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**April 24, 2000**

## **OPEN PROCEEDINGS**

The following is a listing of current FCC Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) and Notices of Inquiry (NOIs) open for public comment, except routine petitions to amend the Table of Allotments. This listing also includes pertinent Public Notices (PNs) announcing comment subjects and dates. For additional information, contact Melody Proctor, Consumer Information Bureau at (202) 418-1434, email [mproctor@fcc.gov](mailto:mproctor@fcc.gov). Please note: as comment and reply comment periods expire, they are deleted from this listing. \*Asterisk indicates comment period deadline is past, but reply comment period still is open.

### **CABLE SERVICES BUREAU**

**CS 00-30; DA 00-689; PN 3/27**

**Cable Services Bureau Action, America Online, Inc. and Time Warner, Inc. seek Commission consent for transfer of control.**

Comments/petitions due April 26; Oppositions/responses due May 11, 2000. Contact Linda Senecal at (202) 418-7044 or Richard Kalb at (202) 418-1055.

**DA 00-719; Released 3/30**

**CSB action, petition seeking declaratory ruling that certain restrictions of an Arizona Homeowners Association are preempted by the FCC's over-the-air reception devices rule.**

Comments due May 1, replies due May 16, 2000.

## **COMMON CARRIER BUREAU**

**CC 98-141; PN 3/17**

**Common Carrier seeks comment on SBC's 1999 Compliance Report.**

Comments due April 28; reply comments due May 15, 2000. Contact Anthony Dale at (202) 418-2260.

**CC 00-46; DA 00-603; PN 3/17**

**Pleading cycle established for comments on AT&T and Alascom Petition for Structural and other regulatory relief.**

\*Comments due April 17; replies due May 2, 2000. Contact Janice Myles at (202) 418-1580.

**CC 00-49; DA 00-677; PN 3/24**

**Pleading cycle established for comments on New Jersey Ratepayer Advocate's Petition for Preemption of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Order.**

Comments due April 25; Oppositions due May 10, 2000. Contact Janice M. Myles at (202) 418-1580.

**CC 00-50; DA 00-678; PN 3/24**

**Pleading cycle established for comments on the Petition of the NewPath Holdings for Declaratory Ruling on Scope of Unbundled Access of High-Frequency Portion of Loops.**

Comments due April 26; Oppositions due May 11, 2000. Contact Janice M. Myles at (202) 418-1580

**DA 00-617; PN 3/20**

**Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. files Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 32.27.**

\*Comments due April 20; reply comments due May 5, 2000. Contact Alicia Dunnigan at (202) 418-0807.

**CC 00-51; DA 00-679; PN 3/24**

**Pleading cycle established for comments on US West Petition for Declaratory Ruling preempting state commission proceedings to regulate provision of federally tariffed interstate service.**

Comments due April 24; Opposition due May 9, 2000. Contact Janice M. Myles at (202) 418-1580.

**PN 3/24**

**Comments invited on GTE Southwest Incorporated's Application to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchanges in Texas.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

**PN 3/24**

**Comments invited on GTE North Inc., Application to discontinue local exchange access service for certain exchanges in Wisconsin.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

**PN 3/24**

**Comments invited on GTE California Inc.'s Application to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchanges in Arizona.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

**PN 3/24**

**Comments invited on GTE Southwest Inc.'s Application to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchange sin Minnesota.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

**PN 3/24**

**Comments invited on Contel of Minnesota Inc.'s Application to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchanges in Minnesota.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

PN 3/24

**Comments invited on GTE North, Inc.'s and GTE South, Inc.'s Application to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchanges in Illinois.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

PN 3/24

**Comments invited on GTE California, Inc. and GTE West Coast, Inc.'s Application to discontinue local exchange and exchange access service for certain exchanges in California.**

Comments due April 24, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

DA 00-727; PN 3/31

**LLC, America's Fiber Network seeks Commission determination of "Exempt Telecommunications Company" status under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended by Section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.**

\*Comments due April 21; reply comments due May 5, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499 or Marty Schwimmer at (202) 418-2320.

CC 96-45; DA 00-743; PN 4/3

**GTE Midwest, Inc. and Spectra Communications Group, LLC seek a waiver of the definition of "study area" in Part 36 and Sections 69.3(E)(9) and 61.41(C) of the Commission's Rules.**

Comments due April; 24; reply comments due May 1, 2000. Contact Adrian Wright at (202) 418-7400.

CC 98-137, 99-117; FCC 00-119; FNPRM (adopted 3/31)

**In the Matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Depreciation Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers/Ameritech Corporation Telephone Operating Companies' Continuing Property Records Audit, Et Al/GTE Telephone Operating Companies. Release of Information Obtained During Joint Audit.**

\*Comments due April 17; reply comments due April 28, 2000.

**PN 4/7**

**Comments are being sought on Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service between the Blessing and El Campo Exchanges.**

Comments due April 28; reply comments due May 5, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2320.

**PN 4/7**

**Comments are being sought on Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service Between the Laneville and Nacogdaches Exchanges in Texas.**

Comments are due April 28; reply comments are due May 5, 2000. Contact Al McCloud at (202) 418-2320.

**CC 00-65; DA 00-750; PN 4/6**

Common Carrier Bureau is requesting comment on the Application by SBC Communications, Inc., for Authorization under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, Interlata Service in the State of Texas. Contact Cecilia Stephens at (202) 418-1558.

**CC 99-272; DA 00-874; PN 4/14**

**Pleading cycle established for comment on Quest Communications International, Inc.'s Report on Proposed Divestiture of Its Long Distance Activity in the US West Region.**

On August 19, 1999, Qwest Communications International, Inc. (Qwest) and U S West, Inc., (U S West) filed joint applications pursuant to Sections 214 and 310 of the Communications Act and Sections 34-39 of the Cable Landing License Act asking the Commission to approve the transfer of control of licenses and lines. On March 10, 2000 the Commission by Memorandum Opinion and Order approved the applications subject to the requirement that, prior to closing the merger, Qwest and U S West must comply with Section 271 of the Communications Act by divesting Qwest's interLATA businesses originating in the U S West region.

Comments are due May 5; reply comments due May 12, 2000. Contact Henry L. Thaggart at (202) 418-7941.

**DA 00-847; PN 4/13**

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., files Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. §32.27**

On March 29, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed an Expedited Petition for Waiver of the Commission's affiliate transaction rules. In the petition, BellSouth requests that it be

allowed to record certain affiliate transactions in its regulated books of account at terms other than those provided for in §32.27 of the Commission's Rules.

Comments due May 12; reply comments due May 12, 2000. Contact Louise Klees-Wallace at (202) 418-1321.

**DA 00-843; PN 4/12**

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Files Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. §51.507(f)**

On April 7, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio filed a petition for a limited waiver of Section 51.507(f) of the Commission's Rules until at least May 1, 2001, so that it may complete a proceeding regarding the deaveraging of unbundled network element (UNE) rates for GTE and Sprint.

Comments due April 21, 2000; reply comments due April 28, 2000. Contact Neil Fried at (202) 418-1530.

**MASS MEDIA BUREAU**

**MM 00-39; FCC 00-83; NPRM (adopted 3/6); Released 3/8**

**FCC commences periodic review of digital television conversion.**

Comments due May 17; replies due June 16, 2000. Contact Gordon Godfrey at (202) 418-2190 or Mania Baghdadi at (202) 418-2120.

**MM 00-44; FCC 00-93; NPRM (adopted 3/9); Released 4/6**

**In The Matter of Extension of the Filing Requirement for Children's Television Programming Reports (FCC Form 398).**

The Commission seeks comments on the proposed amendment to Section 73.3526(e)(11)(iii) of the Commission's Rules to continue indefinitely the requirement that commercial broadcast television licensees file on an annual basis their quarterly Children's Television Programming Reports (FCC Form 398). Comments are due June 12; reply comments due July 12, 2000.

## **OFFICE OF PLANS AND POLICY**

**PP 00-67; FCC 00-137; NPRM (adopted 4/13); PN 4/17**

### **In the Matter of Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment.**

By NPRM, The Commission seeks comment on rules to resolve outstanding issues regarding the compatibility of cable television systems, digital television receivers, set-top boxes, and other equipment used consumers to receive and enjoy programming and other services available over cable television cables.

Comments due May 24; reply comments due June 8, 2000.

## **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU**

**WT 00-32; FCC 00-63; NPRM (adopted 2/23); Released 2/29**

### **In the Matter of the 4.9 GHz band transferred from federal government to private sector use as substitute spectrum for the band 4635-4685 MHz reclaimed for Federal Government use.**

Comments due April 26, 2000; reply comments due May 17, 2000.

**DA 00-608; PN 3/17**

### **Commission seeks comment on additional applications submitted by GTE and Bell Atlantic.**

\*Comments due April 17; oppositions/responses due April 27, 2000. Contact Lauren Kravetz or Paul Murray at (202) 418-7240.

**WT 00-48; FCC 00-105; NPRM &MO&O (adopted 3/17); Released 3/24**

### **Amendment of Parts 13 and 80 of the Communications Rules concerning Maritime Communication proposed to consolidate, revise and streamline Rules governing maritime communications pursuant to requests from the National GMDSS Implementation Task Force and Globe Wireless, Inc.**

Comments due 90 days after Federal Register publication and Reply comments due 120 days after Federal Register publication.

**DA 00-687; PN 3/27**

**Federal Register Publication of the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding the licensing of cellular service and other commercial mobile radio services in the Gulf of Mexico.**

Comments due 20 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies due 34 days after publication in the Federal Register. Contact Davida Grant at (202) 418-7050.

**DA 00-842; PN 4/13**

**Pleading Cycle established by Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for Request for Authorization to Participate in the Air-Cell System.**

On December 24, 1998, the Wireless Bureau issued an order granting AirCell a request for waiver of Section 22.925 of the Commission's Rules. In the AirCell Order, the Bureau stated that future cellular operators seeking to become participants in the AirCell System must file requests for waiver.

Oppositions are due April 27; replies to oppositions are due May 4, 2000. Contact Wilbert E. Nixon, Jr., at (202) 418-0620.

**OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**MD 00-58; FCC 00-117; NPRM (adopted 3/29); Released 4/3**

**In the Matter of Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2000.**

The Commission commences a proceeding to revise its Schedule of Regulatory Fees in order to collect the amount of regulatory fees that Congress, pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Communications Act, as amended, has required it to collect for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000. Comments due April 24; reply comments due May 5, 2000.