

List of Subjects**46 CFR Part 110**

Incorporation by reference, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

46 CFR Part 111

Vessels.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 46 CFR parts 110 and 111 as follows:

PART 110—GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1509; 43 U.S.C. 1333; 46 U.S.C. 3306, 3703; E.O. 12234, 45 FR 58801, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 277; 49 CFR 1.45, 1.46; § 110.01–2 also issued under 44 U.S.C. 3507.

2. In § 110.10–1(b), in the entries for “International Electrotechnical Commission” and “Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.,” revise the introductory text and add, in numerical order, new standards IEC 92–350, IEC 92–353, and UL 1309 to read as follows:

§ 110.10–1 Incorporation by reference.

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International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), 3 Rue de Varembe, Geneva, Switzerland. (Also available from ANSI).

IEC 92–350, Electrical Installations in Ships, Part 350: Low Voltage Shipboard Power Cables—General Construction and Test Requirements, 1988 amendment 1 (1994).	111.60–1
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IEC 92–353, Electrical Installations in Ships, Part 353: Single and Multicore Non-radial Field Power Cables with Extruded Solid Insulation for Rated Voltages 1kV and 3kV, 1995–01.	111.60–1; 111.60–3
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Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL), 12 Laboratory Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709–3995.

UL 1309, Standard for Marine Shipboard Cables, 1995.	111.60–1; 111.60–3
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PART 111—ELECTRIC SYSTEMS—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

3. The authority citation for part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 3306, 3703; 49 CFR 1.46.

4. In § 111.60–1, revise paragraphs (a) and (b) and the introductory text of paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 111.60–1 Cable construction and testing.

(a) Each marine shipboard cable must meet all of the construction and

identification requirements of either IEEE Std 45, IEC 92–3, IEC 92–350, IEC 92–353, UL 1309, MIL–C–24640A, or MIL–C–24643A and the respective flammability test contained in them and be of a copper stranded type.

Note to Paragraph (a): MIL–C–915 cable is acceptable only for repairs and replacements in kind. MIL–C–915 cable is no longer acceptable for alterations, modifications, conversions, or new construction. (See § 110.01–3 of this chapter).

(b) Each cable constructed to IEC 92–3 or IEC 92–353 must meet the flammability requirements of IEC 332–3, Category A.

(c) Electrical cable that has a polyvinyl chloride insulation with a nylon jacket (Type T/N) must meet UL 1309 or, must meet the requirements for polyvinyl chloride insulated cable in section 18 of IEEE Std 45, except—

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5. In § 111.60–3, revise paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 111.60–3 Cable application.

(a) Cable constructed in accordance with IEEE Std 45 must meet the cable application provisions of section 19 of IEEE Std 45. Cable constructed in accordance with IEC 92–3, IEC 92–353, or UL 1309 must meet the provisions of section 19 of IEEE Std 45, except 19.6.1, 19.6.4, and 19.8. Cable constructed in accordance with IEC 92–3 and IEC 92–353 must comply with the ampacity values of IEC 92–352, Table 1.

(b) Type T/N cables must meet section 19 of IEEE Std 45 for Type T insulation or the provisions listed in UL 1309.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 1**

[WT Docket No. 97–82; FCC 99–384]

Communication Between Applicants in Commission Spectrum Auctions

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the regulation of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding communications between applicants in FCC spectrum auctions.

The Commission proposes to require any auction applicant that makes or receives a prohibited communication of bids or bidding strategies to report promptly such a communication to the Commission. The information reported to the FCC would facilitate the Commission's monitoring and investigation of unlawful activity during Commission spectrum auctions.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 10, 2000. Reply comments are due on or before June 7, 2000. Written comments by the public on the proposed information collections are due April 10, 2000. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must submit written comments on the proposed information collection(s) on or before April 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: An original and four copies of each filing must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, TW–A306, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. If you want each Commissioner to receive a copy of your comments, you must file an original plus eleven copies. Alternatively, comments and reply comments may be filed with the FCC using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”), via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (May 1, 1998).

