

Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Dated: October 26, 1999.

Linda Garczynski,

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Scheduled to publish in the issue of November 12, 1999.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The meeting has been cancelled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Frances M. Hart,

Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

November 1, 1999.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not

required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0715.

Expiration Date: 06/30/2001.

Title: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information—CC Docket 96-115.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2000 respondents; 16.75 hours per response (avg.); 33,500 total annual burden hours for all collections.

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

Frequency of Response: On occasion; One-time requirement; Recordkeeping; Third Party Disclosure.

Description: In the Third Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 96-115, the Commission clarifies and particularizes the statutory obligations of section 222 of the Communications Act of 1996. Section 222(e) states that a telecommunications carrier that provides "telephone exchange service" shall provide subscriber list information "gathered in its capacity as a provider of such service on a timely and unbundled basis, under nondiscriminatory and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions, to any person upon request for the purpose of publishing directories in any format." a. Provision of Subscriber List Information: Telecommunications carriers that provide telephone exchange service must provide subscriber list information gathered in its capacity as a provider of such service on a timely and unbundled basis, under nondiscriminatory and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions, to any person upon request for the purpose of publishing directories in any format. See 47 CFR Section 64.2309. Carriers are obligated to provide updated subscriber list information to requesting directory publishers. Carriers are required to provide requesting directory publishers with notice of changes in subscriber list information to the extent those changes reflect customers' decisions to cease having particular telephone numbers listed. Upon request, a carrier that has received at least thirty days advance notice also must provide subscriber list information on any periodic basis that the carrier's internal systems can

accommodate. (No. of respondents: 2000; hours per response: 10 hours; total annual burden: 20,000 hours). b. Notifications: A carrier must provide subscriber list information at the time requested by the directory publisher, provided that the directory publisher has given at least thirty days advance notice and the carrier's internal systems permit the request to be filled within that time frame. If a carrier's internal systems do not permit the carrier to provide subscriber list information within the requested timeframe, the carrier must inform the directory publisher that the requested schedule cannot be accommodated and tell the directory publisher which schedules can be accommodated. See 47 CFR 64.2313. A directory publisher may request that a carrier unbundle subscriber list information on any basis for the purpose of publishing one or more directories. If the carrier's internal systems do not permit it to unbundle subscriber list information on the basis a directory publisher requests, the carrier must inform the directory publisher that it cannot unbundle subscriber list information on the requested basis and tell the directory publisher the basis on which the carrier can unbundle subscriber list information; and provide subscriber list information to the directory publisher on the basis the directory publisher chooses from among the available bases. See 47 CFR Section 64.2317. A carrier shall provide subscriber list information obtained in its capacity as a provider of telephone exchange service to a requesting directory publisher in the format the publisher specifies, if the carrier's internal systems can accommodate that format. If a carrier's internal system do not permit the carrier to provide subscriber list information in the format the directory publisher specifies, the carrier shall within thirty days of receiving the publisher's request, inform the directory publisher that the requested format cannot be accommodated and tell the directory publisher which formats can be accommodated; and provide the requested subscriber list information in the format the directory publisher chooses from among the available formats. See 47 CFR Section 64.2329. If a carrier finds that it cannot accommodate all of a group of multiple or conflicting requests for subscriber list information within the specified time frames, the carrier shall respond to those requests on a nondiscriminatory basis. The carrier shall inform each affected directory publisher of such

