

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Federal-State Joint Conference on Universal Service To Hold En Banc Hearing November 13, 2000 on the Rural Task Force Recommendation for Universal Service Reform for Rural Carriers**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of hearing.

SUMMARY: The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service will hold an *en banc* hearing on Monday, November 13, 2000, at the 112th NARUC Annual Convention in San Diego, California. The Joint Board will discuss the Rural Task Force's recommendation regarding reform of the universal service support mechanism for rural carriers. Panelists representing a broad range of interests will present their views on the Rural Task Force's recommendation and questions from the Joint Board members will follow.

DATES: The meeting date is November 13, 2000, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., San Diego, CA.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is San Diego—San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina (Marriott Hall 2) 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (the Joint Board) will hold an *en banc* hearing on Monday, November 13, 2000, at the 112th NARUC Annual Convention in San Diego, California. The Joint Board will discuss the Rural Task Force's recommendation regarding reform of the universal service support mechanism for rural carriers. Panelists representing a broad range of interests will present their views on the Rural Task Force's recommendation and questions from the Joint Board members will follow.

In the May 1997 *Universal Service Order*, 62 FR 32862, June 17, 1997, the Commission, acting on the recommendation of the Joint Board, encouraged the Joint Board to establish a Rural Task Force to provide "assistance in identifying the issues unique to rural carriers and analyzing the appropriateness of proxy cost models for rural carriers." On September 17, 1997, the Joint Board

announced the creation of the Rural Task Force and directed it to present a report to the Joint Board making specific recommendations on the establishment of a new mechanism for rural telephone companies. On September 29, 2000, the Rural Task Force submitted the *Rural Task Force Recommendation To The Federal-State Joint Board On Universal Service*.

The *en banc* hearing will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive, in Marriot Hall 2. An agenda, including scheduled panelists, will be posted on the Joint Board's Web site next week (http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/joint.html). The hearing is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Internet users may listen to the real-time audio feed of the hearing by accessing the FCC Internet Audio Broadcast Home page (<http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>). Step-by-step instructions on how to listen to the audio broadcast, as well as information regarding the equipment and software needed, are available on the FCC Audio Broadcast Home page. Audio tapes of the hearing may be purchased from Rollin Recording, 208 River Ranch Road, Boerne, Texas 78006, by calling 1-800-798-5468.

Dated: November 3, 2000.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2449]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

November 1, 2000.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is 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 November 14, 2000. 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 oppositions have expired.

Subject: Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Rangely, Silverton and Ridgway, Colorado) (MM Docket No. 99-151, RM-9559, RM-9932).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Subject: Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Spread Spectrum Devices (ET Docket No. 99-231).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 9, 2000, 10 a.m., meeting open to the public.

This meeting was cancelled.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-24: Alaska Democratic Party by counsel, Neil Reiff.

Final Rules and Explanation and Justification on General Public Political Communications Coordinated with Candidates, and Independent Expenditures.

Administrative Matters.