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## OPEN PROCEEDINGS

The following is a listing of current FCC Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) and Notices of Inquiry (NOIs) open for public comment; however, routine petitions to amend the Table of Allotments are not included. This listing also includes pertinent Public Notices (PNs) announcing comment subjects and dates. For additional information, contact Marilyn Abraham (202) 418-2374 in the Consumer Information Bureau. Please note: as comment and reply comment periods expire, they are deleted from this listing. An asterisk (\*) indicates that the comment period deadline has past, but the reply comment period is still open.

### COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

**CC 256, 96-45; PN 12/17/01; DA 01-2916**

#### **Limited Extension of Time for Filing Comments and Replies in Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Proceeding (MAG Proceeding).**

The Commission granted the National Rural Telecom Association, the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, and the United States Telecom Association a limited extension of time due to the complexity of issues and diversity of interests involved in the proceeding. Comments due February 14\*; replies due March 18. Contact: Marvin Sacks at (202) 418-2017 (voice).

**CC 01-338, 96-98, 98-147; NPRM 12/20/01 (adopted 12/12/01); FCC 01-361**

#### **Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications.**

The Commission seeks comment on how to apply the section 251(d)(2) analysis in a manner that is faithful to the Act and promotes its goals. Comments due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 105 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**CC 01-337; PN 01/15/02; DA 02-116**

**Comments Sought on Commission's Examination of Regulatory Treatment of Incumbent Carriers' Broadband Telecommunications Services.**

The Commission seeks comment on what changes it should make to its traditional regulatory requirements for incumbent LECs' provision of broadband services. Comments due March 1\*; replies due April 1. Contact: Alex Johns at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

**CC 96-45, 97-21, ORDER 01/18/02 (adopted 01-17-02); DA 02-140**

**Alliance Group Service, Inc., Kalamazoo, MI, et. al.**

The Commission extended for 60 days the deadline for resolution of the captioned requests for review.

**CC 96-150, ORDER 01/18/02 (adopted 01/18/02); DA 02-166**

**Accounting Safeguards Under The Telecommunications Act of 1996.**

The Commission granted an extension of time until March 21, 2002 for submitting comments on Verizon's section 272(d) biennial audit report.

**CC 99-273, 92-105, 92-237; ORDER 02/05/02 (adopted 02/04/02); DA 02-263**

**Provision of Directory Listing Information Under the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, the Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements, Administration of the North American Numbering Plan.**

The Commission extended by 15 days the comment and reply periods in the above-captioned proceeding. Comments due 45 days and replies due 75 days after publication of the Notice in the Federal Register.

**CC 02-9; PN 02/06/02; DA 02-273**

**Commission Seeks Comments on Application for Consent to Transfer of Control Filed by MCT, Inc. and Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.**

On January 10, 16, and 17, 2002, MCT, Inc. and Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. filed applications pursuant to section 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d), requesting Commission approval to transfer control to TDS of Commission licenses and authorizations held by MCT and its subsidiaries to provide domestic and international telecommunications services pursuant to parts 22, 63, and 90 of the Commission's rules. Comments due March 8\*; replies/oppositions due March 18. Contact: Aaron Goldberger at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

**CC 02-35; PN 02/14/02; DA 02-337**

**Comments Requested on the Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation for Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service in the States of Georgia and Louisiana.**

On February 14, 2002, BellSouth and its subsidiaries filed a joint application for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the States of Georgia and Louisiana, pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. § 271. Comments due March 4\*; replies due March 28. Contact: Renee Crittendon at (202) 418-2352 (voice).

**CC 96-150; ORDER 02/15/02 (adopted 02/14/02); DA 02-372**

**Accounting Safeguards Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.**

The Commission granted an extension of time until April 8, 2002, for submitting comments on Verizon's section 272(d) biennial audit report.

**CC 96-45; NPRM & ORDER 02/15/02 (adopted 02/13/02); FCC 02-41**

**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.**

The Commission seeks comment on issues remanded by the U.S. Court of Appeals. Comments due 30 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days from publication in the Federal Register.