requests within thirty days of when it receives the publisher's request. (No. of respondents: 1000; hours per response: .5 hours; total annual burden: 500 hours). c. Cost Study: In the event a directory publisher's files a complaint regarding a carrier's subscriber list information rates, the carrier must present a cost study providing credible and verifiable cost data to justify each challenged rate. This cost study must clearly and specifically identify and justify: incremental costs, common costs, overhead, and other information. The carrier should provide this information separately for both base file and updated subscriber list information if the complainant challenges both types of rates. (No. of respondents: 100 respondents; hours per response: 100 hours; total annual burden: 10,000 hours). d. Certification: A telecommunications carrier may require persons requesting subscriber list information pursuant to section 222(e) of the Communications Act or section 64.2309 to certify that the publisher will use the information only for purposes of publishing a directory. The certification may be either oral or written, at the carrier's option. See 47 CFR Section 64.2337. (No. of respondents: 2000; hours per response: .5 hour; total annual burden: 1000 hours). e. Disclosure of Contracts, Rates, Terms and Conditions and Recordkeeping: A telecommunications carrier must retain, for at least one year after its expiration, each written contract that it has executed for the provision of subscriber list information for directory publishing purposes to itself, an affiliate, or an entity that publishes directories on the carrier's behalf. A telecommunications carrier must maintain, for at least one year after the carrier provides subscriber list information for directory publishing purposes to itself, an affiliate, or an entity that publishes directories on the carrier's behalf, records of any of its rates, terms, and conditions for providing that subscriber list information which are not set forth in a written contract. These records and contracts shall be made available to Commission and to a directory publisher upon request. See 47 CFR 64.2341. (No. of respondents: 2000; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 2000 hours). All of the collections will be used to ensure that telecommunications carriers comply with section 222(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and with subscriber list information requirements the Commission promulgates in the Third

Report and Order. Obligation to comply: Mandatory.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0741.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2002.

Title: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996—CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order; Second Order on Reconsideration.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2000 respondents; 114.3 hours per response (avg.); 228,750 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$60,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Third Party Disclosure.

Description: Section 251 is designed to accelerate private sector development and deployment of telecommunications technologies and services by supporting competition. In the Second Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 96-98, the Commission adopted rules and regulations designed to implement certain provisions of section 251, and eliminate operational barriers to competition in the telecommunications services market. In the Second Order on Reconsideration issued in the proceeding, the Commission resolved and clarified specific issues regarding the nondiscriminatory access obligations of local exchange carriers.

a. Submission of toll dialing parity implementation plans: Pursuant to section 251(b)(3), each LEC is required to submit a plan to the state regulatory commission for each state in which it provides telephone exchange service setting forth the LEC's plan for implementing toll dialing parity in that state based on local access and transport boundaries. See 47 CFR Section 51.213.

(No. of respondents: 135; hours per response: 100 hours; total annual burden: 135,000 hours).

b. Justification for noncompliance: Pursuant to section 251(b)(3), each LEC that is not a BOC that begins providing in-region, interLATA or in-region interstate toll services in a state before August 8, 1997, and is unable to implement intraLATA and interLATA toll dialing parity throughout that state by August 8, 1997, must submit a notification to the Commission. See 47 CFR Section 51.211(c). (No. of respondents: 20; hours per response: 9 hours; total annual burden: 180 hours).

c. Sharing of directory listings: Pursuant to section 251(b)(3), each LEC must provide directory listings to competing service providers in "readily

accessible magnetic tape or electronic formats" upon request. A LEC must also allow competing providers to have access to and read the information in the LEC's directory assistance databases.

In the Second Order on Reconsideration, the Commission clarified that, upon request, a LEC shall provide access to its directory assistance services, including directory assistance databases, and its directory listings in any format the competing provider specifies, if the LEC's internal systems can accommodate that format.

In addition, LECs must supply updates to the requesting LEC in the same manner as the original transfer and at the same time that it provides updates to the requesting LEC in the same manner as the original transfer and at the same time that it provides updates to itself.

(No. of respondents: 500; hours per response: 36 hours; total annual burden: 18,000 hours).

d. Notification regarding format: If a LEC's internal systems do not permit it to provide directory assistance or directory listings in the format the specified by the competing provider, the LEC must inform the competing provider that the requested format cannot be accommodated and tell the requesting provider which formats can be accommodated within 30 days of receiving the request. See 47 CFR 51.217(c)(3). In the Second Order on Reconsideration, the Commission requires LECs to inform requesting providers within 30 days when the requested format cannot be accommodated.

