

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[CS Docket No. 97-151; DA 97-2181]

Pole Attachments

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of time.

SUMMARY: The Cable Services Bureau, released an *Order* which granted the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the United States Telephone Association ("USTA") and the Carolina Power & Light Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, Entergy Services, Florida Power Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Power Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Southern Company, Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, Savannah Electric, Tampa Electric Company and Virginia Power, including North Carolina Power (collectively, "Electric Utilities") in *Implementation of Section 703 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Amendment of Rules and Policies Governing Pole Attachments (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking)*. The Bureau found that good cause existed to grant a one week extension of time from October 14, 1997 to October 21, 1997. This extension of time is granted in order to facilitate the development of a complete record in this proceeding.

DATES: Reply comments are now due on or before October 21, 1997.¹

ADDRESSES: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Cable Services Bureau's *Order*, CS Docket No. 97-151, DA 97-2181, adopted October 9, 1997 and released October 10, 1997, in *Implementation of Section 703(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Amendment of Rules and Policies Governing Pole Attachments*, 62 FR 43963 (August 18, 1997). The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20554, and may be

purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. For copies in alternative formats, such as braille, audio cassette, or large print, please contact Sheila Ray at International Transcription Service.

Synopsis of the Order

1. On August 12, 1997, the Commission commenced a rulemaking proceeding to seek comment on the implementation of a methodology to ensure just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory maximum pole attachment rates for telecommunications carriers. Comments were due September 26, 1997, and reply comments were due October 14, 1997.

2. On October 6, 1997, the United States Telephone Association ("USTA") and the Carolina Power & Light Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, Entergy Services, Florida Power Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Power Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Southern Company, Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, Savannah Electric, Tampa Electric Company and Virginia Power, including North Carolina Power (collectively, "Electric Utilities") filed a Motion for Extension of Time ("Motion") to file reply comments. USTA and the Electric Utilities request that the Commission grant a two week extension of time to file reply comments, from October 14, 1997 to October 28, 1997. The USTA and Electric Utilities request an extension of time because, in addition to the complex and new issues raised by implementation of section 703(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, they allege that the issues raised in the initial comments in this proceeding are prolific and contain complex administrative and technical issues. They contend that granting an extension of time will allow the parties to confer with one another and allow representatives of the local exchange carrier and electric utility industries time to collaborate on issues that they may have in common.

3. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted. In order to facilitate development of a complete record in this proceeding, we find that good cause exists to grant an extension of time. However, because the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has mandated that the Commission prescribe and implement the new telecommunications rate methodology within specified deadlines, we find that

a two week extension of time is not possible. Therefore, we will grant a one week extension of time in which to file reply comments. Thus, reply comments will now be due on October 21, 1997.

Ordering Clauses

4. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to §§0.321 and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.321 and 1.46, that the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the United States Telephone Association and the Carolina Power & Light Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, Entergy Services, Florida Power Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Power Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Southern Company, Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, Savannah Electric, Tampa Electric Company and Virginia Power, including North Carolina Power is *granted*.

5. *It is further ordered* that all interested parties may file reply comments on the matters discussed in the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* by October 21, 1997.

Federal Communications Commission.

Meredith J. Jones,

Chief, Cable Services Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Parts 216, 223, 229, 231, 232, and 238

[FRA Docket No. PCSS-1, Notice No. 3]

RIN 2130-AA95

Passenger Equipment Safety Standards

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; date and location of public hearing.

SUMMARY: By notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on September 23, 1997 (62 FR 49728), FRA proposed a rule establishing comprehensive safety standards for railroad passenger equipment. In that notice, FRA announced that it would schedule a public hearing to allow interested parties the opportunity to comment on issues addressed in the NPRM.

DATES: *Public Hearing:* The date of the public hearing is Friday, November 21,

¹ This document was received by the Office of the Federal Register on October 20, 1997.