**CC 02-33, 95-20, 98-10; NPRM 02/15/02 (adopted 02/14/02); FCC 02-42**

**Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities  
Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers Computer III Further Remand  
Proceedings: Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services; 1998 Biennial  
Regulatory Review -- Review Of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements.**

Comments are due in the above-captioned proceeding 45 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 75 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**CC 96-45; PN 02/19/02; DA 02-375**

**Norway Rural Telephone Company and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a  
Iowa Telecom Seek a Waiver of Definition of "Study Area" In Part 36 of the Commission's  
Rules and Waiver of Section 69.3(e)(11) and Section 69.605(c) of the Commission's Rules.**

On January 28, 2002, Norway Rural telephone Company and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom filed a joint petition for waiver of the definition of "study area" as set forth in Part 36 of the Commission's rules. Comments due March 21; replies due April 5. Contact: Jennifer Schneider at (202) 418-7400, (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**CCB/CPD 99-36; PN 02/21/02; DA 02-399**

**Puerto Rico Telephone Company Files Petition for Waiver of the Commission's "All-Or-Nothing" Rule (Section 61.41(c)) or, In the Alternative (DA No. 02-399) for an Extension of Time for Its Potential Conversion to Price Conversion to Price Cap Regulation.**

On February 4, 2002, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. filed a petition requesting the Commission to waive the "all-or-nothing" rule, section 61.41 (c), to allow Puerto Rico Telephone to continue to be regulated as a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier following its transfer of control to GTE Holdings (Puerto Rico) LLC (GTE Puerto Rico) in 1999. Comments due March 7\*; replies due March 18. Contact: Rhonda Lien at (202) 418-1520 (voice).

**PN 02/22/02; DA 02-418**

**National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s Proposed 2002 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas.**

On December 28, 2001, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. filed a proposed modification of average schedule formulas for interstates traffic-sensitive and common line settlements, pursuant to section 69.606 of the Commission's rules. Comments due March 11\*; replies due March 22. Contact: Douglas Slotten at (202) 418-1572 (voice).

**CC 96-45; PN 02/26/02; DA 02-376**

**Commission Seeks Comment on AT&T Request to Contribute to Universal Service Based on Projected Revenues.**

On December 13, 2002, AT&T filed a request to contribute to universal service based on its projected revenues on a going-forward basis. Comments due 21 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 31 days from publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Paul Garnett at (202) 418-2332 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**CC 01-299; PN 02/26/02; DA 02-445**

**Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Consent to Transfer Control of Coast to Coast Telecommunications, Inc. from Rivien U.S.A. to Allegiance Telecom..**

On September 26, 2001, Allegiance Telecom, Inc. filed an application requesting Commission approval nunc pro tunc to transfer control of Coast to Coast Telecommunications, Inc. a common carrier authorized to provide domestic telecommunications services pursuant to its blanket § 214 authorization, from Rivien U.S.A., LLC to Allegiance Telecom. Petitions to deny due 30 days following the release of the Public Notice. Final action will be taken 31 days following the date of the Public Notice. Contact: Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 (voice) or Bill Dever at (202) 418-1578 (voice).

**CC 02-33, 95-20, 98-10; PN 02/28/02; DA 02-485**

**Comments Sought on Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities; Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers; Computer III Further Remand Proceedings.**

The Commission seeks comment on whether facilities-based providers of broadband Internet access services provided over wireline and other platforms, including cable, wireless and satellite, should be required to contribute to universal service. Comments due April 15; replies due May 14. Contact: Jodie Donovan-May at (202) 418-1580 (voice) or Diane Law Hsu at (202) 418-7400 (Voice).

