

**Title:** Local Competition in the Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Report.

**Form No.:** N/A.

**Respondents:** Business or other for profit.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 20 respondents; 26 hours per response (avg.); 5520 total annual burden hours.

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

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion; quarterly.

**Description:** The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) imposes obligations and responsibilities on telecommunications carriers, particularly incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs), that are primarily designed to open telecommunications markets to competitive entry, to promote universal service, and to lessen the need for government regulation of telecommunications. Pursuant to these overall goals, the statute directed the Commission to adopt regulations to implement specific statutory requirements, including regulations governing the provisions of interconnection of incumbent LEC facilities with new local exchange service competitors, and the competitive entry of Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) into previously prohibited interexchange and other services markets. As part of its responsibilities toward achieving the intent of the statute, the Commission must have adequate data at hand to evaluate the success of these efforts. Moreover, in section 706(b) of the 1996 Act, Congress directed the Commission to report to it on the pace of deployment of "advanced telecommunications capability"—broadband telecommunications services such as high-speed Internet access. The Commission adopted a Report (in CC Docket 98-146) on January 28, 1999, in which it formally undertook to issue annual reports detailing the status of broadband deployment. Gathering relevant data about broadband deployment is, therefore, essential if the Commission is to successfully accomplish this statutory requirement. Gathering information also is critical to the Commission's deregulatory agenda. Gathering data about the development of local competition and broadband deployment will help ensure that the Commission can properly evaluate the nature and impact of its existing regulation and, where appropriate, reduce or eliminate regulation. New sections 10 and 11 of the 1996 Act both require the Commission to undertake reviews of existing Commission regulations with a view towards their elimination, but both require that the

Commission's analysis include an economic analysis of the state of competition among service providers. The Commission has designed a survey form to capture this information and is asking certain carriers to complete the survey form. Obligation to response: Voluntary.

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, DC 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Shirley S. Suggs,**

*Chief, Publications Branch.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

March 15, 1999.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (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 estimate; (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.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before April 19, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of

time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 1-804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0804.

**Title:** Universal Service—Health Care Providers Universal Service Program.

**Form Number(s):** FCC 465, FCC 466, FCC 467, and FCC 468.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions; and Businesses or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents:** 18,400.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1.5 to 2.5 hours.

**Frequency of Response:**

**Recordkeeping:** On occasion reporting requirements.

**Total Annual Burden:** 121,500 hours.

**Total Annual Costs:** \$270,000.

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission adopted rules providing support for all telecommunications services, limited distance charges, and Internet access for all health care providers. Health care providers who want to participate in the universal service program must file the following forms. FCC Form 465 to request eligible services; FCC Form 466 to certify that the most cost effective method of providing the services has been requested; FCC Form 467 to confirm the receipt of the requested services; and FCC Form 468 to ensure that the proper amount of universal service support has been calculated. All the information is used to administer the universal service health care program.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Shirley S. Suggs,**

*Chief, Publications Branch.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 99-385]

### Unified Policy For Dismissing Applications and Pleadings

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document released on February 24, 1999, under delegated authority, announced a unified policy regarding dismissing and returning applications and dismissing pleadings associated with applications. The policy is intended to promote: the correct filing of applications and pleadings associated with such applications, expedited processing of all wireless applications, and consistency in the treatment of all applications received by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charlene Lagerwerff, Commercial Wireless Division, at (202) 418-1349 or Steve Linn, Private Wireless Division, at 717-338-2646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Public Notice released on February 24, 1999, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 2025 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington DC 20036 (202) 857-3800.

The document is also available via the Internet at

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Federal Communications Commission.

**Steven E. Weingarten,**

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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 the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 1999, to consider the following matters:

**Summary Agenda:** No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors

requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors' meetings.

Reports of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors and summary and status reports.

Annual Alternative Dispute Resolution Report.

Memorandum and resolution re: Amendment to Appendix C of Part 325 (Market Risk) to Eliminate the Minimum Standard Specific Risk Capital Charge for Banks with Qualifying Internal Models.

### Discussion Agenda:

Memorandum and resolution re: Recommendation concerning proposed amendments to Part 326 of FDIC's Rules and Regulations—Minimum Security Devices and Procedures and Bank Secrecy Act Compliance Program ("Know Your Customer").

Memorandum and resolution re: Final amendment to Part 330—Deposit Insurance Regulations; Joint Accounts and "Payable-on-Death" Accounts.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (202) 416-2449 (Voice); (202) 416-2004 (TTY), to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-6757.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 1999-6]

### Filing Dates for the Louisiana Special Election

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing dates for special election.

**SUMMARY:** Louisiana has scheduled a special election on May 1, 1999, to fill the U.S. House seat in the First Congressional District vacated by Congressman Robert Livingston. Under Louisiana law, a majority winner in a non-partisan special election is declared elected. Should no candidate achieve a majority vote, a Special Runoff Election will be held on May 29, 1999, between the top two vote-getters.

Committees participating in the Louisiana special elections are required to file pre-and post-election reports. Filing dates for these reports are affected by whether one or two elections are held.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bobby Zarin, Information Division, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463, Telephone: (202) 694-1100; Toll Free (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All principal campaign committees of candidates who participate in the Louisiana Special General and Special Runoff Elections and all other political committees not filing monthly which support candidates in these elections shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on April 19, 1999, with coverage dates from the close of the last report filed, or the day of the committee's first activity, whichever is later, through April 11, 1999; a Pre-Runoff Report on May 17, 1999, with coverage dates from April 12 through May 9, 1999; and a Post-Runoff Report on June 28, 1999, with coverage dates from May 10 through June 18, 1999.

All principal campaign committees of candidates in the Special General Election *only* and all other political committees not filing monthly which support candidates in the Special General Election shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on April 19, with coverage dates from the close of the last report filed, or the date of the committee's first activity, whichever is later, through April 11, and a Pre-General Report on June 1, with coverage dates from April 12 through May 21, 1999.

All political committees not filing monthly which support candidates in the Special Runoff *only* shall file a 12-day Pre-Runoff Report on May 17, with coverage dates from the last report filed or the date of the committee's first activity, whichever is later, through May 9, and a Post-Runoff Report on June 28, with coverage dates from May 10 through June 18, 1999.