

the Commission's ability to process and analyze the extensive amounts of data it needs to administer its rules. All the reports have been updated to reflect the new expiration date. Copies of the updated reports may be obtained from Barbara Van Hagen of the Accounting and Audits Division at 2000 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Room 812. Call 202-418-0849.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0439.

Expiration Date: 03/31/2001.

Title: Regulations Concerning Indecent Communications By Telephone.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit entities.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,200 respondents; .16 hours per response (avg). 1,632 total annual burden hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Description: Section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Section 223, as amended by the Appropriations Act of 1990, Public Law 101-166, Sections 521, 103 Stat. 1192 (November 21, 1989), imposes fines and penalties on those who knowingly use the telephone to make obscene or indecent communications for commercial purposes. The fines and penalties are applicable to those who use the telephone, or permit their telephone to be used, for obscene communications to any person and to those who use the telephone for indecent communications to persons under 18 years of age or to adults without their consent. Section 223 requires telephone companies, to the extent technically feasible, to prohibit access to indecent communications from the telephone of a subscriber who has not previously requested access. 47 C.F.R. 64.201 implements the statute. The rules and regulations establish defenses to prosecution where the defendant restricts access to the prohibited indecent communications to persons 18 years of age or older by complying with the Commission's procedures. Section 64.201 contains several information collection requirements including: (1) A requirement that certain common carriers block access to indecent messages unless the subscriber seeks access from the common carrier (telephone company) in writing (*no. of respondents:* 10,000; *hours per response:* 10 minutes; *total annual burden:* 1600 hours); (2) a requirement that adult message service providers notify their carriers of the nature of their programming (*no. of respondents:* 100;

hours per response: 10 minutes; *total annual burden:* 16, hours); and (3) a requirement that a provider of adult message services request that their carriers identify it as such in bills to its subscribers (*no. of respondents:* 100; *hours per response:* 10 minutes; *total annual burden:* 16 hours). The information requirements are imposed on carriers, adult message service providers and those who solicit their services to ensure that minors are denied access to material deemed indecent. If the information collections were not imposed the Commission would not be able to carry out its responsibilities as mandated in Section 223 of the Act. Obligation to respond: required.

Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 87-313; DA 98-483]

Accounting and Audits Division

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Public Notice invites interested parties to comment on a proposal of numerous improvements to the ARMIS Report 43-05 Service Quality Report, which provides data regarding service quality, and the ARMIS Report 43-06 Customer Satisfaction Report, which provides data concerning customer satisfaction. The ARMIS 43-05 Service Quality Report captures important service quality trends of price cap carriers on a study area basis. The ARMIS Report 43-06 Customer Satisfaction Report, reflects the results of customer satisfaction surveys conducted by carriers.

DATES: Comments are to be filed on or before April 24, 1998. Reply comments are due on or before May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Dale, Common Carrier Bureau,

Accounting and Audits Division, (202) 418-2260, or via E-mail to "dbyrd@fcc.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. In this Public Notice released March 11, 1998 ("Notice"), the Common Carrier Bureau ("the Bureau") proposes a number of improvements to the ARMIS Report 43-05 Service Quality Report, which provides data regarding service quality, and the ARMIS Report 43-06 Customer Satisfaction Report, which provides data concerning customer satisfaction. The ARMIS 43-05 Service Quality Report captures important service quality trends of price cap carriers on a study area basis. ARMIS Report 43-05 contains five tables: (1) Installation and repair intervals for interexchange carriers; (2) installation and repair intervals for local access customers; (3) common trunk blockage; (4) total switch downtime and occurrences of two minutes or more duration; and (5) service quality complaints. ARMIS Report 43-06, the Customer Satisfaction Report, reflects the results of customer satisfaction surveys conducted by carriers. The report captures trends in service quality as measured by the perception of residential, small business, and large business customers. All incumbent local exchange carriers ("LECs") subject to price cap regulation file the Service Quality Report, but only the Bell operating companies and GTE file the Customer Satisfaction Report.

A. Service Quality in Rural Areas

2. We are particularly interested in the quality of service available in rural areas. We seek additional comments on modifications to both the ARMIS 43-05 Service Quality Report and the ARMIS 43-06 Customer Satisfaction Report that would permit detailed analysis of the quality of service provided to rural areas. For ARMIS Report 43-05, carriers already disaggregate the reported data into MSA and non-MSA categories throughout most of the report. For ARMIS Report 43-06, the Customer Satisfaction Report, we propose disaggregating the reported data to reflect customer satisfaction by MSA and non-MSA categories. We seek comment on whether this level of disaggregation adequately illustrates the quality of service provided to rural areas, or whether we should consider a greater level of detail.

3. Additionally, although ARMIS Report 43-05 collects data concerning switch outages, the report does not collect data concerning facility outages caused by cable cuts, which are the primary source of network outages. Because many rural areas do not meet

the reporting threshold identified in the Commission's network outage reports, the ARMIS 43-05 Service Quality Report does not provide a complete picture of the quality of service in many rural areas. Therefore, we propose modifying ARMIS Report 43-05 to include a table for reporting facility outages resulting in a threshold number of customers out of service for longer than twelve hours. There are very few, if any, rural areas that meet the threshold number of 30,000 customers set in the Commission's rules for reporting network outages, (See 47 CFR 63.100) so the Commission does not collect all the information needed to monitor the quality of service in rural areas. Therefore, we propose using a percentage of subscribers in wire center serving area that are affected by the facility outage. Carriers would report facility outages affecting greater than five—or perhaps ten—percent of the subscribers served in a wire center serving area. Carriers would disaggregate this data into MSA and non-MSA categories. We seek comment on this proposal, on the recommended format of a facility outage table in ARMIS Report 43-05, and on the suggested reporting threshold necessary to provide an accurate picture of rural service quality.

