

phases (if any), with allowances for extensions where appropriate, provide confidence that the process will be well managed.

- *Confidentiality During the Inquiry, Investigation, and Decision-Making Processes.* To the extent possible consistent with a fair and thorough investigation and as allowed by law, knowledge about the identity of subjects and informants is limited to those who need to know. Records maintained by the agency during the course of responding to an allegation of research misconduct are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act to the extent permitted by law and regulation.

V. Agency Administrative Actions

- *Seriousness of the Misconduct.* In deciding what administrative actions are appropriate, the agency should consider the seriousness of the misconduct, including, but not limited to, the degree to which the misconduct was knowing, intentional, or reckless; was an isolated event or part of a pattern; or had significant impact on the research record, research subjects, other researchers, institutions, or the public welfare.

- *Possible Administrative Actions.* Administrative actions available include, but are not limited to, appropriate steps to correct the research record; letters of reprimand; the imposition of special certification or assurance requirements to ensure compliance with applicable regulations or terms of an award; suspension or termination of an active award; or suspension and debarment in accordance with applicable government-wide rules on suspension and debarment. In the event of suspension or debarment, the information is made publicly available through the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs maintained by the U.S. General Services Administration. With respect to administrative actions imposed upon government employees, the agencies must comply with all relevant federal personnel policies and laws.

- *In Case of Criminal or Civil Fraud Violations.* If the funding agency believes that criminal or civil fraud violations may have occurred, the agency shall promptly refer the matter to the Department of Justice, the Inspector General for the agency, or other appropriate investigative body.

VI. Roles of Other Organizations

This Federal policy does not limit the authority of research institutions, or

other entities, to promulgate additional research misconduct policies or guidelines or more specific ethical guidance.

Barbara Ann Ferguson,

Assistant Director for Budget and Administration, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

November 27, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before January 5, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy

Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0951.

Title: Service of Petitions for Preemption, 47 CFR 1.1204(b) Note and 1.1206(a) Note 1.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 125.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

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

Total Annual Burden: 30 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: These provisions supplement the procedures for filing petitions seeking Commission preemption of state and local government regulation of telecommunications services. They require that such petitions, whether in the form of a petition for rulemaking or a petition for declaratory ruling, be served on all state and local governments. The actions for which as cited as a basis for requesting preemption. Thus, in accordance with these provisions, persons seeking preemption must serve their petitions not only on the state or local government whose authority would be preempted, but also on other state or local governments whose actions are cited in the petition.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0937.

Title: Establishment of a Class A Television Service, MM Docket No. 00-10.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,000 respondents; 19,370 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: .166 hours to 52 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement, on occasion and quarterly reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 396,251 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$2,284,000.

Needs and Uses: The Community Broadcasters Protection Act directed the Commission to make Class A television licensees subject to the same operating requirements as that of full-service broadcast stations. The Commission has

modified Part 73 to incorporate Class A licensees. The data will be used to ensure that the public is being served and will not cause harmful interference.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces formation of the Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer and disability issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including people with disabilities and underserved populations) in proceedings before the Commission. The Commission also requests applications of representatives to serve on the Committee.

DATES: Applications should be received no later than January 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Consumer Information Bureau, Attn: Scott Marshall, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Marshall, Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, and 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Telephone 202-418-2809 (voice) or 202-418-0179 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public notice, which announces formation of the Consumer/Disability Advisory Telecommunications Committee, was released November 30, 2000.

Electronic Access and Filing

A copy of this notice is also available in alternate formats (Braille, cassette tape, large print or diskette) upon request. It is also posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/cib/dro>. Applications for membership on the Committee may also

be sent to the Commission via email addressed to smarshal@fcc.gov or may be transmitted via facsimile to 202-418-1414.

Background

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 paved the way for a new era of greater competition and consumer choice in telecommunications for all Americans. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App II, the Commission announces the formation of the Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee to ensure that all Americans, including individuals with disabilities and underserved populations such as tribal nations, have equal access to telecommunications products and services; and to facilitate consumer involvement and input into all activities of the Commission.

Functions

The Committee will provide general guidance to the Federal Communications Commission, and will make specific recommendations on issues and questions presented to it through the Commission's Consumer Information Bureau (CIB). The issues or questions referred to the Committee will include, but are not limited to the following topic areas:

- Consumer Protection and Education (e.g., cramming, slamming, consumer friendly billing, detariffing, bundling of services, Lifeline/Linkup programs, customer service, privacy, telemarketing abuses, and outreach to underserved populations).
- Access by People with Disabilities (e.g., telecommunications relay services, video description, captioning, accessible billing, and access to telecommunications products and services).
- Impact of New and Emerging Technologies (e.g., availability of Broadband, digital television, cable, satellite, low power FM, and the convergence of these and emerging technologies).
- Enforcement and Consumer Participation in the FCC Rulemaking Process.

It is anticipated that the Committee will meet a minimum of two times per year in Washington, DC, and that approximately three informal subcommittees will be established to facilitate the Committee's work between meetings of the full Committee.

Applications for Membership

The Commission seeks applications from interested individuals or organizations from both the public and

private sectors that wish to be considered for membership on the Committee. Selections will be made on the basis of factors such as expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the questions presented to the Committee. Members should be recognized experts in their fields, including but not limited to, consumer advocacy organizations, organizations representing persons with disabilities, representatives of underserved populations, equipment manufacturers, telecommunications service providers (including wireless), broadcast/cable providers, state/local regulators, and/or other qualified persons serving in their individual capacities. Members must be willing to commit to a two-year term of service, should be willing and able to attend a minimum of two (2) one-day meetings per year of the Committee held in Washington, D.C., and are also expected to participate in deliberations of at least one subcommittee. The Commission is unable to pay per diem or travel costs. Members will have an initial and continuing obligation to disclose any interests in, or connections to, persons or entities who are, or will, be regulated by or that have interests before the FCC. The number of Committee members will be limited to effectively accomplish the Committee's work. Organizations with similar interests are encouraged to submit a single application to represent their interests. Although the Committee will be limited in size, there will be opportunities for the public to present written information to the Committee, participate through subcommittees, and to comment at Committee meetings. Applications should be sent to the Commission at the address listed at the beginning of this notice, and should be received by the Commission no later than January 15, 2001. The application should include the representative's name (and for organizations, the name of an alternate), title, address and telephone number, a statement of the interests represented and the consumer and/or disability issues of interest to the applicant; and a description of the applicant's qualifications. The application should further be supported by a statement indicating a willingness to serve on the Committee for a two-year period of time; to attend a minimum of two (2) one-day meetings per year in Washington DC; and a commitment to work on at least one subcommittee, at the applicant's own expense. After the applications have been reviewed, the Commission will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the appointment of the Committee members