**CC 01-288; PN 02/28/02; DA 02-492**

**Pleading Cycle Established for Comments for BellSouth's Amendment to Petition for Waiver of CEI Requirements.**

On February 22, 2002, BellSouth Corporation filed an amendment to its pending petition for waiver of the Commission's Comparably Efficient Interconnection (CEI) requirements that was filed on September 27, 2001. Comments due March 15\*; replies due March 26. Contact: Jodie Donovan-May or Janice M. Myles at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

**CC 02-44; PN 03/01/02; DA 02-503**

**Commission Seeks Comment on Applications for Consent to Transfer Control Filed by McLeod USA Inc.**

On February 21 and 22, 2002, McLeod USA, Inc., (McLeod), McLeodUSA, Inc., Debtor-in-Possession (McLeod DIP) and Forstmann Little and Co. (Forstmann Little) filed applications pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d), requesting Commission approval to transfer control to Forstmann Little of Commission licenses and authorizations held by McLeod DIP and its subsidiaries to provide domestic and international communications services pursuant to parts 22, 63, and 90 of the Commission's rules. Comments/Petitions due March 31; response/oppositions due April 10. Contact: Aaron Goldberger at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

**CC 98-147; PN 03/04/02; DA 02-506**

**Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Section 51.323(k)(2) of the Commission Rules on Collocation.**

The Commission seeks comment on whether it should amend or repeal the portion of rule 51.323(k)(2) quoted in the Advanced Services First Report and Order. Comments due 15 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 25 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: John Adams or Janice Myles at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

**CC 96-45; PN 03/04/02; DA 02-510**

**Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on the Island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.**

On February 19, 2002, Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. a/b/d Saipancell filed with the Commission a petition pursuant to section 214(e)(6) seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to receive federal universal service support for service offered on the island of Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Anita Cheng at (202) 418-7400 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/04/02; DA 02-515**

**Comments Invited on Verizon South Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Mid-States Joint Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.**

On January 22, 2002, Verizon South Inc. and Verizon Mid-States filed an application with the Commission requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain domestic telecommunications services. Comments due April 1. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice) or Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/04/02; DA 02-517**

**Pepco Communications, Inc. Seeks Commission Determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" Status Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act.**

On January 31, 2002, Pepco Communication, Inc., filed an application requesting a determination by the Commission that it is an "exempt telecommunications company", pursuant to section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 as amended by section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Comments due: March 18; replies due March 25. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice) or Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/06/02**

**Addendum to SBC Telecom Petition Requesting Approval of Certain LATA Boundary Adjustments to Offer Competitive Local Exchange Service in Ohio.**

On February 19, 2002, SBC Telecom, Inc. filed an addendum to clarify its petition requesting approval of certain local access and transport area (LATA) boundary modifications in Ohio. Comments due March 22; replies due March 29. Contact: Alan Thomas at (202) 418-2320 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/07/02; DA 02-571**

**Comments Invited on ARBROS Communications, Inc. and its Subsidiaries Joint Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.**

On March 1, 2002, ARBROS Communications, Inc. and its Subsidiaries filed an application with the Commission requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71 to discontinue certain of its domestic telecommunications services. Comments due March 21. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice), Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/08/02**

**Addendum to SBC Telecom Petition Requesting Approval of Certain LATA Boundary Adjustments to Offer Competitive Local Exchange Service in Ohio.**

On March 6, 2002, the Commission released a public notice in the above-captioned proceeding. An erratum in the proceeding was issued on March 8, 2002 with the following corrections: On page 1, paragraph 2, the comment date should be "March 20, 2002," and the reply comment date should be "March 27, 2002". Contact: Alan Thomas 202-418-2320 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**CC 96-45; PN 03/08/02; DA 02-570**

**Commission Seeks Comment on BT North America, Inc.'s Expedited Petition for Clarification of the Contribution Obligations of Video Distribution Service Providers.**

On February 6, 2002, BT North America, Inc. filed a Petition for Clarification of the universal service contribution obligations of non-common carrier video distribution service providers. Comments due 21 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 31 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: Contact Paul Garnett at (202) 418-7400 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/08/02; DA 02-572**

