion services are entitled to nondiscriminatory access to LEC local DA databases.

On January 9, 2002, the Commission released the Directory Assistance NPRM (FCC 01-384), in which the Commission solicited comment on whether there is sufficient competition in the retail DA market, and if not, what if any action the Commission should take to promote such competition. The Commission sought specific comment on whether alternative dialing methods would promote competition. Proposed methods include: (1) Presubscription to 411; (2) utilizing national 555 numbers; (3) utilizing carrier access codes (1010 numbers); and (4) utilizing 411XX numbers. The Commission also sought comment on whether the 411 dialing code should be eliminated. This proceeding is pending before the Commission.

On May 3, 2005, the Commission released an Order on Reconsideration (FCC 05-93) resolving petitions for reconsideration of the Second Order on Reconsideration and the First Report and Order. The Commission clarified its rules regarding the use of DA data obtained pursuant to section 251(b)(3) of the Act, and denied BellSouth and SBC's joint petition for reconsideration which sought authority to place contractual restrictions on competing DA providers' use of DA information. The Commission reaffirmed that LECs are required to provide nondiscriminatory access to their entire local DA database including local DA data acquired from third parties. The Commission also accepted Qwest's request to withdraw its petition for reconsideration of the First Report and Order, and resolved SBC's petition for reconsideration of the Second Order on Reconsideration.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/25/96	61 FR 18311
NPRM Comment Period End	06/03/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order	09/06/96	61 FR 47284
NPRM	09/27/99	64 FR 51949
Second Order on Recon	09/27/99	64 FR 51910
Third Order on Recon	11/18/99	64 FR 62983
First Report & Order	02/21/01	66 FR 10965
NPRM	02/14/02	67 FR 6902
Order on Recon	08/17/05	70 FR 48290
Next Action Undetermined		

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**565. DETARIFFING OF COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS' INTERSTATE EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICES**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 154; 47 USC 160; 47 USC 201 to 205

**Abstract:** In an Order on Reconsideration released on May 18, 2004, the Commission addressed a number of petitions for reconsideration of the tariff rules governing the charges for interstate switched access services provided by competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs). With this decision, the Commission denied petitions for reconsideration and retained the existing regime governing interstate switched access services provided by CLECs. Although the Commission denied petitions for reconsideration, it addressed a number of issues raised in petitions for clarification and amended the tariff rules accordingly.

In the attached Report and Order, the Commission concluded that CLEC-provided access rates for toll free, or "8YY" traffic should not be afforded different treatment than CLEC tariffed interstate switched access traffic generally.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/17/97	62 FR 38244
FNPRM	09/22/99	64 FR 51280
Public Notice	06/26/00	65 FR 39335
FNPRM	05/21/01	66 FR 27927
Order	05/21/01	66 FR 27892

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order on Recon, R&O	06/24/04	69 FR 35258
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AG73

**566. LOCAL TELEPHONE NETWORKS THAT LECs MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO COMPETITORS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 251

**Abstract:** This revises the rules applicable to incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to permit competitive carriers to access portions of the incumbent LECs' networks on an unbundled basis. Unbundling allows competitors to lease portions of the incumbent LECs' network to provide telecommunications services. These rule changes are intended to remove uncertainty regarding the incumbent LECs' unbundling obligations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and are expected to accelerate the development of local exchange competition.

On December 20, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to comprehensively consider the appropriate changes, if any, to its unbundling policies in light of market developments and technological advances. 67 FR 1947.

On May 29, 2002, the Commission extended the reply comment date of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to July 17, 2002, to allow all interested parties to incorporate their review and analysis of USTA v. FCC, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

On August 21, 2003, the Commission issued a Report and Order, Order on Remand, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in which the Commission adopted new unbundling requirements. 68 FR 52276.

In addition, the Commission initiated a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding whether the Commission should modify the so-called pick-and-choose rule that permits requesting carriers to opt into individual portions



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of interconnection agreements without accepting all the terms and conditions of such agreements. 68 FR 52307.

