

State/location	Community no.	Effective date of eligibility	Current effective map date	Date certain Federal assistance no longer available in special flood hazard areas
Franklin County, unincorporated areas	050432	July 15, 1987, Emerg.; July 17, 1997, Reg.; July 17, 1997, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Ozark, city of, Franklin County.	050358	February 5, 1975, Emerg.; March 15, 1982, Reg.; July 17, 1997, Susp..	.....do	Do.
New Mexico: Silver City, town of, Grant County.	350022	July 22, 1975, Emerg.; May 17, 1988, Reg.; July 17, 1997, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region IX				
California:				
Amador County, unincorporated areas ..	060015	October 29, 1980, Emerg.; September 24, 1984, Reg.; July 17, 1997, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Jackson, city of, Amador County	060448	March 2, 1979, Emerg.; August 19, 1985, Reg.; July 17, 1997, Susp.	.....do	Do.

Code for reading third column: Emerg.—Emergency; Reg.—Regular; Rein.—Reinstatement; Susp.—Suspension.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance".)

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Michael J. Armstrong,

Associate Director for Mitigation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[MM Docket No. 94-19; FCC 97-214]

Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for the 1994 Fiscal Year

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The adoption of this Memorandum Opinion & Order authorizes Lee Enterprises, Incorporated and similarly situated licensees to file requests for reductions of the FY 1994 regulatory fees for their satellite stations. The Commission recognized that the present policy of requiring licensees to pay separate fees for both full service and satellite stations could result in small market station licensees paying higher fees than larger market stations. The adoption of this order will offer licensees of both full service and satellite television stations an opportunity to receive a waiver or reduction of their FY 1994 regulatory fees.

DATES: Effective August 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerome D. Remson, Office of General Counsel, (202) 418-1780.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Adopted: June 16, 1997;

Released: July 15, 1997.

1. Before the Commission for consideration is a Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification filed by Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (Lee) and a Response in support filed by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).

2. In *Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act*, 59 FR 30984, June 16, 1994, 9 FCC Rcd 5333, 5360-61, ¶ 82 (1994) (*FY 94 Report and Order*), the Commission noted that the fee schedule adopted by Congress made no distinction between the fees to be paid by fully operational television stations and those paid by satellite television station licensees. The Commission stated that it would not require satellite television licensees to pay a higher fee for a satellite station than a parent station or to pay a fee where the fee would "cause a diminishment of" the licensee's ability to continue to serve the public. On reconsideration, the Commission modified the standard for waiving or reducing satellite station regulatory fees. It recognized that satellite television stations generally serve rural or sparsely populated areas and that requiring the payment of separate fees for both full service and satellite stations could result in small market station licensees paying higher fees than larger market stations. Thus, the Commission stated that for those licensees that had timely filed petitions for reconsideration or for waiver or reduction of the regulatory fees for satellite stations, it would grant partial waivers and reduce the fees so each set of parent and satellite stations would pay a regulatory fee based on the total number of households served and

would be assessed a single regulatory fee comparable to the fee assessed stations serving markets with the same number of television households.

Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, MM Docket 94-19, FCC 95-257, ¶ 19, released June 22, 1995 (*Reconsideration Order*), 60 FR 34902, July 5, 1995.

3. Lee now asks for clarification of the *Reconsideration Order* to permit it to request a reduction of its FY 1994 regulatory fees even though it had not requested a waiver or reduction in fees prior to the issuance of the *Reconsideration Order*. In view of the expanded grounds for reduction of the regulatory fee for satellite stations set forth in the *Reconsideration Order*, we shall grant the petition and authorize Lee and similarly situated licensees to file requests for reductions of the FY 1994 regulatory fees for their satellite stations.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered, that the Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification, filed July 24, 1995, by Lee Enterprises, Incorporated is granted.

