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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

**W.B. Hathaway,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Parts 32, 43, and 64**

[CC Docket No. 99-253; FCC 99-174]

**Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirement for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 1**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission is initiating a comprehensive review of its accounting

and reporting requirements. In this comprehensive review, we plan to reevaluate our existing accounting and reporting requirements to determine whether they should be modified or eliminated as changes occur in the industry. We also consider the appropriate timing of accounting and reporting changes to assure that we will continue to have the information we need to make informed decisions.

**DATES:** Interested parties may file written comments on the proposed information collections by August 23, 1999 and reply comment on or before September 9, 1999. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed information collections on or before October 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Secretary, Room TW-B204, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20054, or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov), and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or via the Internet to [fain\\_t@al.eop.gov](mailto:fain_t@al.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mika Savir, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202)

418-0384 or Andy Multz, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-0850. For additional information concerning the information collections contained in this NPRM contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214, or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), CC Docket 99-253, adopted on July 13, 1999, and released on July 14, 1999. It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed information collections contained in this proceeding. The full text of the NPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street NW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, Washington, DC 20036, telephone (202) 857-3800.

*OMB Approval No.:* None.

*Title:* Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 1, CC Docket No. 99-253 (NPRM).

*Form No.:* FCC Report 43-02.

*Type of Review:* New Collections.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit.

Title	No. of respondents	Estimated hours per response	Total annual burden
Uniform Systems of Accounts .....	239	9540	2,280,080
Annual Auditors Attestations .....	19	268	5,100
ARMIS USOA Report .....	52	284	14,770
Allocation of Cost, Cost Allocation Manual .....	18	300	10,800
Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Accounting Safeguards Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Affiliate Transaction Only) .....	20	24	480

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,311,230.

*Estimated Costs Per Respondent:* \$1,200,000.

*Needs and Uses:* In CC Docket No. 99-253, the Commission is initiating a comprehensive review of its accounting and reporting requirements. The Commission seeks comment on its proposals to reduce or further streamline its recordkeeping requirements for common carriers, audit requirements for the large incumbent LECs and reduce filing requirements of accounting record changes on the part of affected common carriers. The information is needed so that the

Commission can fulfill its statutory responsibilities and obligations.

**Summary of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

We are performing this comprehensive review in two phases. Phase 1, which commences with this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and will conclude by the end of the year, will address accounting and reporting reform measures that can be implemented without delay and still retain sufficient information for the Commission and state commissions to meet their responsibilities. Phase 2,

which will begin in the last quarter of 1999, will examine the current accounting and reporting structure and address long-term changes needed as local exchange markets become competitive. During this process, the Common Carrier Bureau will continue to work closely with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and state commissioners so that, in addition to eliminating unnecessary reporting requirements, the Commission and states will focus on further steps necessary to eliminate unnecessary