

completing the Universal Service Worksheet. In order to facilitate the timely filing of Universal Service Worksheets and implementation of the universal service support mechanisms, and because the action we take represents an interim solution to a problem that will be addressed more comprehensively in a forthcoming order on reconsideration of the Universal Service Order, in CC Docket No. 96-45, we find that compliance with the notice and comment provisions of the APA is impracticable at this time.

III. Procedural Matters

Effective Date

We find that the conclusions adopted herein should become effective immediately upon release of the Order.

IV. Ordering Clauses

Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to sections 1-4, 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154, and 254 that the Order on Reconsideration of the Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, FCC 97-253, is adopted.

It is further ordered, pursuant to sections 1-4, 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154, and 254 that the Second Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45 is adopted.

It is further ordered that the conclusions adopted in this order shall become effective immediately upon release of this Order.

List of Subjects

47 CFR Part 54

Universal Service.

47 CFR Part 64

Communications common carriers.

47 CFR Part 69

Communications common carriers.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR PART 68

[CC Docket Nos. 96-128 and 91-35; DA 97-1793]

Pay Telephone Equipment Grandfathering

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Memorandum Opinion and Order.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) amends its rules concerning the connection of terminal equipment to the telephone network. The amendments allow certain terminal equipment presently connected to a central-office-implemented payphone to remain connected without registration. Registration is required, however, if such equipment is modified.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 5, 1997

ADDRESSES: This document may be viewed at the Federal Communications Commission, Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20554.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The adopted rules are part of the Commission's efforts to ensure that competition among payphone providers exists by enabling independent payphone providers to use central-office-implemented coin pay telephones as well as instrument-implemented payphones. The adopted rules provide that terminal equipment, including premises wiring, that is directly connected to a central-office-implemented telephone on or before October 8, 1997, does not have to be registered, unless subsequently modified. Modifications are any changes that affect the Part-68 related characteristics of that equipment at the network interface. Additionally, new installations of terminal equipment, including premises wiring, may occur until April 8, 1999, without registration of any central-office-implemented telephone equipment involved, provided that the terminal equipment is of a type directly connected to a central-office-implemented telephone as of October 8, 1997.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 68

Communications common carriers, Communications equipment, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

Rule Changes

Part 68 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

PART 68—CONNECTION OF TERMINAL EQUIPMENT TO THE TELEPHONE NETWORK

1. The authority citation for Part 68 continues to read:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155.

2. Section 68.2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (l) before the concluding paragraph to read as follows:

§ 68.2 Scope.

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(l) *Grandfathered central office implemented payphone equipment.* (1) Terminal equipment, including its premises wiring, that is directly connected to a central-office-implemented telephone on or before October 8, 1997, may remain for service life without registration, unless subsequently modified. Service life means that life of the equipment until retired from service. Modification means changes to the equipment that affect the Part 68-related characteristics of that equipment at the network interface.

(2) New installation of terminal equipment, including its premises wiring, may occur until April 8, 1999, without registration of any central-office-implemented telephone equipment involved, provided that the terminal equipment is of a type directly connected to a central-office-implemented telephone as of October 8, 1997. This terminal equipment may remain connected and be reconnected to a central-office-implemented telephone.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

Radio Broadcasting Services; Various Locations

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, on its own motion, editorially amends the Table of FM Allotments to specify the actual