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Interested parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of their comments with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth St., SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554.

In addition, parties should send: one paper copy to Leon Jackler, Room 4B-445, and one paper copy to Policy and Rules Branch, Room 4-A-207, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554; one paper copy to the Public Reference Room, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554; and one paper copy and one diskette copy to ITS, Room CYB-400, 445 Twelfth St., SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Synopsis of the Public Notice

Pursuant to § 1.925 of the Commission's rules, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a Request for Rule Change filed by the Paging and Messaging Alliance of the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA). PCIA filed the request seeking amendment of § 1.929(c)(1) of the Commission's rules to treat certain modifications to paging stations as minor modifications. Specifically, PCIA requests that the Commission treat as minor modifications those expansions of paging composite interference contours (CICs) that occur solely (1) beyond the land border of the United States or (2) over large bodies of water (oceans, gulfs, sounds, bays, and the Great Lakes, but not rivers).

According to PCIA, the Commission's historical practice in the paging service has been to allow permissive extensions of CICs over water when processing applications. As a result, PCIA argues that a significant number of paging licensees have considered all extensions over water to be minor and have not filed major modification applications for such extensions. The filing of this Request for Rule Change was precipitated by an order released by the

Policy and Rules Branch of the Commercial Wireless Division wherein the Branch concluded that all increases of CICs, including extensions over water, should be treated as major filings under § 1.929(c)(1). See Karl A. Rinker, d/b/a Rinker's Communications, Request for Declaratory Ruling, 14 FCC Rcd. 19546 (WTB 1999). PCIA claimed in its request that the Rinker decision has caused uncertainty about whether prior expansions over water that licensees carried out on a permissive basis are in compliance with the rules, and about what procedures should apply to similar future expansions. We seek comment on PCIA's request.

While the PCIA request is pending, the Bureau believes there is good cause to waive the rules conditionally to permit paging contour extensions over water on an interim basis. Licensees providing service in coastal areas often need to relocate or adjust transmitting facilities in order to maintain and improve coverage. While these extensions do not involve expansion of composite contours over land, they may involve expansion of contours over water. Further, CIC expansions that take place solely over water should pose no risk of interference to other systems on land, and processing such modification applications would be a major burden on both licensees and the Bureau. The Bureau concludes that conditional waiver is appropriate to allow licensees to continue to maintain and upgrade their systems while the Commission considers PCIA's request.

We therefore conditionally waive § 1.929(c)(1) of the Commission's rules in order to consider permissive CIC extensions over water subject to the following conditions. First, all such extensions are on a secondary, non-interference basis, and must not cause interference to co-channel licensees. Second, we define "over water" for purposes of this waiver to mean into bodies of water that extend beyond county boundaries, i.e. including but not limited to oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes. Third, this waiver does not change our rules and policies regarding expansions over land.

Paging licensees that seek contour expansions over land, or expansions over water on a primary basis, must continue to seek prior Commission approval and request a waiver of the rules.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit but disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 47 CFR 1.1200(a) and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the

presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations 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). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at 10:00 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, April 19, 2001 at 10:00 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.
- Advisory Opinion 2001-04: Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co Political Action Committee by counsel, Kenneth A. Gross.
- Announcement of Effective Date for Rules on General Public Political Communications /Coordinated with Candidates and Party Committees and Independent Expenditures. (Tenative)
- Administrative Matters.

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Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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