

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, NSD File No. L-97-42, 63 FR 63613 (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 Ohio Public Utilities Commission ("OPUC") has filed a request for delegation of authority to implement number conservation measures in their state. See *Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Ohio Public Utilities Commission's Petition for Delegation of Additional Authority to Implement Number Optimization Measures in the State of Ohio*, *Public Notice*, NSD File No. L-99-74, DA 99-2016 (rel. September 29, 1999).

The additional authority sought by the OPUC relates to issues under consideration in the *Numbering Resource Optimization Notice*. See *Numbering Resource Optimization, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 99-122, 64 FR 32471 (rel. June 2, 1999). Because the OPUC faces immediate concerns regarding the administration of number resources in Ohio, 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 OPUC'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, SW, Suite CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270.

Interested parties may file comments concerning these matters on or before October 20 1999, and reply comments on or before November 3, 1999. All filings must reference NSD File Number L-99-74 and CC Docket 96-98. Send an original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554 and two copies to Al McCloud, Network Services Division, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite 6A-320, Washington, DC 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Kurt A. Schroeder,

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1292-DR]

North Carolina; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-1292-DR), dated September 16, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 29, 1999, the President amended the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 51521 *et seq.*), in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of North Carolina, resulting from Hurricane Floyd on September 15, 1999, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that the provision of additional Federal assistance to ensure public health and safety is warranted under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act").

Therefore, I amend my declaration of September 16, 1999, to provide that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may reimburse 90 percent of the costs of debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program, including direct Federal assistance from September 15, 1999 through September 18, 1999. This adjustment of the cost share may be provided to all counties under the major disaster declaration. You may extend this assistance for an additional period of time, if requested and warranted.

Please notify the Governor of North Carolina and the Federal Coordinating Officer of this amendment to my major disaster declaration.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public

Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3146-EM]

North Carolina; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of an emergency for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-3146-EM), dated September 15, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 29, 1999, the President amended the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 51521 *et seq.*), in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of North Carolina, resulting from Hurricane Floyd on September 15, 1999, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that the provision of additional Federal assistance to ensure public health and safety is warranted under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act").

Therefore, I amend my declaration of September 15, 1999, to provide that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may reimburse 90 percent of the costs of debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program, including direct Federal assistance from September 15, 1999 through September 18, 1999. This adjustment of the cost share may be provided to all counties under the emergency declaration. You may extend this assistance for an additional period of time, if requested and warranted.

Please notify the Governor of North Carolina and the Federal Coordinating Officer of this amendment to my emergency declaration.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1298-DR]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (FEMA-1298-DR), dated September 22, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 22, 1999, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, resulting from severe flash flooding associated with Tropical Depression Dennis on September 6-7, 1999, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-288, as amended ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may

deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Jack Schuback of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

The counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency information collection activities: Announcement of Board approval under delegated authority and submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY

Background. Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed