

forth in the Policy Statement. The due dates established by the Commission for the filing of supplemental comments and reply comments are February 26, 1996 and March 7, 1996, respectively. These dates represent an extension of the pleading cycle initially established by Public Notice issued January 31, 1996 (DA 96-105).

Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR Sections 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties may file supplemental comments on or before February 26, 1996 and supplemental reply comments on or before March 7, 1996. To file formally in this proceeding, you must file an original and four copies of all submissions. If you want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of your submission, you must file an original plus nine copies. You should send your submission to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington D.C. 20554.

A copy of any pleadings should also be sent to Maureen C. McLaughlin, International Bureau, FCC, Room 845A, 2000 M Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street NW., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Supplemental comments will be available for inspection and copying in the FCC's Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at (202) 857-3800.

We will treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information concerning this matter, please contact Maureen C. McLaughlin, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, at (202) 418-1399.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### 47 CFR Parts 61, 64, and 69

[CC Docket No. 95-116; DA 96-358]

#### Telephone Number Portability

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Common Carrier Bureau is seeking comment on how passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

may affect issues raised in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CC Docket No. 95-116) published August 1, 1995, regarding telephone number portability. The Commission will examine how particular telephone number portability issues may be affected, if at all.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 29, 1996; reply comments must be received on or before April 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and reply comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20554. The complete text of the Notice released by the Commission is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 1919 M Street NW., Room 239, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Karp (202/418-1517), Mindy Littell (202/418-1394), or Jeannie Su (202/418-0491), Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Synopsis of Public Notice

On July 13, 1995, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CC Docket No. 95-116) regarding telephone number portability. Telephone Number Portability, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 60 FR 39136 (August 1, 1995). The pleading cycle in response to that Notice closed on October 12, 1995. On February 8, 1996, the President of the United States signed into law the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which, among other things, requires local exchange carriers "to provide, to the extent technically feasible, number portability in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Commission." Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996).

Therefore, the Common Carrier Bureau seeks comment on how passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 may affect the issues raised in the July Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. We ask that parties not simply reiterate their previous comments, but confine their discussion to how particular issues have been affected, if at all.

Comments and reply comments in response to this Notice should be no more than 10 pages, and otherwise in compliance with Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules. Comments must be filed on or before March 29, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before April 5, 1996. Comments and reply comments must be

sent to the Office of the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies should also be sent to the Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. One copy should also be sent to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS at (202) 857-3800.

We will continue to treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR §§ 1.1200-1.1216.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Parts 61, 64, and 69

Communications common carriers, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.

Regina M. Keeney,

*Chief, Common Carrier Bureau.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### 49 CFR Parts 1105 and 1152

[STB Ex Parte No. 537]

#### Abandonment and Discontinuance of Rail Lines and Rail Transportation Under 49 U.S.C. 10903

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The ICC Termination Act of 1995 revised the law governing applications by rail carriers to abandon or discontinue service over lines of railroad and related offers of financial assistance that would continue rail service after approval of abandonment or discontinuance by the Surface Transportation Board (Board). The Board proposes to revise part 1152 to implement the changes and to streamline and update the pertinent regulations and to make conforming changes to the environmental rules at part 1105.

**DATES:** Comments are due on May 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Ex Parte