

on deep water development projects are made.

(1) The provisions of the Act dealing with existing leases allow the Secretary to grant suspensions on an individual lease or unit basis. However, section 304 of the Act (Lease Sales) refers to "tracts" and "leases" (plural). How should MMS apply the royalty suspension volumes to tracts offered for sale?

(2) Is there any basis for MMS to offer suspension volumes larger than the minimums specified in the Act?

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

*Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 46 CFR Chapter I

[CGD 85-080]

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#### Small Passenger Vessel Inspection and Certification

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** On January 10, 1996, the Coast Guard published on Interim Final Rule (IFR) containing a complete revision to the regulations governing small passenger vessels. As discussed below, the Coast Guard will hold four public meetings on the dates and at the locations specified below in order to give the public an opportunity for oral presentations.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on the following dates from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

- March 19, 1996; St. Louis, Missouri.
- April 10, 1996; Oakland, California.
- April 23, 1996; Mobile Alabama.
- April 30, 1996; New Haven, Connecticut.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held on the dates and at the locations identified below:

- St. Louis, Missouri, Tuesday, March 19, 1996. Robert A. Young Federal Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 1222 Spruce St., St. Louis, MO 63103. Telephone No. (314) 539-3091.
- Oakland, California; Wednesday, April 10, 1996. Oakland Federal Building, Third Floor Conference Center, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612. Telephone No. (510) 238-4800.

—Mobile, Alabama; Tuesday, April 23, 1996. Mobile Civic Center, Meeting Room 16, 401 Civic Center Drive, Mobile AL 36602. Telephone No. (334) 434-7261.

—New Haven, Connecticut; Tuesday, April 30, 1996. Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center, Classroom #4, 30 Woodward Ave, New Haven, CT 06512. Telephone No. (203) 467-5322.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LT Eric Christensen, Project Manager, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, (G-MOS-2), phone (202) 267-1181, telefax (202) 267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IFR published on January 10, 1996, was in response to numerous comments received to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published in the Federal Register [54 FR 4412] on January 30, 1989, and Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM) published in the Federal Register [59 FR 1994] on January 13, 1994. The IFR stated that the Coast Guard planned to hold at least one public meeting on this rulemaking, in addition to receiving written comments, and solicited recommendations for dates and meeting sites. In response to the public comments received, the Coast Guard will hold a total of four public meetings.

In the preamble of the IFR (page 882), the Coast Guard solicited public comment on several requirements established in the IFR. Specifically, the Coast Guard would like more input on the following parts of 46 CFR:

- Part 179: Construction equivalency for wooden hull vessels, p. 971.
- Sections 119.530 and 182.530: Spaces requiring a bilge high level alarm, pp. 927 and 995.
- Sections 122.420 and 185.420: Documentation of crew training, pp. 938 and 1007-1008.
- Sections 122.520 and 185.520: Documentation of abandon ship and man overboard drills and training, pp. 940-941 and 1009-1010.
- Sections 122.524 and 185.524: Documentation of fire fighting drills and training, pp. 941 and 1010.
- Sections 122.728 and 185.728: Documentation of EPIRB testing, pp. 943 and 1012.

In addition, the Coast Guard is soliciting input on open hatch protection and non-skid surfaces for stairways discussed in the preamble under §§ 116.900 and 177.900 "Guards for exposed hazards", p. 875.

Attendance is open to the public. With advanced notice, and as time

permits, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than the day before the meeting. Written material may be submitted prior to, during, or after the meeting. If time permits, the Coast Guard intends to hold a question and answer period following the oral presentations. As stated in the IFR (page 864), the Coast Guard will receive written comments through June 10, 1996.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

*Director for Standards, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 1

[CC Docket No. 95-185; CC Docket No. 94-54; FCC 96-61]

#### Interconnection Between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers and Equal Access and Interconnection Obligation Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** In this *Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, the Commission requests comments on the implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on the proposals and topics for comment regarding interconnection between local exchange carriers and commercial mobile radio service providers as identified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*Notice*), CC Docket Nos. 95-185 and 94-54, 61 FR 03644 (Feb. 1, 1996). The Commission requests the parties to address the extent to which the recent legislation may affect the jurisdictional discussion in the *Notice*. The intended effect of the Commission's action is to receive input on the implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on these issues.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before March 4, 1996, reply comments are due on or before March 25, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Coltharp, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This *Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in CC Docket Nos. 95-185 and 94-54, adopted February 16, 1996, and released February 16, 1996, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 230, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800.