5. It is further ordered, that licensees of both full service and satellite television stations may file petitions for reduction of their FY 1994 regulatory fees by August 22, 1997.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 32

[CC Docket No. 95-60; FCC 97-188]

Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and Class B Telephone Companies To Raise the Expense Limit for Certain Items of Equipment From \$500 to \$750

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this Report and Order (*Order*), the Commission raises the expense limit specified in its rules regarding Instructions for telecommunications plant accounts from \$500 to \$2,000, with one exception related to personal computers recorded in Account 2124, General purpose computers. The purpose of the expense limit is to reduce the cost of maintaining property records for the acquisition, depreciation, and retirement of a multitude of low-cost, high-volume assets. The Commission also adopts a five-year amortization period during which incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) may recover the undepreciated portion of embedded assets affected by this rule change. We will allow carriers to implement these changes effective January 1, 1998.

DATE EFFECTIVE: January 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Warren Firschein, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-0844.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 1, 1994, USTA filed a Petition for Rulemaking to raise the expense limit in Section 32.2000(a)(4) from \$500 to \$2,000. USTA also requested that the carriers be permitted to amortize the net book cost of embedded assets that were purchased at prices ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 over each company's remaining asset life for accounts covered by the expense limit, which it indicated would result in amortization periods of three to five years. On March 23, 1994, the Commission issued a Public Notice inviting comments on USTA's petition. After reviewing the comments, the Commission issued the *Notice* in which it proposed to raise the expense limit to \$750. Moreover, on May 31, 1994, USTA filed a Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Part 32 of the Commission's Rules to eliminate detailed property records for Accounts 2115, Garage work equipment; 2116, Other work equipment; 2122, Furniture; 2123.1, Office support equipment; 2123.2, Company communications

equipment; and the personal computers and peripheral devices recorded in 2124, General purpose computers. In place of detailed property records, USTA requested that the Commission permit carriers to adopt a vintage amortization level ("VAL") process. Under this process, a carrier would not track an asset over its life through a continuing property record system. Instead, it would assign each asset a life and retire the asset from its books of account at the end of the assigned life, regardless of whether it was still used in providing telecommunications service. A Public Notice inviting comments on this petition was released on May 10, 1995. All comments were taken under consideration. By raising the expense limit from \$500 to \$2,000 for Accounts 2115, 2116, 2122, 2123 and 2124 (except for PC components) in this *Order*, the Commission has greatly reduced the number of items carriers will need to capitalize. Accordingly, the May 31, 1994 petition is dismissed.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

We have determined that Section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 605(b), does not apply to the rules adopted in this *Order* because they will not have a significant economic impact on a significant number of small entities. Even if a substantial number of small entities were affected by the rules, there would not be a significant economic impact on those entities. These rules govern the accounting treatment of specific assets, in particular, whether their costs are expensed or capitalized. Capitalization is more administratively burdensome because it requires additional recordkeeping over a period of years. Because we are raising the limit under which items are expensed, the effect of this *Order* is to reduce regulatory burdens for all companies that use our Part 32 accounts.

Ordering Clause

Accordingly, *It Is Ordered*, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), 218, and 220 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 218, and 220, Part 32, Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies, of the Commission's Rules IS AMENDED, as set forth below, effective January 23, 1998. Affected parties may elect to implement these changes on January 1, 1998.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 32

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telephone, Uniform System of Accounts.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

Rule Changes

Part 32 of title 47 of the CFR is amended as follows:

PART 32—UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

1. The authority citation for Part 32 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j) and 220 as amended, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 32.2000 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

§ 32.2000 Instructions for telecommunications plant accounts.

(a) * * *

(4) The cost of the individual items of equipment, classifiable to Accounts 2112, Motor vehicles; 2113, Aircraft; 2114, Special purpose vehicles; 2115, Garage work equipment; 2116, Other work equipment; 2122, Furniture; 2123, Office equipment; and 2124, General purpose computers, costing \$2,000 or less or having a life less than one year shall be charged to the applicable Plant Specific Operations Expense accounts, except for personal computers falling within Account 2124. Personal computers classifiable to Account 2124, with a total cost for all components, including initial operating software, of \$500 or less shall be charged to the applicable Plant Specific Operations Expense accounts. If the aggregate investment in the items is relatively large at the time of acquisition, such amounts shall be maintained in an applicable material and supplies account until items are used.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 63

[FCC 97-243]

Notification of Common Carriers of Service Disruptions

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission's regulations require carriers to notify Commission headquarters when certain service outages occur, but permit carriers to