B. ARMIS 43-05 Service Quality Report

1. Table I—Installation and Repair Intervals (Interexchange Access)

4. Table I of the ARMIS Service Quality Report 43-05 presents incumbent LEC installation and repair intervals for service provided to interexchange carriers. This table contains useful information regarding the number of complaints, referred to as "trouble reports," received by an incumbent LEC from an interexchange carrier in a given period and percentages of service commitments met by the incumbent LECs. It does not, however, contain information regarding the total number of switched or special access lines that could trigger trouble reports. Consequently, it is difficult for the Commission and other interested parties to benchmark data for incumbent LECs of varying sizes. We propose that incumbent LECs should report the total number of switched and all special access lines provided to interexchange carriers in each study area.

2. Table II—Installation and Repair Intervals (Local Service)

5. Table II is the primary source of service quality information regarding the services provided by price cap LECs to their local customers. Table II

consists of two major columns (one for residential customers and one for business customers) and five major rows (Installation Intervals, Repair Intervals, Initial Trouble Reports, Repeat Trouble Reports, No Trouble Found) that contain data on how price cap LECs perform during the reporting period in the installation and repair of basic local telecommunications services. Each column and row is further disaggregated to provide greater detail regarding the installation and repair of lines. As a whole, Table II illustrates the service quality provided by the price cap LECs to residential and business customers. This information is used by the Commission state commissions, and other interested parties to evaluate and benchmark carriers' installation and repair data.

6. Customer trouble reporting measures both the number and the types of service problems that local business and residential customers report to the reporting carrier. These trouble reports are categorized as either "initial" trouble reports or "repeat" trouble reports. A "repeat trouble" is a trouble reported on a line within thirty days of the disposition of a previous trouble; all other trouble reports are categorized as "initial." In addition to the quantity and type of troubles, carriers also report the time needed to close out the troubles. One way for closing out a trouble is the "no trouble found" report. Currently, carriers are required to report only the total number of instances in which, upon investigation, no trouble was found. Analysis of existing reports shows a substantial increase in the number of troubles closed out as "no trouble found." We propose that carriers should be required to disaggregate this information into two rows in Table II—one showing the total number of "no trouble found" reports for "initial" trouble reports, and one for "repeat" trouble reports.

7. Incumbent LECs provide local special service circuits, which are circuits other than those used for basic telephone service, to business customers. In its current format, Table II does not require incumbent LECs to report information on local (intraLATA or intrastate) special service circuits. Many types of special service circuits perform the same function as those circuits that incumbent LECs already report in Table II. We propose modifying Table II to require carriers to report data on local special service circuits and to disaggregate this data by MSA and non-MSA categories. We seek comment on this proposal and additional suggestions for the reporting

format of information on local special service circuits.

C. Table IV—Switches

8. Table IV of ARMIS Report 43-05 contains information about the number of switches of various sizes and a count of those switches that experience operating downtime of two minutes or more. Switch size is reported according to the number of lines each switch serves. Currently, carriers are required to report outages by various switch sizes up to 20,000 lines with all larger switches being categorized into a single row. Because 47 CFR 63.100 requires that carriers report network outages for switches over 30,000 lines, we propose that a new row should be added to Table IV for switches over 20,000 lines but less than 30,000 lines with the last row modified to include switches with 30,000 or more lines.

9. *Paperwork Reduction Act.* As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, we invite the general public to take this opportunity to comment on information collections contained in this Public Notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104-13. Public and agency comments are due at the same time as other comments on this Public Notice. Comments should address: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

10. *Comment Filing Procedures.* Interested parties may file comments no later than *April 29, 1998*. Reply comments may be filed no later than *May 15, 1998*. All pleadings should reference AAD File No. 98-22. The original and six copies should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission; one copy should be submitted to Anthony Dale, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, 2000 L Street, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Services (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. All pleadings will be made available for public inspection and copying in the

Accounting and Audits public reference room.

Action by the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC.

Federal Communications Commission.

Kenneth P. Moran,

*Chief, Accounting and Audits Division,
Common Carrier Bureau.*

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:36 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's supervisory, liquidation, and resolution activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), seconded by Ms. Leann Britton, acting in the place and stead of Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), concurred in by Mr. John E. Ryan, acting in the place and stead of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), and Acting Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1195-DR]

Florida; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, (FEMA-1195-DR), dated January 6, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 6, 1998:

Madison County for Public Assistance. (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Laurence W. Zensinger,

Division Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1195-DR]

Florida; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, (FEMA-1195-DR), dated January 6, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 18, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 6, 1998:

Walton and Washington for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 202-010714-026.

Title: Trans-Atlantic American Flag Liner Operators.

Parties:

Farrell Lines Incorporated
Lykes Lines Limited, LLC
Sea-Land Service, Inc.
American President Lines Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed modification deletes the requirement that each member post a financial guarantee and reduces the notice requirement before resigning from 180 to 60 days.

Dated: March 24, 1998.