**Comments Invited on GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.**

On January 29, 2002, GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest filed an application with the Communication requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain of its domestic telecommunications services. Comments due April 5. Contact: Carmell Westhers at (202) 418-2325 (voice), Jon Minkoff at (202)-418-2353 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**PN 03/08/02; DA 02-573**

**Comments Invited on Verizon South Inc. Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services.**

On January 22, 2002, Verizon South, Inc., filed an application with the Commission requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain of its domestic telecommunications services. Comments due April 5. Contact: Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325 (voice), Jon Minkoff at (202) 418-2353 (voice), 418-0484 TTY.

**CC 01-347; PN 03/08/02; DA 02-580**

**Comments Requested in Connection with Verizon's Section 271 Application for New Jersey.**

The Commission seeks comment on whether the New Jersey Final UNE Rate Order demonstrates that the rates fall within the reasonable range that a correct application of TELRIC principles would produce. Comments due March 13. Contact: Alexis Johns at (202) 418-1167 (voice).

**CC 98-184; PN 03/12/02; DA 02-567**

**Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Verizon's Request to Count Investment in Northpoint Toward Out-of-Region Merger Obligation.**

The Commission seeks comment on the above-captioned proceeding. Comments due March 19; replies due March 22. Contact: Mark Stone at (202) 418-0816 (voice).

**CC 02-39; PN 03/12/02; DA 02-588**

**Comments Requested on the Commission's NOI Concerning Equal Access and Nondiscrimination Obligations Applicable to Local Exchange Carriers.**

The Commission seeks comment on the above-captioned proceeding. Comments due May 10; replies due June 10. Contact: Julie Veach at (202) 418-1558 (voice).

**CC 02-51; PN 03/11/02; DA 02-586**

**Commission Seeks Comment on a Joint Application Filed by Neptune Communications, LLC, Alaska Fiber Star License Corporation and Northstar License Corporation for Transfer of Control.**

On January 23, 2002, Neptune Communications, LLC, Alaska Fiber Star License Corporation and Northstar License Corporation pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01,



filed an application requesting permanent authority to transfer control over Alaska Fiber Star, L.L.C. and WCI Cable, Inc. from AMP Life to Neptune Communications. Contact: Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 (voice) or Bill Dever at (202) 418-1578 (voice).

**CC 96-98, 98-147, 01-338; ORDER 03/11/02 (adopted 03/11/02); DA 02-591**

**Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability.**

The Commission granted a limited extension of time in this proceeding. Comments due April 5; replies due May 21. Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1580 (voice).

**CC 96-45; PN 03/13/02; DA 02-602**

**Smith Bagley, Inc. Petitions to Redefine the Service Area of Century Tel of the Southwest, Inc. in the State of New Mexico.**

Smith Bagley, Inc. filed a petition, pursuant to section 54.207 of the Commission's rules, requesting the Commission's consent to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's proposed "service area" definition for areas served by Century Tel of the Southwest, Inc. within New Mexico. Comments due April 4; replies due April 15. Contact: Richard D. Smith or Anita Cheng at (202) 418-7400 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**CONSUMER INFORMATION BUREAU**

**CI 02-22; PN 02/06/02; DA 02-271**

**Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Joint Petition for Expedited Rulemaking Filed by AARP, Consumer Action, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, the Massachusetts Union on Public Housing Tenants, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, The National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators, et al.**

On October 29, 2001, nine petitioners filed a Joint Petition requesting the Commission to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to establish a minimum notice requirement for recently detariffed domestic toll services. Comments due March 11\*; replies due March 26. Contact: Renee Owusu at (202) 418-0221 (voice).

