

ANI, which will assist in identifying payphones to compensation payers. Each payphone must transmit coding digits that specifically identify it as a payphone, and not merely as a restricted line. The Commission also clarified that by October 7, 1997, LECs had to make available to PSPs, on a tariffed basis, such coding digits as a part of the ANI for each payphone.

On October 7, 1997, the Bureau granted, on its own motion, pursuant to § 1.3 of the Commission's rules, a limited waiver, until March 9, 1998, of the payphone-specific coding requirement for those LECs and PSPs not yet able to provide transmission of such digits. On March 9, 1998, in the *Bureau Coding Digit Waiver Order*,² 63 FR 20534 (April 27, 1998), the Bureau again granted certain limited waivers, some of which expired on June 9, 1998. On May 22, 1998, SBC petitioned the Commission for extension of certain of the limited waivers that had been granted on March 9, 1998. On June 10, 1998, the Bureau granted, in part, SBC's petition. The limited waivers granted SBS on June 10, 1998 are subject to the same requirements as applied to the waivers granted for these same technical problems in the *Bureau Coding Digit Waiver Order*, 63 FR 20534 (April 27, 1998).

Specifically, the Bureau's June 10, 1998 order grants SBC limited waivers, until August 15, 1998, for provision of payphone-specific coding digits for 0-transfer calls from six DMS 200 traffic operator position system ("TOPS") switches; and until December 31, 1998, for 800-type database services calls routing to plain old telephone service ("POTS") phone numbers and 800-type database services calls routed to access tandem switches. The Bureau similarly grants payphone service providers ("PSPs") corresponding limited waivers of the requirement to provide payphone-specific coding digits before they can receive compensation from interexchange carriers ("IXCs") for the calls affected by SBC's technical problems.

The Bureau grants these limited waivers because it finds that special circumstances exist, and that granting these waivers will promote the public interest. These waivers are limited in time and scope, and relate to specific

payphone coding digit implementation problems that SBC states affect a small percentage of the total number of payphone calls.

Accordingly, pursuant to authority contained in sections 1, 4, 201-205, 218, 226, and 276 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 201-205, 218, 226, and 276, and the authority delegated pursuant to Sections 0.91, 0.291 and 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.91, 0.291 and 1.3, it is ordered that the waiver extensions are granted to the extent described herein, and otherwise are denied.

It is further ordered that this order is effective immediately upon release thereof, and that the waivers included in this order are effective June 9, 1998.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 64

Communications common carriers, Operator service access, Payphone compensation, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Texas Closure

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Adjustment of the ending date of the Texas closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces an adjustment of the ending date of the annual closure of the shrimp fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Texas. The closure is normally from May 15 through July 15 each year. This year the closure will end at 30 minutes after sunset on July 8, 1998. The Texas closure is intended to prohibit the harvest of brown shrimp during their major period of emigration from Texas estuaries to the Gulf of Mexico so the

shrimp may reach a larger, more valuable size and to prevent the waste of brown shrimp that would be discarded in fishing operations because of their small size.

DATES: The EEZ off Texas is closed to trawling from 30 minutes after sunset, May 15, 1998, to 30 minutes after sunset, July 8, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

The EEZ off Texas is normally closed to all trawling each year from 30 minutes after sunset on May 15 to 30 minutes after sunset on July 15. The regulations at 50 CFR 622.34(h) describe the area of the Texas closure and provide for adjustments to the beginning and ending dates by the Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, under procedures and restrictions specified in the FMP.

This year, the Texas closure began on May 15, 1998. Biological data collected by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicate that ending the closure on July 8, 1998, will provide adequate protection of small brown shrimp emigrating from the Texas estuaries and, therefore, will be consistent with the FMP's criteria for adjustment of the closure. Accordingly, the time and date for ending the Texas closure as provided at 50 CFR 622.34(h) (1) is changed from 30 minutes after sunset, July 15, 1998, to 30 minutes after sunset on July 8, 1998. Texas waters are also to be opened beginning at 30 minutes after sunset on July 8, 1998.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.34(h)(2) and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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² *Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 63 FR 20534 (April 27, 1998), 13 FCC Rcd 4998 (1998) ("Bureau Coding Digit Waiver Order").