On September 17, 2003, the Commission issued an Errata correcting the Report and Order and Order on Remand. On October 9, 2003, the Commission issued a Report seeking comment on ten petitions for clarification and/or reconsideration of the Report and Order and Order on Remand released on August 21, 2003. 68 FR 60391. By Order, the Commission denied a request to extend the comment period for petitions for clarification and/or reconsideration. On March 2, 2004, the Commission's August 21, 2003 Report and Order and Order on Remand was affirmed in part and vacated and remanded in part. *USTA v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004).

On July 13, 2004, the Commission's Second Report and Order concluded the rulemaking proceeding initiated regarding the so-called pick-and-choose rule and determined that an all-or-nothing rule for opting into other interconnection agreements will better promote increased give and take negotiations. 69 FR 43762.

On August 9, 2004, the Commission released an Order on Reconsideration addressing in part two petitions for reconsideration of the Commission's fiber-to-the-premises unbundling rules. 69 FR 54589. The Commission clarified in this Order on Reconsideration the applicability of the fiber-to-the-premises rules in multi-dwelling unit buildings.

On August 20, 2004, the Commission issued an Interim Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking establishing a new rulemaking proceeding to determine incumbent LEC unbundling obligations as well as establishing interim requirements to govern carrier relationships until the Commission concludes its rulemaking process. 69 FR 55111, 55128.

On October 18, 2004, the Commission released an Order on Reconsideration concluding that fiber-to-the-curb (FTTC) loops shall be subject to the same unbundling framework that the Commission established for fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) loops. 69 FR 77950.

On February 4, 2005, the Commission released an Order on Remand, 70 FR 8940, responding to the D.C. Circuit's remand of certain parts of the Triennial

Review Order, including several aspects of the impairment standard as well as new determinations regarding unbundling requirements for local circuit switching, high-capacity loops, and dedicated transport. Specifically, the Commission determined that incumbent LECs have no obligation to unbundle local circuit switching and adopted a 12-month plan to transition existing customers of unbundled switching to other arrangements. Regarding high-capacity loops, the Commission determined that competing carriers are not impaired (thus, are not entitled to access as UNEs) dark fiber loop circuits. Competing carriers are, however, impaired without access to DS1 and DS3 loops, except in wire centers that meet specific business lines and fiber-based collocation thresholds. Similarly, with respect to dedicated transport, the Commission determined that competing carriers are impaired without access to DS1, DS3 and dark fiber transport, except on routes connecting a pair of wire centers, each containing a specified number of business lines or a specified number of fiber-based collocators.

On March 14, 2005, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau issued an order denying a petition filed by Verizon seeking a stay of the Commission's rule allowing competitive LECs to "convert" tariffed incumbent LEC special access arrangements to unbundled network element (UNE) arrangements if the competitive LEC is eligible to order the UNE(s) at issue.

On April 25, 2005 and May 25, 2005, the Commission issued Public Notices establishing comment periods in response to petitions for reconsideration of the Commission's Order on Remand (Triennial Review Order).

On June 16, 2006, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the Commission's Order on Remand, 70 FR 8940.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Second Further NPRM	04/26/99	64 FR 20238
Fourth Further NPRM	01/14/00	65 FR 2367
Errata Third R&O and Fourth Further NPRM	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Second Errata Third R&O and Fourth Further NPRM	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Supplemental Order	01/18/00	65 FR 2542

Action	Date	FR Cite
Third R&O	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Correction	04/11/00	65 FR 19334
Supplemental Order Clarification	06/20/00	65 FR 38214
Public Notice	02/01/01	66 FR 8555
Public Notice	03/05/01	66 FR 18279
Public Notice	04/10/01	
Public Notice	04/23/01	
Public Notice	05/14/01	
NPRM	01/15/02	67 FR 1947
Public Notice	05/29/02	
Public Notice	08/01/02	
Public Notice	08/13/02	
NPRM	08/21/03	68 FR 52276
R&O and Order on Remand	08/21/03	68 FR 52276
Errata	09/17/03	
Report	10/09/03	68 FR 60391
Order	10/28/03	
Order	01/09/04	
Public Notice	01/09/04	
Public Notice	02/18/04	
Order	07/08/04	
2nd R&O	07/08/04	69 FR 43762
Order on Recon	08/09/04	69 FR 54589
Interim Order	08/20/04	69 FR 55111
NPRM	08/20/04	69 FR 55128
Public Notice	09/10/04	
Public Notice	09/13/04	
Public Notice	10/20/04	
Order on Recon	12/29/04	69 FR 77950
Order on Remand	02/04/04	
Public Notice	04/25/05	70 FR 29313
Public Notice	05/25/05	70 FR 34765