(No. of respondents: 500; hours per response: 24 hours; total annual burden: 12,000 hours).

e. Provision of technical information. Pursuant to sections 251(c)(2) and 251(c)(3), an ILEC shall provide to a requesting telecommunications carrier technical information about its network facilities sufficient to allow the requesting telecommunications carrier to achieve interconnection and/or access to unbundled network elements. See 47 CFR Sections 51.305(f) and 51.307(e).

(No. of respondents: 50; hours per response: 1 hour; total annual burden: 50 hours).

f. Public notice of network changes: Pursuant to section 251(c)(5), an ILEC must provide public notice of a network change that either: (1) will affect a competing service provider's performance or ability to provide service; or (2) will affect the ILEC's interoperability with other service providers. See 47 CFR 51.325—51.335

(No. of respondents: 500; hours per response: 72; total annual burden: 36,000 hours).

g. Burden of proof: Pursuant to section 251(b)(3), a LEC that provides operator services, directory assistance services or directory listings to its customers, or provides telephone numbers, shall permit competing providers of telephone exchange service or telephone toll service to have nondiscriminatory access to that service or feature, with no unreasonable dialing delays.

In disputes involving nondiscriminatory access to operator services, directory assistance services, or directory listings, a providing LEC shall bear the burden of demonstrating with specificity: (1) that it is permitting nondiscriminatory access; and (2) that any disparity in access is not caused by factors within its control. See 47 CFR 51.217.

In disputes between parties providing LECs and competing providers involving unreasonable dialing delay in the provision of access to operator services and directory assistance, the burden of proof is on the providing LEC to demonstrate with specificity that it is processing the calls of the competing provider's customers on terms equal to that of similar calls from the providing LEC's own customers. See 47 CFR 51.217.

(No. of respondents: 75; hours per response: 8 hours; total annual burden: 600 hours).

h. Submission of area code relief plans: Pursuant to Section 251(e)(1), a state commission must notify the entity or entities designated by the Commission to serve as central office code administrator(s) for its state that such state commission intends to perform matters related to initiation and development of area code relief planning efforts. See 47 CFR Section 52.19(b).

(No. of respondents: 30; hours per response: 40 hours; total annual burden: 1200 hours).

In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in the proceeding, the Commission sought comment on issues arising out of developments in, and the convergence of, directory publishing and directory assistance.

i. Subscriber List information for Internet Directories.

(No. of respondents: 2000; hours per response: 8 hours; total annual burden: 16,000 hours).

j. Provision of access to nonlocal listings.

(No. of respondents: 20; hours per response: 36 hours; total annual burden: 720 hours).

k. Listing of information to nontelephone exchange or toll service directory assistance providers.

(No. of respondents: 250; hours per response: 36 hours; total annual burden: 9000 hours).

These information collection requirements are part of an effort to make local dialing and networks, telephone numbers, operator services, directory assistance and directory listings available to all competitors on an equal basis. Obligation to comply: Mandatory.

Public reporting burden for the collection 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.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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

November 3, 1999.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, 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 December 16, 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 Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, S.W., 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: 3060-0798.

Title: FCC Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization.

Form Number: FCC 601.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 240,320.

Estimate Time Per Response: 0.5 to 1.25 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements; Third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 210,280 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$48,364,400.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 601 is used as the general application (long form) for market based licensing and site-by-site licensing in the Wireless Telecommunications Radio Services. This long form application is a consolidated application form and is utilized as part of the Universal Licensing System (ULS). Form 601 is a multi-part form comprising a main form containing administrative information and a series of schedules used to file technical information. The purpose of this revision is to make the necessary changes to convert the Private Operational and Fixed Microwave Services to the Universal Licensing System (ULS), implemented on August 30, 1999. The Commission received OMB approval for the Microwave schedule previously, however, with continuing development and implementation of ULS for Microwave service, further changes were required to this collection prior to implementation. The information is used by the Commission to determine whether the applicant is legally, technically, and financially qualified to be licensed.