

consideration of the issues likely to be involved in preemption actions.

The Public Notice establishes guidelines relating to its consideration of preemption petitions. Consideration of a petition requesting Commission action pursuant to Section 253 necessarily will involve state or local statutes, regulations, ordinances, or other legal requirements that will likely be initially unfamiliar to the Commission. In order to render a timely and informed decision, the Commission expects petitions and commenters to provide it with relevant information sufficient to describe the legal regime involved in the controversy and to establish the factual basis necessary for decision.

The Commission will use the information to discharge its statutory mandate relating to the preemption of state or local statutes or other state or local legal requirements.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0876.

Title: USAC Board of Directors Nomination Process (47 CFR Section 54.703) and Review of Administrator's Decision (47 CFR Sections 54.719-54.725).

Form No.: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension to a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 to 32 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 560 hours.

Total Annual Cost: Not applicable.

Needs and Uses: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed the Commission to initiate a rulemaking to reform our system of universal service so that universal service is preserved and advanced as markets move toward competition. To fulfill that mandate, based on the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, on May 7, 1997, to implement the congressional directives set out in section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the 1996 Act. In the Report and Order (released July 18, 1997), the Commission appointed the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) the temporary administrator of the universal service support mechanisms, subject to creating a separate subsidiary, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), to administer the support

programs. The Commission also directed NECA, as a condition of its appointment as temporary administrator, to create two unaffiliated corporations to administer portions of the schools and libraries and rural health care programs. NECA established the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) and the Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC).

In connection with supplemental appropriations legislation enacted on May 1, 1998, Congress directed the Commission to establish a single entity to administer federal universal service. In a May 8, 1998 Report to Congress, the Commission proposed that, by January 1, 1999, USAC would serve as the single entity responsible for administering all of the universal service support mechanisms including the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms. On November 20, 1998, the Commission released an Order directing the merger of SLC and RHCC into USAC as the single entity responsible for administering the universal service support mechanisms as of January 1, 1999. The Order adopted rules that will govern USAC following the required merger.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.703, industry and non-industry groups may submit to the Commission for approval nominations for individuals to be appointed to the USAC Board of Directors.

The USAC Board currently consists of the following seventeen members: (1) Three incumbent local exchange carrier representatives (one director representing Bell Operating Companies and GTE, one director representing ILECs (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million, and one director representing ILECs (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual revenues of \$40 million or less); (2) two interexchange carrier representatives (one director representing interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues and one director representing interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less); (3) one commercial mobile radio service representative; (4) one competitive local exchange carrier representative; (5) one cable operator representative; (6) one information service provider representative; (7) three school representatives; (8) one library representative; (9) one rural health care provider representative; (10) one low income consumer representative; (11) one state telecommunications regulator; and (12) one state consumer advocate representative.

47 CFR 54.719-54.725 contain the procedures for Commission review of USAC decisions, including the general filing requirements pursuant to which parties must file requests for review. An affected party would be permitted to file a petition for Commission review with the Bureau within thirty days of an action taken by USAC. The appellant must state specifically its interest in the matter presented for review. The appellant also must provide the Commission with a full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting affidavits and documentation. In addition, the appellant must state concisely the question presented for view, with reference, where appropriate, to the relevant Commission rule, Commission order, or statutory provision. The appellant also must state the relief sought and the relevant statutory or regulatory provision pursuant to which such relief is sought. If an appellant alleges prohibited conduct by a third party, the appellant shall serve a copy of the appeal on such third party, who shall have an opportunity to file an opposition. Similarly, appellants shall serve on USAC a copy of the appeal of a USAC decision filed with the Commission.

Affected parties are encouraged to bring issues to the attention of the division head or the USAC CEO to determine whether the matter can be handled without a formal appeal to the Commission.

The Commission uses the information to select USAC's Board of Directors and to ensure that requests for review are filed properly with the Commission. The information requested is not otherwise available. Without such information, the Commission could not appoint a representative body to USAC's Board of Directors nor resolve requests for review and, therefore, could not fulfill its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Open Commission Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2000

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on

Thursday, February 17, 2000, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in

Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Common Carrier	Title: Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities (CC Docket No. 98-67). Summary: The Commission will consider revisions to its rules governing telecommunications services for individuals with hearing and speech disabilities.
2	Common Carrier, Cable Services, Engineering and Technology, International, and wireless Telecommunications.	Title: Inquiry Concerning Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 98-146). Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry pursuant to Section Offering in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services (WT Docket No. 97-207) Summary: The Commission will consider a Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration and Report and Order concerning rules for facilitating calling party pays.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, telephone number (202) 418-0500; TTY (202) 418-2555.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) at (202) 857-3800; fax (202) 857-3805 and 857-3184; or TTY (202) 293-8810. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio tape. ITS may be reached by e-mail: its-inc@ix.netcom.com. Their Internet address is <http://www.itsi.com>.

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. For information on these services call (703) 993-3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-0100; fax number (707) 834-0111.

Federal Communications Common.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 10, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

(Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Speed Bankshares, L.P.*, Meridian, Mississippi; to become a bank holding company by acquiring approximately 51 percent of the voting shares of Great Southern Capital Corporation, Meridian, Mississippi, and thereby indirectly acquire Great South National Bank, Meridian, Mississippi.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

(W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc.*, Dallas, Texas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of BankDirect, SSB, Dallas, Texas, a *de novo* bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 9, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will discuss its ongoing projects: (a) ethical issues in international research and (b) ethical and policy issues in the oversight of human subjects research in the United States. Some Commission members may participate by telephone conference.