Next Action Undetermined

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**RIN:** 3060-AH44

**567. 2000 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW—TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE QUALITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 201(b); 47 USC 303(r); 47 USC 403

**Abstract:** This NPRM proposes to eliminate our current service quality reports (ARMIS Report 43-05 and 43-06) and replace them with a more consumer-oriented report. The NPRM proposes to reduce the reporting categories from more than 30 to 6, and addresses the needs of carriers,

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consumers, state public utility commissions, and other interested parties.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/04/00	65 FR 75657
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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

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**RIN:** 3060-AH72

**568. ACCESS CHARGE REFORM AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154(i) to 154(j); 47 USC 201 to 205; 47 USC 254; 47 USC 403

**Abstract:** On October 11, 2001, the Commission adopted an Order reforming the interstate access charge and universal service support system for rate-of-return incumbent carriers. The Order adopts three principal reforms. First, the Order modifies the interstate access rate structure for small carriers to align it more closely with the manner in which costs are incurred. Second, the Order removes implicit support for universal service from the rate structure and replaces it with explicit, portable support. Third, the Order permits small carriers to continue to set rates based on the authorized rate of return of 11.25 percent. The Order became effective on January 1, 2002, and the support mechanism established by the Order was implemented beginning July 1, 2002.

The Commission also adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) seeking additional comment on proposals for incentive regulation, increased pricing flexibility for rate-of-return carriers, and proposed changes to the Commission's "all-or-nothing" rule. Comments on the FNPRM were due on February 14, 2002, and reply comments on March 18, 2002.

On February 12, 2004, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order resolving several issues on which the Commission sought comment in the FNPRM. First, the Commission modified the "all-or-nothing" rule to

permit rate-of-return carriers to bring recently acquired price cap lines back to rate-of-return regulation. Second, the Commission granted rate-of-return carriers the authority immediately to provide geographically deaveraged transport and special access rates, subject to certain limitations. Third, the Commission merged Long Term Support (LTS) with Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS).

The Commission also adopted a Second FNPRM seeking comment on two specific plans that propose establishing optional alternative regulation mechanisms for rate-of-return carriers. In conjunction with the consideration of those alternative regulation proposals, the Commission sought comment on modification that would permit a rate-of-return carrier to adopt an alternative regulation plan for some study areas, while retaining rate-of-return regulation for other of its study areas. Comments on the Second FNPRM were due on April 23, 2004, and May 10, 2004.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/25/01	66 FR 7725
Further NPRM	11/30/01	66 FR 59761
Report and Order	11/30/01	66 FR 59719
2nd FNPRM	03/23/04	69 FR 13794
Order	05/06/04	69 FR 25325
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH74

**569. NUMBERING RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 154; 47 USC 201 et seq; 47 USC 251(e)

**Abstract:** In 1999, the Commission released the Numbering Resource Optimization Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) in CC Docket 99-200. The Notice examined and sought comment on several administrative and technical measures aimed at improving the efficiency with which telecommunications numbering resources are used and allocated. It incorporated input from the North

American Numbering Council (NANC), a Federal advisory committee, which advises the Commission on issues related to number administration. In the Numbering Resource Optimization First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NRO First Report and Order), released on March 31, 2000, the Commission adopted a mandatory utilization data reporting requirement, a uniform set of categories of numbers for which carriers must report their utilization, and a utilization threshold framework to increase carrier accountability and incentives to use numbers efficiently. In addition, the Commission adopted a single system for allocating numbers in blocks of one thousand, rather than ten thousand, wherever possible, and established a plan for national rollout of thousands-block number pooling. The Commission also adopted numbering resource reclamation requirements to ensure that unused numbers are returned to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) inventory for assignment to other carriers. Also, to encourage better management of numbering resources, carriers are required, to the extent possible, to first assign numbering resources within thousands blocks (a form of sequential numbering).

