

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-98; DA 99-1555]

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control's Petition Requesting Additional Authority To Implement Area Code Conservation Measures

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On August 5, 1999, the Commission released a public notice requesting public comment on a petition from the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control ("Petition") requesting additional authority to implement measures related to conservation of area codes. The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of, and to seek public comment on, this request.

DATES: Comments are due by September 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jared Carlson at (202) 418-2320 or jcarlson@fcc.gov. The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite 6-A320, Washington, D.C. 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 28, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") released an order in the matter of a Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited Action on the July 15, 1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215, and 717, and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 98-224, CC Docket No. 96-98, 63 FR 63613, NSD File No. L-97-42 (rel. September 28, 1998) ("Pennsylvania Numbering Order"). The Pennsylvania Numbering Order delegated additional authority to state public utility commissions to order NXX code rationing, under certain circumstances, in jeopardy situations and encouraged state commissions to seek further limited delegations of authority to implement other innovative number conservation methods.

The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control ("CTDPUC") has filed a request for additional delegation of authority to implement area code conservation methods in their state. See Common Carrier Bureau Seeks

Comment on the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control's Petition for Delegation of Additional Authority to Implement Area Code Conservation Measures, *Public Notice*, NSD File No. L-99-62, DA 99-1555 (rel. August 5, 1999).

The additional authority measures sought by the CTDPUC relate to issues under consideration in the *Numbering Resource Optimization Notice*, *Numbering Resource Optimization, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 99-122 (rel. June 2, 1999), 64 FR 32471. Because the CTDPUC faces immediate concerns regarding the administration of area code resources in Connecticut, we find it to be in the public interest to address this petition as expeditiously as possible, prior to completing the rulemaking proceeding.

We hereby seek comment on the issues raised in the CTDPUC's petition for delegated authority to implement various area code conservation measures. A copy of this petition will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0267.

Interested parties may file comments concerning these matters on or before September 6, 1999. All filings must reference NSD File Number L-99-62 and CC Docket 96-98. Send an original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554 and two copies to Al McCloud, Network Services Division, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite 6A-320, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, including "get

form <your e-mail address>" in the body of the message. A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

This is a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR 1.1200-1.1216. As a "permit but disclose" proceeding, *ex parte* presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in 1.1206 of the Commission's rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings. 47 CFR 1.1206.

Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in 1.1206(b) as well. For further information contact Jared Carlson of the Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, at (202) 418-2320 or jcarlson@fcc.gov. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484.

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Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

August 12, 1999.

Petitions for reconsideration have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by September 2, 1999. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing options has expired.