

seconds or longer, the average feedback torque must be within ±10 ft-lbs of zero. To allow for transition, up to the first four seconds may be deleted from each idle segment calculation.

(2) During idle speed enhancement device operation, an automatic transmission engine shall be allowed to idle at whatever speed is required to target a feedback torque equal to CITT (see paragraph (e)(2) of this section for definition of CITT) at those points in appendix I(f)(1), (f)(2), or (f)(3) to this part where both reference speed and reference torque are zero percent values. For each idle segment that is ten seconds or longer, the average feedback torque must be within ±10 ft-lbs of CITT. To allow for transition, up to the first four seconds may be deleted from each idle segment calculation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 51

[CC Docket No. 98-147; FCC 99-355]

Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Commission adopted measures to promote the availability of competitive broadband xDSL-based services, especially to residential and small business customers. This document amends the Commission's unbundling rules to require incumbent LECs to provide unbundled access to a new network element, the high frequency portion of the local loop. This will enable competitive LECs to compete with incumbent LECs to provide access to consumers xDSL-based services through telephone lines that the competitive LECs can share with incumbent LECs. In addition, the document adopts spectrum management policies and rules to facilitate the competitive deployment of advanced services. These rules will significantly benefit the rapid and efficient deployment of xDSL-based technologies.

DATES: The amendments to 47 CFR 51.5, 51.319(a)(1) through (7), 51.230, 51.231 and 51.232 published at 64 FR 1331, became effective on January 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Staci Pies, Attorney, Common Carrier Bureau, Policy and Program Planning Division, (202) 418-1580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 22, 1999, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the amendments to the public file rules pursuant to OMB control No. 3060-0848. Accordingly, the rules in § 51.5, 51.319(a)(1) through (7), 51.230, 51.231 and 51.232 became effective on January 10, 2000.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 51

Communications, Common carriers, Telecommunications, Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Parts 1002, 1011, and 1182

[STB Finance Docket No. 33685]

Class Exemption for Motor Passenger Intra-Corporate Family Transactions

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final Rules.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) adopts final rules exempting intra-corporate family transactions of motor carriers of passengers that do not result in significant operational changes, adverse changes in service levels, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family. Exemption of this class of transaction meets the exemption criteria of 49 U.S.C. 13541 because specific approval under 49 U.S.C. 14303 is not necessary. The Board is also making changes to its regulations concerning fees and delegation of authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD/TDY services at 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from Da-To-Da Office Solutions, Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., Room 210, Washington, DC 20006. Until further notice, Da-To-

Da Office Solutions' telephone number in the Mercury Building will be (202) 289-4357. In addition, Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Board concludes that these rules will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities. The procedures established are simple and expeditious and impose no new reporting requirements on small entities. The rules protect all parties by providing for revoking the exemption for violations of the rules or the statute.

Environmental and Energy Considerations

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

List of Subjects

49 CFR Part 1002

Administrative practice and procedure, Common Carriers, Freedom of Information, User Fees.

49 CFR Part 1011

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Organization and functions (Government agencies).

49 CFR Part 1182

Administrative practice and procedure, Motor Carriers.

Decided: February 11, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, Title 49, Parts 1002 and 1182 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended to read as follows:

PART 1002—FEES

1. The authority citation for Part 1002 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and 553; 31 U.S.C. 9701; and 49 U.S.C. 721(a).

2. Section 1002.2 is amended by adding paragraph (f)(6) to read as follows:

§ 1002.2 Filing fees.

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Type of Proceeding	Fee
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(6) A notice of exemption for transaction within a motor passenger corporate family that does not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with motor passenger carriers outside the corporate family.	1,100
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**PART 1011—BOARD ORGANIZATION; DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY**

3. The authority citation for Part 1011 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 553; 31 U.S.C. 7901; and 49 U.S.C. 701, 721, 11144, 14122, and 15721.

4. In § 1011.8(c)(11), remove “10505” and add in its place “10502”.

5. In § 1011.8, redesignate paragraphs (c)(12) to (c)(17) as paragraphs (c)(13) to (c)(18), and add a new paragraph (c)(12) to read as follows:

**§ 1011.8 Delegations of authority by the Board to specific offices of the Board.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(12) Whether to issue a notice of exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541 for a transaction under 49 U.S.C. 14303 within a motor passenger corporate family that does not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with motor passenger carriers outside the corporate family.

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**PART 1182—PURCHASE, MERGER, AND CONTROL OF MOTOR PASSENGER CARRIERS**

1. The authority citation for part 1182 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 559; 21 U.S.C. 853a; and 49 U.S.C. 13501, 13541(a), 13902(c), and 14303.

2. Add § 1182.9 to read as follows:

**§ 1182.9 Notices of Exemption.**

(a) A transaction within a motor passenger corporate family is exempt from 49 U.S.C. 14303 if it does not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with motor passenger carriers outside the corporate family. The Board has found that its prior review and approval of these transactions is not necessary to

carry out the transportation policy of 49 U.S.C. 13101; regulation is not necessary to protect shippers from abuse of market power; and an exemption is in the public interest. See 49 U.S.C. 13541(a).

(b) To qualify for a class exemption, a party must file a verified notice of the exempt transaction with the Board. The notice shall contain a brief summary of the proposed transaction, the name of the applicants, their business address and telephone number, and the name of counsel to whom questions would be addressed. The notice shall describe the purpose of the transaction and give the proposed consummation date for the transaction, which must be at least 7 days after the filing of the notice. The notice shall describe any contracts or agreements that have been entered into, or will be entered into, concerning the transaction, and shall indicate the impact, if any, that the transaction would have on employees.

(c) The Board shall publish notice of the exemption in the **Federal Register** within 30 days from the filing of the verified notice of exemption. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the Board shall summarily revoke the exemption and require divestiture. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541(d) may be filed at any time and will be granted upon a finding that the application of 49 U.S.C. 14303 to the person, class, or transportation is necessary to carry out the transportation policy of 49 U.S.C. 13101.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 679**

[Docket No. 000211039-0039-01; I.D. 021400D]

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closures of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is closing specified groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the directed fishing allowances specified for the

2000 total allowable catch (TAC) amounts for the GOA.

**DATES:** Effective February 15, 2000 until midnight, Alaska local time, December 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), if the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), determines that the amount of a target species or “other species” category apportioned to a fishery or, with respect to pollock and Pacific cod, to an inshore or offshore component allocation, will be reached, the Regional Administrator may establish a directed fishing allowance for that species or species group. If the Regional Administrator establishes a directed fishing allowance, and that allowance is or will be reached before the end of the fishing year, NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for that species or species group in the specified GOA Regulatory Area or district (§ 697.20(d)(1)(iii)).

NMFS published final 2000 harvest specifications for these groundfish fisheries in the **Federal Register**. The Regional Administrator has determined that the following TAC amounts are necessary as incidental catch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 2000 fishing year:

Thornyhead rockfish: entire GOA	2,360 mt
Atka mackerel: entire GOA .....	600 mt
Sablefish: trawl apportionment, entire GOA .....	1,802 mt
“Other rockfish”: .....	
Western Regulatory area .....	20 mt
Central Regulatory area .....	740 mt
Shorthead/rougeye rockfish: entire GOA .....	1,730 mt
Pollock: offshore component, entire GOA .....	0 mt
Pacific cod: offshore component	
Eastern Regulatory Area .....	321 mt
Deep-water flatfish: Western Regulatory Area .....	280 mt

Consequently, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Regional