In the NRO Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted a measure that requires all carriers to use at least 60 percent of their numbering resources before they may get additional numbers in a particular area. That 60 percent utilization threshold increases to 75 percent over the next three years. The Commission also established a five-year term for the national Pooling Administrator and an auditing program to verify carrier compliance with the Commission's rules. Furthermore, the Commission addressed several issues raised in the Notice, concerning area code relief. Specifically, the Commission declined to amend the existing Federal rules for area code relief or specify any new federal guidelines for the implementation of area code relief. The Commission also declined to state a preference for either all-services overlays or geographic splits as a method of area code relief. Regarding mandatory nationwide ten-digit dialing, the Commission declined to adopt this measure at the present time. Furthermore, the Commission declined to mandate nationwide expansion of the "D digit" (the "N" of an NXX or central office code) to

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include 0 or 1, or to grant state commissions the authority to implement the expansion of the D digit as a numbering resource optimization measure at the present time.

In the NRO Third Report and Order, the Commission addressed national thousands-block number pooling administration issues, including declining to alter the implementation date for covered CMRS carriers to participate in pooling. The Commission also addressed Federal cost recovery for national thousands-block number pooling, and continued to require States to establish cost recovery mechanisms for costs incurred by carriers participating in pooling trials. The Commission reaffirmed the Months-to-Exhaust (MTE) requirement for carriers. The Commission declined to lower the utilization threshold established in the Second Report and Order, and declined to exempt pooling carriers from the utilization threshold. The Commission also established a safety valve mechanism to allow carriers that do not meet the utilization threshold in a given rate center to obtain additional numbering resources.

In the NRO Third Report and Order, the Commission lifted the ban on technology-specific overlays (TSOs), and delegated authority to the Common Carrier Bureau, in consultation with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to resolve any such petitions. Furthermore, the Commission found that carriers who violate our numbering requirements, or fail to cooperate with an auditor conducting either a “for cause” or random audit, should be denied numbering resources in certain instances. The Commission also reaffirmed the 180-day reservation period, declined to impose fees to extend the reservation period, and found that State commissions should be allowed password-protected access to the NANPA database for data pertaining to NPA’s located within their State.

The measures adopted in the NRO orders will allow the Commission to monitor more closely the way numbering resources are used within the NANP, and will promote more efficient allocation and use of NANP resources by tying a carrier’s ability to obtain numbering resources more closely to its actual need for numbers to serve its customers. These measures are designed to create national

standards to optimize the use of numbering resources by: (1) Minimizing the negative impact on consumers of premature area code exhausts; (2) ensuring sufficient access to numbering resources for all service providers to enter into or to compete in telecommunications markets; (3) avoiding premature exhaust of the NANP; (4) extending the life of the NANP; (5) imposing the least societal cost possible, and ensuring competitive neutrality, while obtaining the highest benefit; (6) ensuring that no class of carrier or consumer is unduly favored or disfavored by the Commission’s optimization efforts; and (7) minimizing the incentives for carriers to build and carry excessively large inventories of numbers.

In NRO Third Order on Recon in CC Docket No. 99-200, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 99-200 and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 95-116, the Commission reconsidered its findings in the NRO Third Report and Order regarding the local Number portability (LNP) and thousands-block number pooling requirements for carriers in the top 100 Metropolitan Statistical areas (MSAs). Specifically, the Commission reversed its clarification that those requirements extend to all carriers in the largest 100 MSAs, regardless of whether they have received a request from another carrier to provide LNP. The Commission also sought comment on whether the Commission should again extend the LNP requirements to all carriers in the largest 100 MSAs, regardless of whether they receive a request to provide LNP. The Commission also sought comment on whether all carriers in the top 100 MSAs should be required to participate in thousands-block number pooling, regardless of whether they are required to be LNP capable. In addition, the Commission sought comment on whether all MSAs included in Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSAs) on the Census Bureau’s list of the largest 100 MSAs should be included on the Commission’s list of the top 100 MSAs.