#### Synopsis of Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Commission released the *Notice, Interconnection Between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers and Equal Access and Interconnection Obligation Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket Nos. 95-185, 94-54, FCC 95-505, 61 FR 03644 (Feb. 1, 1996) (*Notice*), on January 11, 1996, prior to the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996). Since the release of the *Notice*, interested parties have requested the Commission to extend the dates for filing comments and reply comments. In light of these events, the Commission asks for additional comment in this proceeding and revises the pleading cycle accordingly.

2. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") and GTE Service Corporation ("GTE") have filed motions to extend the dates that initial and reply comments are due in the above-referenced dockets. Specifically, NARUC requests that the date that initial comments are due be extended four (4) days from February 26, 1996 to March 1, 1996 and the date reply comments are due be extended from March 12, 1996 to March 24, 1996. GTE requests that the dates for filing initial and reply comments be extended one month to March 26, 1996 and April 26, 1996, respectively. The Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association ("CTIA") has filed a response opposing GTE's request, but not opposing NARUC's request. Ameritech Operating Companies

("Ameritech") filed comments in support of GTE's motion.

3. NARUC states that the present deadline of February 26, 1996 for filing initial comments falls two days before the conclusion of its previously scheduled winter meeting. NARUC states it was planning to use its winter meeting to reach a consensus on the issues raised in these dockets. With respect to the date for filing reply comments, NARUC states that the deadline does not give its members sufficient time to review initial comments and formulate a response. NARUC notes that it frequently takes a week for some of its western members to receive copies of comments, and that many of its state commission members have procedural rules requiring several days notice for approval of pleadings before they can be filed.

4. GTE argues that due to the complexity of the issues raised in these dockets it needs more time to adequately address these issues. GTE also asserts that it needs additional time to respond in light of the recently enacted Telecommunications Act of 1996. GTE requests a 30 day extension of each of the filing deadlines.

5. CTIA states that GTE's request would significantly delay the timely resolution of the issues raised in these dockets. Ameritech contends that it needs additional time to review the new legislation and it also states that it is in the process of negotiating several interconnection agreements which will be relevant to the Commission's analyses.

6. The Commission agrees with GTE and Ameritech that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 may have an impact on this proceeding and should be considered by parties formulating their comments and reply comments. Therefore, the Commission is issuing this *Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to seek comments on the implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on the Commission's proposals and topics for comment regarding interconnection between local exchange carriers and commercial mobile radio service providers as identified and outlined in the *Notice*. The Commission requests the commenters to particularly address the extent to which the recent legislation may affect the jurisdictional discussion in the *Notice*.

7. The deadlines for the filing of all comments and reply comments in this proceeding are revised. The Commission recognizes that NARUC is attempting to overcome concrete timing problems beyond its own control and that granting an extension permits

NARUC to develop a consensus position and ensures that each of its members has a chance to actively participate in these proceedings. The Commission believes that the extension will provide commenters adequate time to consider the additional questions and to prepare comments in light of the new legislation. GTE, however, has not presented a sufficient justification for extending by 30 days each of the filing deadlines. Granting its motion would jeopardize the timely resolution of the issues raised in these dockets. Accordingly, initial comments will be due on March 4, 1996 and reply comments will be due on March 25, 1996.

8. Comments and reply comments should be captioned in CC Docket No. 95-185 only. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before March 4, 1996, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1996. To file formally in this proceeding, parties must file an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. For each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of the comments, parties must file an original and nine copies. Comments and reply comments should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 239, Washington, D.C. 20554.

#### *Ex Parte Rules—Non-Restricted Proceeding*

This is a non-restricted notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. *Ex parte* presentations are permitted, except during the Sunshine Agenda period, provided that they are disclosed as provided in the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.1202, 1.1203, 1.1206.

#### *Ordering Clauses*

It is ordered that, pursuant to Sections 1, 4, 201-205, 215, 218, 220, 303(r) and 332 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154, 201-205, 215, 218, 220, 303(r) and 332, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996),

an order and supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking is hereby adopted.

It is further ordered that, the motions for extension of time filed by NARUC and GTE are granted to the extent described herein and otherwise denied.

