

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary****14 CFR Part 255**

[Docket No. OST-97-2881]

RIN 2105-AC65

**Computer Reservations System (CRS) Regulations**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department has initiated a rulemaking to determine whether it should continue or modify its existing rules governing airline computer reservations systems (CRSs). On September 10, 1997, the Department published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking asking for comments on that matter. The Department is now extending the due date for comments and reply comments on the advance notice to December 9, 1997, and January 23, 1998, from the original dates of November 10 and December 9, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 9, 1997. Reply comments must be submitted on or before January 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be filed in Room PL-401, Docket OST-97-2881, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20590. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent possible. To facilitate consideration of comments, each commenter should file six copies of its comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Ray, Office of the General Counsel, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4731.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department's rules governing CRS operations—14 CFR Part 255—will expire on December 31, 1997, unless the Department readopts them or changes the rules' termination date to a later date. The Department published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to begin a proceeding for reexamining the rules and determining whether they should be readopted and, if so, whether they should be changed. 62 FR 47606, September 10, 1997. The advance notice

made comments and reply comments due on November 10 and December 9, respectively. Sabre and Worldspan, two of the computer reservations systems, asked us to allow the parties to have an additional thirty to sixty days for preparing both their comments and reply comments. Sabre and Worldspan allege that the preparation of adequate comments on the complex issues presented in this rulemaking requires more time than the comment periods established by the advance notice. In addition, American Airlines has orally requested more time for preparing its responses to the advance notice.

We have determined that it would be reasonable to give commenters more time for preparing their responses to the advance notice. The issues are complex, and some major issues, such as the impact of the Internet on airline distribution and the computer reservations system business, have not been addressed by us before in any formal proceeding. At the same time, we should complete our reexamination of the CRS rules as promptly as possible, given the need to update the rules in light of the changes in airline distribution and the CRS business since our adoption of the current rules in 1992.

We will therefore give commenters an additional thirty days for the comments and fifteen days for reply comments.

These extensions should give them ample time for preparing responses to our advance notice and the issues raised there and to the comments filed by other parties. The longer extensions requested by Sabre and Worldspan seem unnecessary—we did not set such lengthy comment periods when we last reexamined the CRS rules, and all major industry participants have been aware for some time that we would be conducting a proceeding to reexamine the need for the rules.

Since neither Sabre nor Worldspan submitted a copy of its request to the docket for this proceeding, we have placed a copy of each request in the docket.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 17, 1997.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Parts 20, 22, 24, and 90**

[WT Docket No. 97-207; FCC 97-341]

**Calling Party Pays Service Option in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission adopts a *Notice of Inquiry* (NOI) in this proceeding, seeking comment to establish a record Calling Party Pays (CPP), a service currently offered by some Commercial Radio Service (CMRS) providers. The goal of this proceeding is to determine whether the wider availability of CPP would enable CMRS providers to more readily compete with wireline services provided by Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) and to determine whether there are any actions that the Commission could take to promote the wider availability of CPP for CMRS providers. The purpose of this inquiry is to explore means of encouraging and facilitating competition in the local exchange telephone market.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before December 1, 1997, and reply comments are due on or before December 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Pamela Megna or Dr. Joseph Levin, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (202) 418-1310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Inquiry* in WB Docket No. 97-207, FCC 97-341, adopted September 25, 1997, and released October 23, 1997. The complete text of this NOI is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, Washington, DC 20036.