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, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to <jboley@fcc.gov>, and to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725–17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503 or via the Internet to <vhuth@omb.eop.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Arsenault, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 418–0920, or via the Internet at <rarsenau@fcc.gov>. For additional information concerning the information collection(s) contained in this document, contact Judy Boley at 202–418–0214, or via the Internet at <jboley@fcc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. In the subject Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the FCC proposes to amend its regulation, 47 CFR 1.2105(c)(1), regarding communications between applicants in FCC spectrum auctions. The Commission proposes to amend

§ 1.2105(c)(1) to require any auction applicant that makes or receives a communication of bids or bidding strategies prohibited by § 1.2105(c)(1) to report promptly such a communication to the Commission. The Commission also proposes to amend § 1.2105(c)(1) to reflect a recent clarification that the rule prohibits an auction applicant from discussing another applicant's bids or bidding strategies even if the first applicant does not discuss its own bids or bidding strategies. *See Western PCS BTA 1 Corporation*, Memorandum Opinion and Order at paragraphs 7 through 9, FCC 99-385 (released December 13, 1999). Lastly, the Commission seeks comment regarding whether other changes to § 1.2105(c)(1) may be warranted at this time.

2. The proposed rules are not major rules for the purposes of Executive Order 12866. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the FCC certifies that the proposed rules will not have a significant impact on small business entities. The NPRM contains proposed information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13. It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies to comment on the information collection(s) contained in the NPRM, as required by the PRA. Public and agency comments are due April 10, 2000. OMB notification of action is due April 10, 2000. 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.

3. Parties who chose to file comments or reply comments on the NPRM using the Commission's ECFS system, should include their full name, postal service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number on the transmittal screen. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To obtain filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the

message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. A 3.5-inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Microsoft Word for Windows or compatible software Diskettes should be submitted to: Richard Arsenault, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 4-A234, Washington, DC 20554. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the docket number in this case—WT Docket No. 97-82), type of pleading (comments or reply comments), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy—Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules—Competitive Bidding Procedures

Form No.: None.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and/or state, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 200 hours

Total Annual Costs: \$40,000.

Needs and Uses: Section 1.2105(c)(1) of the Commission's rules provides that "all [auction] applicants are prohibited from cooperating, collaborating, discussing or disclosing in any manner the substance of their bids or bidding strategies. . . ." 47 CFR 1.2105(c)(1). The Commission's experience enforcing § 1.2105(c)(1) over the past five years, however, indicates that, on occasion, some auction applicants engage in communications prohibited by the rule. In the NPRM, we seek comment on amending § 1.2105(c) to require anyone who makes or receives a communication of bids or bidding strategies prohibited under § 1.2105(c)(1) to report promptly such a communication to the Commission. This amendment is intended to deter parties from engaging

in prohibited conduct and thereby enhance the competitiveness and fairness of our spectrum auctions. The information reported to the FCC would facilitate the Commission's monitoring and investigation of unlawful activity during Commission spectrum auctions.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AF92

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat for the Spectacled Eider

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), propose to designate critical habitat for the spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*), a threatened species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Proposed designation of critical habitat for the spectacled eider includes areas on Alaska's North Slope and adjacent marine waters; the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (Y-K Delta) and adjacent marine waters; and Norton Sound, Ledyard Bay, and the Bering Sea between St. Lawrence and St. Matthew Islands. These areas total 193,054 square kilometers (km²) (74,539 square miles (mi²)) or 19,305,400 hectares (ha) (47,704,500 acres).

If this proposal is made final, Federal agencies proposing actions that may affect the areas designated as critical habitat must consult with us on the effects of the proposed actions, pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of the Act. Section 4 of the Act requires us to consider economic and other impacts of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. We solicit data and comments from the public on all aspects of this proposal, including data on the economic and other impacts of the designation. We may revise this proposal to incorporate or address new information received during the comment period.

DATES: We will accept comments from all interested parties until May 8, 2000. Public hearing requests must be