

contribution factors. If the Commission takes no action regarding these proposed factors within the 14-day period following publication in the **Federal Register**, the projections shall be deemed approved by the Commission and shall be used by USAC to calculate third quarter universal service contributions. We note that in a Public Notice released today, the Common Carrier Bureau seeks comment on its proposal to reduce the 1998 collection amounts for the schools and libraries and rural health care universal service support mechanisms. If the Commission reduces the 1998 collection amounts for these programs, the contribution factor proposed in this Public Notice for the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms will be revised accordingly. While we have not had an opportunity to review fully the statement of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth, we do take this opportunity to note that the 60-day congressional review period referenced in that statement does not apply to "any rule promulgated under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the amendments made by that Act."

For further information, contact Frances Downey, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-7400.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### Waiver To Permit Sharing of Industrial/Land Transportation Channels With Public Safety Users

1. On May 6, 1997, Central and South West Services, Inc. (CSW) filed a Request for Waiver of § 90.179 of the Commission's Rules to permit it to share its 800 MHz Industrial and Land Transportation (I/LT) Category system with Public Safety and Federal Government users on a non-profit, cost shared basis. CSW is the parent company of four electric utilities serving approximately 1.7 million consumers in 800 communities located throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It is licensed for one hundred and twenty-five 800 MHz I/LT channel pairs and operates a trunked land mobile radio system providing communications capabilities over 152,000 square miles. CSW uses its

system—which was designed to address peak loading, reliability and control issues attendant to the rapid-wide scale mobilization of personnel and equipment—to dispatch and coordinate inspection, maintenance and emergency response activities.

2. Private Land Mobile Radio Service frequencies in the 800 MHz band are divided into the following five categories: Specialized Mobile Radio, Public Safety, Business, I/LT, and General. CSW requests a waiver in order to share its I/LT system with Public Safety and Federal Government eligibles because section 90.179(a) of the Commission's Rules provides that a licensee may share its radio station only with users that would be eligible for separate authorization to use those frequencies. Public Safety and Federal Government entities are not eligible to be licensed on 800 MHz I/LT Category spectrum.

3. In its Request for Waiver, CSW asserts that many public safety agencies operating within the area covered by its network lack sufficient spectrum or financial resources to construct and operate high quality, comprehensive communications systems. Additionally, CSW contends that these agencies often need to communicate and coordinate with CSW in situations such as power outages. Attached to the request are letters from eight Public Safety eligibles, and from the United States Army's Fort Hood military complex in central Texas, indicating interest in sharing CSW's system. Additionally, on March 5, 1998, CSW was contacted by the Texas Coastal Corridor Initiative about use of the CSW system for drug interdiction across South Texas.

4. Interested parties may file comments on CSW's Request for Waiver on or before June 4, 1998. Parties interested in submitting reply comments must do so on or before June 15, 1998. All comments should reference CSW's Request for Waiver with the designated DA number, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Room 222, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of each filing should be sent to International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800 and Scot Stone, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, 2025 M Street, NW, Room 8010-G, (202) 418-0680 or via e-mail to [sstone@fcc.gov](mailto:sstone@fcc.gov).

5. The full text of the Request for Waiver, comments, and reply comments are available for inspection and

duplication during regular business hours in the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2025 M Street, NW, Room 8010, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also may be obtained from ITS, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

6. For further information, contact Scot Stone of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0680 or via e-mail to [sstone@fcc.gov](mailto:sstone@fcc.gov).

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Public Information Collection(s) Approved by Office of Management and Budget

May 18, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection(s) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3501-3520. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a valid control number. Questions concerning the OMB control numbers and expiration dates should be directed to Jerry Cowden, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0447.

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*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0221.

*Expiration Date:* 4/30/2001.

*Title:* 90.155 Time in which station must be placed in operation.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 55 hours; 1 hour per respondent; 55 respondents.

*Description:* This information collection is needed to provide flexibility to state and local governments that would normally be unable to meet the requirement of placing their radio station in operation within eight months. The information is used to evaluate if the exception to the