In the NRO Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission reaffirmed that carriers must deploy LNP in switches within the 100 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) for which another carrier has made a specific request for the provision of

LNP. The Commission delegated the authority to state commissions to require carriers operating within the largest 100 MSAs that have not received a specific request for LNP from another carrier to provide LNP, under certain circumstances and on a case-by-case basis. The Commission concluded that all carriers, except those specifically exempted, are required to participate in thousands-block number pooling in accordance with the national rollout schedule, regardless of whether they are required to provide LNP, including commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers that were required to deploy LNP as of November 24, 2003. The Commission specifically exempted from the pooling requirement rural telephone companies and Tier III CMRS providers that have not received a request to provide LNP. The Commission also exempted from the pooling requirement carriers that are the only service provider receiving numbering resources in a given rate center. Additionally, the Commission sought further comment on whether these exemptions should be expanded to include carriers where there are only two service providers receiving numbering resources in the rate center. Finally, the Commission reaffirmed that the 100 largest MSAs identified in the 1990 U.S. Census reports as well as those areas included on any subsequent U.S. Census report of the 100 largest MSAs.

In the NRO Order and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission granted petitions for delegated authority to implement mandatory thousands-block pooling filed by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Missouri Public Service Commission. In granting these petitions, the Commission permitted these states to optimize numbering resources and further extend the life of the specific numbering plan areas. In the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission sought comment on whether it should delegate authority to all states to implement mandatory thousands-block number pooling consistent with the parameters set forth in the NRO Order.

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**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/17/99	64 FR 32471
R&O and Further NPRM	06/16/00	65 FR 37703
Second R&O and Second Further NPRM	02/08/01	66 FR 9528
Third R&O and Second Order on Recon	02/12/02	67 FR 643
3rd O on Recon & 3rd FNPRM	04/05/02	67 FR 16347
4th R&O and 4th NPRM	07/21/03	68 FR 43003
Order & 5th FNPRM	03/15/06	71 FR 13393
Next Action Undetermined		

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**RIN:** 3060-AH80**570. NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION PETITION****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 152; 47 USC 201 to 202; ...

**Abstract:** In a notice of proposed rulemaking released on July 19, 2004, the Commission initiated a rulemaking proceeding to examine the proper number of end user common line charges (commonly referred to as subscriber line charges or SLCs) that carriers may assess upon customers that obtain derived channel T-1 service where the customer provides the terminating channelization equipment and upon customers that obtain Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) service.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/13/04	69 FR 50141
NPRM Comment Period End	11/12/04	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI47**571. IP-ENABLED SERVICES****Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 152; ...

**Abstract:** The notice seeks comment on ways in which the Commission might categorize IP-enabled services for purposes of evaluating the need for applying any particular regulatory requirements. It poses questions regarding the proper allocation of jurisdiction over each category of IP-enabled service. The notice then requests comment on whether the services comprising each category constitute “telecommunications services” or “information services” under the definitions set forth in the Act. Finally, noting the Commission’s statutory forbearance authority and title I ancillary jurisdiction, the notice describes a number of central regulatory requirements (including, for example, those relating to access charges, universal service, E911, and disability accessibility), and asks which, if any, should apply to each category of IP-enabled services.

On June 16, 2005, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice that public information collections set forth in the First Report and Order were being submitted for review to the office of management and budget.

On July 27, 2005, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice that the information collection requirements adopted in the First Report and Order were approved in OMB No. 3060-1085 and would become effective on July 29, 2005.

On August 31, 2005, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice of the comment cycle for three Petitions for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the First Report and Order. On July 10, 2006, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice that it had adopted on June 21, 2006, rules that make interim modifications to the existing approach for assessing contributions to the Federal universal service fund (USF or Fund) in order to provide stability while the Commission continues to examine more fundamental reform.

