

MVPDs to compete for the right to use the individual home run wires dedicated to each unit. The incumbent service provider then has 30 days to provide the MDU owner with a written election as to whether, for all of the incumbent's home run wires dedicated to individual subscribers who may later choose the alternative provider's service, it will remove the wiring, abandon the wiring, or sell the wiring to the MDU owner. In other words, the incumbent service provider will be required to make a single election for how it will handle the disposition of individual home run wires whenever a subscriber wishes to switch service providers; that election will then be implemented each time an individual subscriber switches service providers. Where parties negotiate a price for the wiring and are unable to agree on a price, the incumbent service provider must elect among abandonment, removal of the wiring, or arbitration for a price determination. The MDU owner also must provide reasonable advance notice to the incumbent provider that it will purchase, or that it will allow an alternative provider to purchase, the cable home wiring when a terminating individual subscriber declines. If the alternative provider is permitted to purchase the wiring, it will be required to make a similar election during the initial 30-day notice period for each subscriber who switches back from the alternative provider to the incumbent MVPD. According to the Statistical Abstracts of the United States, 1995 at 733 Table No. 1224, over 28 million people resided in MDUs with three or more units in 1993. We therefore estimate that there are currently 30 million MDU residents and that MDUs house an average of 50 residents, and so we estimate that there are approximately 600,000 MDUs in the United States. In many instances, incumbent service providers may no longer own the home run wiring or may continue to have a legally enforceable right to remain on the premises. Also, MDU owners may forego the notice and election processes for various other reasons, e.g., they have no interest in purchasing the home run or cable home wiring. We estimate that there will be approximately 12,500 notices and 12,500 elections made on an annual basis. The number of notices accounts for the occasions when the MDU owner simultaneously notifies the incumbent provider that: (1) It is invoking the home run wiring disposition procedures, and (2) whether the MDU owner or alternative provider intends to purchase the cable home wiring. It also accounts

for those occasions when the MDU owner makes a separate notification regarding the purchase of cable home wiring. The number of elections accounts for instances when the incumbent elects to sell the wiring but the parties are unable to agree on a price, therefore necessitating a second election. We assume all notifications and elections (except when an individual subscriber is terminating service) will be in writing and take an average burden of 30 minutes (0.5 hours) to prepare. (25,000 notifications and elections \times 0.5 hours=12,500 hours).

Total Cost to Respondents: Total Annual Cost to Respondents: \$37,510, estimated as follows: Under the annual operation and maintenance costs category, we estimate that stationery and postage costs for interference reports submitted to the Commission pursuant to § 76.613 to be \$1 per report. (10 reports \times \$1=\$10). We estimate stationery and postage costs for signal leakage filings to be \$1 per filing. (500 filings \times \$1=\$500). We estimate that 50% of the 20,000 MVPDs will annually develop cost schedules. We estimate recordkeeping expenses for these schedules to be \$1 per MVPD. (20,000 \times 50% \times \$1=\$10,000). We estimate stationery and postage costs for the various disposition notifications and elections to be \$1 per occurrence. (27,000 advance notices and notifications and elections \times \$1=\$27,000). There are no estimated capital and start-up costs.

Needs and Uses: The various notification and election requirements in this collection (3060-0692) are set forth in order to promote competition and consumer choice by minimizing any potential disruption in service to a subscriber switching video providers.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Additional Item To Be Considered at Open Meeting Thursday, January 29, 1998

January 23, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission will consider an additional item on the subject listed below at the Open Meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 1998, at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. See meeting notice published on January 27, 1998.

Item No., Bureau and Subject

4—Office of Engineering and Technology—Title: Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service (MM Docket No. 87-268). Summary: The Commission will consider petitions for reconsideration filed in response to the Commission's Sixth Report and Order regarding allotment of channels for digital television.

The prompt and orderly conduct of the Commission business requires that less than 7-days notice be given consideration of this additional item.

Action by the Commission January 23, 1998, Chairman Kennard and Commissioners Ness, Furchtgott-Roth, Powell and Tristani voting to consider this item.

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