**CI 02-32, CC 94-93, 00-175; MO&O and NPRM 02/28/02 (adopted 02/14/02); FCC 02-46**

**Establishment of Rules Governing Procedures to be Followed when Informal Complaints are Filed by Consumers against Entities Regulated by the Commission.**

The Commission seeks comment on proposals to establish a unified, streamlined process for the

intake and resolution of informal complaints filed by consumers. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

## **INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

**IB 02-10; NOI 02/04/02 (adopted 01/23/02); FCC 02-18**

### **Procedures to Govern the Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels in Bands Shared With Terrestrial Fixed Service.**

The Commission seeks comment on a variety of issues related to the authorization of satellite earth stations on board vessels. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**IB 02-18; NPRM 02/13/02 (adopted 01/30/02): FCC 02-28**

### **Enforcement of Other Nations' Prohibitions Against the Uncompleted Call Signaling Configuration of International Call-back Service Petition for Rulemaking of the Telecommunications Resellers Association to Eliminate Comity-Based Enforcement.**

The Commission granted the petition filed by Telecommunications Resellers Association and adopted the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to review the Commission's international call-back Policy. Comments due April 14; replies due May 14.

**PN 02/14/02; DA 02-357**

### **Comments Invited on Telenor Satellite Services Holdings, Inc., Petition for Declaratory Ruling on Inapplicability of cost Accounting Requirements.**

On January 22, 2002, Telenor Satellite Services Holdings, Inc., Telenor Satellite Mobile Services, Inc. and Telenor Satellite, Inc. filed a petition for declaratory ruling requesting confirmation from the Commission that the structural reporting requirements imposed on the former COMSAT Mobile Communications, including the annual filing of a Cost Allocation Manual, Joint Cost Report, and Form M, as well as quarterly filing of Form 901, are not applicable to the ongoing business of Telenor following its recent acquisition of CMC. Comments due March 14\*; replies due March 28. Contact: Cynthia Bryant at (202) 418-8164 (voice).

**IB 02-30; NPRM 02/15/02 (adopted 02/11/02); FCC 02-37**

### **In The Matter of Policy for Licensing Domestic Satellite Earth Stations in the Bush Communities of Alaska.**

The Commission proposed to discontinue the Alaska Bush Earth Station Policy ("Bush Policy"). Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**IB 02-34, 00-248; NPRM AND 1<sup>st</sup> REPORT AND ORDER 02/28/02 (adopted 02/14/02); FCC 02-45**

**Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies.**

The Commission seeks comment on two options for revising the current satellite procedure: (1) a first-come, first served procedure, and (2) modifications to the current processing round procedure. Comments due 75 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 105 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**PN 02/27/02; DA 02-465**

**Globalstar Corporation and Vodafone Americas Asia Inc. Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations and Request Declaratory Ruling Allowing Indirect Foreign Ownership.**

On January 17, 2002, Globalstar Corporation and Vodafone Americas Asia Inc. filed applications pursuant to Section 310(d) and 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to transfer control of non-common carrier station licenses, a blanket common carrier license for up to 500,000 mobile earth terminals, and international section 214 authorizations presently held by Globalstar USA, Inc. and its affiliate Globalstar Caribbean Ltd. From VAAI to Globalstar Corporation. Comments/Petitions due March 27; replies/oppositions due April 6.

**IB 95-18, 01-185; PN 03/06/02; DA 02-554**

**Commission Staff Invites Technical Comment on the Certain Proposals to Permit Flexibility in the Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHZ Band, the L-Band, the 1.6/2.4 GHZ Band.**

The Commission invites limited additional technical comment on certain Proposals to Permit Flexibility in the Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHZ Band, the L-Band, the 1.6/2.4 GHZ Band. Comments due March 15. Contact: Trey Hanbury at (202) 418-0766 (voice), (202) 418-0484 TTY.