It is further ordered, that comments in CC Docket No. 95-185 will be due March 4, 1996 and reply comments will be due March 25, 1996.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 1

Communications common carriers.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### 47 CFR Part 20

[CC Docket No. 94-102, DA 96-198]

#### Compatibility of Wireless Services With Enhanced 911

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission seeks additional comment in wireless Enhanced 911 (E911) rulemaking proceeding. On February 13, 1996, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA) and three principal public safety organizations—National Emergency Number Association (NENA), Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), and National Association of State Nine One One Administrators (NASNA)—jointly filed a Consensus Agreement as an *ex parte* presentation, urging the Commission to adopt their agreement in this proceeding. Additional comment is sought to assist the Commission in determining whether to adopt the Consensus Agreement, in whole or in part. The effect of adopting the Consensus Agreement would be to bring the timely deployment of E911 services to wireless customers, in two phases, within five years after adoption of final rules.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before *March 4, 1996* and reply comments must be filed on or before *March 11, 1996*.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Won Kim, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, (202) 418-1310.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

February 16, 1996.

Additional Comment Sought: Commission Seeks Additional Comment in Wireless Enhanced 911 Rulemaking Proceeding Regarding "Consensus Agreement" Between Wireless Industry Representatives and Public Safety Groups

[CC Docket No. 94-102]

Comments Due: March 4, 1996.

Replies Due: March 11, 1996.

On February 13, 1996, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA) and three principal public safety organizations—National Emergency Number Association (NENA), Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), and National Association of State Nine One One Administrators (NASNA)—jointly filed an *ex parte* presentation titled "Public Safety-Wireless Industry Consensus: Wireless Compatibility Issues, CC Docket 94-102," urging the Commission to adopt their agreement in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The full text of the Consensus Agreement (including exhibits), the NPRM,<sup>2</sup> comments, and reply comments are available for inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 239, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may also be obtained from International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800.

Pursuant to Section 1.415(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 1.415(d), the Commission seeks additional comment in wireless Enhanced 911 (E911) rulemaking proceeding. Specifically, the Commission seeks comment on the Consensus Agreement filed by wireless industry representatives and public safety groups. In the NPRM, the Commission proposed to adopt rules requiring, *inter alia*, that Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers of real time voice services offer E911 access and features to mobile radio callers in three phases within five years after adoption of final rules. Comments on the NPRM were filed on January 9, 1995, and reply

comments were filed on March 17, 1995. Although the comments supported the Commission's broad goal to require wireless compatibility with E911, the views of wireless service industry and public safety organizations differed, *inter alia*, regarding the proposed phase-in schedules for various E911 features. In order to address these differences, CTIA and public safety organizations initiated negotiations regarding wireless compatibility issues and related matters. The Consensus Agreement outlines the consensus reached on issues regarding wireless compatibility with E911 systems as a result of these negotiations.

Additional comment is sought to assist the Commission in determining whether to adopt the Consensus Agreement, in whole or in part. The Consensus Agreement proposes a two-step implementation schedule for E911. In Phase I, within twelve or eighteen months after the adoption of the Order, the Agreement proposes implementation of cell site information, calling party automatic number identification (ANI), 911 availability from any service initialized mobile radio handset, 911 access for speech and hearing-impaired callers using text telephone (TTY) devices, and call-back capability. Under Phase II, within five years after the adoption of the Order, the Agreement proposes to require achievement of automatic location of wireless callers within 125 meters (derived using root mean square calculations). In addition, the Consensus Agreement requests the Commission: (1) to declare that state and local 911 fees and taxes are not barred as a matter of law and that such fees and taxes should not discriminate between wireline and wireless carriers; and (2) to resolve carrier and public safety legal liability issues. The Consensus Agreement also suggests consumer education rather than equipment labeling to inform customers regarding wireless compatibility with E911 features. Commenters are invited to address any legal, factual, and policy issues associated with the request to adopt the Consensus Agreement.

Comments on these additional issues must be filed no later than March 4, 1996. Reply comments must be filed by March 11, 1996. All comments should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing CC Docket No. 94-102 and the Consensus Agreement. Filings should be accompanied by proof of service upon the parties in this proceeding. The list of the parties may be obtained from the

<sup>1</sup> "Public Safety-Wireless Industry Consensus: Wireless Compatibility Issues, CC Docket 94-102," filed by CTIA, NENA, APCO, and NASNA on February 13, 1996 ("Consensus Agreement").

<sup>2</sup> See Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 59 Fed. Reg. 54878 (1994) ("NPRM").