On June 8, 2007, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice that it had adopted on April 2, 2007,

an item strengthening the Commission’s rules to protect the privacy of customer proprietary network information (CPNI) that is collected and held by providers of communications services, and a further notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comment on what steps the Commission should take, if any, to secure further the privacy of customer information.

On August 6, 2007, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice that it had adopted on May 31, 2007, and item extending the disability access requirements that currently apply to telecommunications service providers and equipment manufacturers under section 255 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to providers of “interconnected voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services,” as defined by the Commission, and to manufacturers of specially designed equipment used to provide those services. In addition, the Commission extended the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) requirements contained in its regulations to interconnected VoIP providers.

On August 7, 2007, the Commission published in the Federal Register a notice that a petition for reconsideration of the CPNI order described above had been filed.

On August 16, 2007, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice that it had adopted on August 2, 2007 an item amending the Commission’s Schedule of Regulatory Fees by, inter alia, incorporating regulatory fee payment obligations for interconnected VoIP service providers, which shall become effective November 15, 2007, which is 90 days from date of notification to Congress.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/29/04	69 FR 16193
NPRM Comment Period End	07/14/04	
First R&O	06/03/05	70 FR 37273
Public Notice	06/16/05	70 FR 37403
First R&O Effective	07/29/05	70 FR 43323
Public Notice	08/31/05	70 FR 51815
R&O	07/10/06	71 FR 38781
R&O and FNPRM	06/08/07	72 FR 31948
FNPRM Comment Period End	07/09/07	72 FR 31782
R&O	08/06/07	72 FR 43546
Public Notice	08/07/07	72 FR 44136
R&O	08/16/07	72 FR 45908
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**RIN:** 3060-AI48**572. CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE BROADBAND ERA**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151 to 154; 47 USC 160; 47 USC 201 to 205; 47 USC 214; 47 USC 222; 47 USC 225; 47 USC 251 to 252; 47 USC 254 to 256; 47 USC 258; 47 USC 303(R)

**Abstract:** The Federal Communications Commission initiated this rulemaking in order to develop a framework that ensures that, as the telecommunications industry shifts from narrowband to broadband services, consumer protection needs are met by all providers of broadband Internet access service, regardless of the underlying technology providers use to offer the service. The Commission sought comment on whether adopting regulations, pursuant to its ancillary jurisdiction under title I of the Communications Act, to address consumer privacy, unauthorized changes to service, truth-in-billing, network outage reporting, discontinuance of service, rate averaging, and enforcement concerns, would be desirable and necessary as a matter of public policy. The Commission also sought comment on whether it should instead rely on market forces to address some or all

of these areas of potential concern. The rulemaking also explores whether there are other areas of consumer protection related to wireline broadband Internet access service for which the Commission should adopt regulations pursuant to its ancillary jurisdiction.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/17/05	70 FR 60259
NPRM Comment	03/01/06	
Period End		
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 3060-AI73**573. REGULATION OF PREPAID CALLING CARD SERVICES; WC DOCKET NO. 05-68**

**Legal Authority:** 47 USC 151; 47 USC 152; 47 USC 154(i); 47 USC 201; 47 USC 202; 47 USC 254

**Abstract:** In this document, the Commission takes steps necessary to protect the federal universal service program and promote stability in the market for prepaid calling cards. In particular, the Commission will treat certain prepaid calling card service providers as telecommunications service providers. As such, these providers must pay intrastate access charges for interexchange calls that

originate and terminate in the same State and interstate access charges on interexchange calls that originate and terminate in different states. They also must contribute to the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) based on their interstate revenues, subject to the limitations set forth below. The Commission also addresses a petition for interim relief filed by AT&T and adopts interim rules to facilitate compliance with the universal service and access charge rules. Specifically, on an interim and prospective basis, the Commission requires all prepaid calling card providers to comply with certain reporting and certification requirements.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/16/05	70 FR 12828
NPRM Comment	05/16/05	
Period End		
Report & Order	08/02/06	71 FR 43667
Interim Final Rule	10/31/06	
Effective		
Public Notice	10/19/06	71 FR 61774
OMB Approval	02/14/07	72 FR 7032
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes

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