**IB 02-50; PN 03/11/02; DA 02-579**

**Commission Seeks Comment on Applications for Consent to Transfer Control Filed by XO Communications, Inc.**

On February 21, 2002, XO Communications, Inc. filed applications seeking Commission approval of the proposed transfer of control of certain Commission licenses and authorizations held by existing shareholders of XO to the new shareholders of XO. Comments/Petitions due

April 10; responses/oppositions to petitions due April 24. Contact: Imani K. Ellis-Cheek at (202) 418-1028 (voice), Elizabeth Yockus at (202) 418-1385 (voice), Zenj Nakazawa at (202) 418-7949 (voice).

**IB 01-185, ET 95-18; ORDER 03/13/02 (adopted 03/12/02); DA 02-601**

**Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Band and Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum 2 GHz for use by the Mobile Satellite Service.**

The Commission granted AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., Cellular Telephone and Internet Association an extension of time until March 22 for filing comments.

**MASS MEDIA BUREAU**

**MM 99-325; PN 12/19/01; DA 01-2932**

**Comment Sought on National Radio Systems Committee DAB Subcommittee's "Evaluation of the IBIQUITY Digital Corporation IBOC System."**

The Commission seeks comment on the NRSC report, conclusions, and recommendations concerning the iBiquity hybrid mode FM IBOC DAB system, and the iBiquity FM IBOC test results, with respect to the Commission's stated DAB policy goals and selection criteria. Comments due February 19\*; replies due March 21. Contact: Peter Doyle at (202) 418-2700 (voice).

**MM 98-204; 2<sup>nd</sup> NPRM 12/21/01 (adopted 12/12/01); FCC 01-363**

**Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies.**

The Commission seeks comment concerning a new broadcast equal employment opportunity rule and policies consistent with the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association v. FCC*, 236 F3d 13, rehearing den. 253 F3d 732 (D.C. Cir. 2001), *pet for cert. filed*, *MMTC v. MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association*, No. 01-639 (October 17, 2001) ("*Association*"). Comments due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 90 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**PN 01/15/02**

**Comment Deadlines for EEO Rule Making.**

On December 21, 2001, the Commission released its Second Notice of Proposed Rule Making requesting comments concerning proposed Equal Employment Opportunity rules applicable to broadcasters and cable entities. Comments due March 15\*; replies due April 15. Contact: EEO Staff at (202) 418-1450 (voice).

**MM 98-204; ORDER 02/22/02 (adopted 02/20/02); DA 02-400**

**Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies.**

On January 29, 2002, the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council ("MMTC") filed a Motion for Procedural Relief and for an Extension of Time. The Commission granted, in part, MMTC's Motion for Procedural Relief and extended the comments deadline to April 15, 2002; replies due May 15, 2002.

**MM 95-31; SECOND FURTHER NPRM 02/25/02 (adopted 02/14/02); FCC 02-44**

**Reexamination of the Comparative Standards for Noncommercial Educational Applicants; Association of America's Public Television Stations' Motion for Stay of Low Power Television Auction (No. 81).**

The Commission seeks additional comment on the procedures it should use to license "non-reserved" channels in which both commercial and noncommercial educational entities have an interest. Comments due April 15; replies due May 15.

**MM 01-137, 00-244; ORDER 03/08/02 (adopted 03/08/02); DA 02-582**

**Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets and Definition of Radio Markets.**

On February 27, 2002, the Infinity Broadcasting Corporation, Clear Channel Communications, Inc., and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines. The Commission granted the motion to extend the deadlines for 14 days comments due March 27; replies due April 24.

**OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ET 01-278; NPRM 10/15/01 (adopted 10/02/01); FCC 01-290**

**Review of Part 15 and other Parts of the Commission's Rules.**

The Commission seeks comment on the above-captioned proceeding. Comments due 75 days from date of publication in the Federal Register; replies due 105 days from date of publication in the Federal Register.

**ET 02-16; NPRM & ORDER 02/07/02 (adopted 01/30/02); FCC 02-27**

**Amendment of Parts 2, 73, 74, 80, 90 and 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Decisions from World Radiocommunication Conferences Concerning Frequency Bands Below 28000 kHz.**

The Commission proposed amending Parts 2, 73, 74, 80, 90, and 97 of its rules to implement domestically various allocation decisions from International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radio Communication Conferences concerning the frequency bands below 28000 kilohertz ("kHz"). Comments due 30 days from publication in the Federal Register; replies due 60 days from publication in the Federal Register.

## **OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

**GC 02-37; NPRM 02/22/02 (adopted 02/14/02); FCC 02-54**

**Amendment of Section 1.17 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Truthful Statements to the Commission.**

The Commission seeks comment on whether certain classes of proceedings should be subject to the rule only when deceptive intent is involved and whether persons or entities that are not regulated by the Commission should be subject to the rule only when deceptive intent is involved. Comments due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 45 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact: David Senzel at (202) 418-1720 (voice).

## **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU**

**PR 92-257; FOURTH NPRM 12/28/01 (adopted 12/11/01); FCC 01-358**

**In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications.**

The Commission seeks comment on its rules concerning Maritime Communications. Comments due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 90 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**PN 02/14/02; DA 02-361**

**Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on NTIA Report on Current and Future Spectrum Use by the Energy, Water, and Railroad Industries.**

The Commission seeks comment on the NTIA Report on or before March 6\*; replies due March 18. Contact John J. Schauble at (202) 418-0680 (voice), (202) 418-7233 TTY.

**PN 02/27/2; DA 02-454**

**VoiceStream PCS BTA I Corporation and Cook Inlet Region, Inc. Seek FCC Consent for Transfer of Control of Broadband PCS Licenses.**

On February 2, 2001 and February 4, 2002, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. an Alaska Region Corporation organized under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et

seq. and VoiceStream PCS BTA1 Corporation filed applications under section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 310 (d), seeking Commission consent to a transfer of control of licenses from Cook to VoiceStream. Comments due March 29; replies due April 8. Contact: John Branscome or Erin McGrath at (202) 418-7240 (voice), Rita Cookmeyer at (202) 418-0660 (voice) or Imani Ellis-Cheek at (202) 418-1460 (voice.)

**WT 02-41; PN 02/27/02; DA 02-451**

**Neoworld License Holdings, Inc. and FCI 900, Inc. Seek Consent to Assign 900 MHz SMR Licenses.**

Neoworld License Holdings, Inc. and FCI 900, Inc., filed applications under section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking Commission approval to assign licenses in the 900 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio service held by Neoworld to FCI 900. Comments due March 29; oppositions due April 8; replies due April 15. Contact: Erin McGrath or Susan Singer at (202) 418-7240 (voice).

**PN 03/05/02; DA 02-512**

**Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Waiver by the State of Florida to Allow for Geographic Licensing.**

On February 12, 2002, the State of Florida submitted a request for expedited waiver of Section 90.693(d)(1) of the Commission’s Rules to allow Florida to consolidate its site-by-site licenses for General Category frequencies in its 800 MHz statewide public safety radio system into a statewide geographic license. Comments due March 19; replies due March 26. Contact: John Evanhoff at (202) 418-0848 (voice), (202) 418-7233 TTY.

**PN 03/06/02; DA 02-535**

**Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for Multi-Radio Service are Accepted for Filing.**

The Commission seeks comment on the above-captioned proceeding. Petitions to deny due March 18; oppositions due March 25; replies to oppositions due April 1. Contact: Gary Oshinsky at (202) 418-7167 (voice) or Amal Abdallah at (202) 418-7307 (voice).

**PN 03/13/02; DA 02-599**

**Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Waiver of Aircraft Station Identification Requirement.**

On February 26, 2002, the Great Lakes Region of the Federal Aviation Administration requested an exemption from the Commission’s Part 87 Rules to specify a standard form of station

identification for aircraft being operated by maintenance personnel as these personnel move the aircraft from one location to another location at the airport. Comments due March 27; replies due April 3. Contact: Jeff Tobias at (202) 418-1617 (voice), (202) 418-7233 TTY.