

The Proposed Rule

For the reasons stated in the preamble, we propose to add to Subpart I of 36 CFR part 51, a § 51.83 as set forth below:

PART 51—CONCESSION CONTRACTS

1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: The Act of August 25, 1916, as amended and supplemented, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, particularly, 16 U.S.C. 3 and Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-391).

Source: 65 FR 20668, Apr. 17, 2000, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart I—Concession Contract Provisions

Add section 51.83 (currently reserved for Handicrafts) to read as follows:

§ 51.83 Sale of Native Handicrafts.

(a) *In General:* Where authorized by an applicable concession contract, concessioners are encouraged to sell authentic native handicrafts that reflect the cultural, historical, and geographic characteristics of the related park area. To further this objective, concession contracts will contain a provision that exempts the revenue of a concessioner derived from the sale of authentic native handicrafts from the concession contract's franchise fee.

(b) *Definitions:* For purposes of this section, the term:

(1) *Alaskan Native* means a citizen of the United States who is a person of one-fourth degree or more Alaskan Indian (including Tsimshian Indians not enrolled in the Metalakatla Indian Community), Eskimo, or Aleut blood, or combination thereof. The term includes any person as so defined either or both of whose adoptive parents are not Alaskan Natives. It also includes, in the absence of proof of a minimum blood quantum, any citizen of the United States who is regarded as an Alaskan native by the Alaskan native village or native group of which he or she claims to be a member and whose father or mother is (or, if deceased, was) regarded as an Alaskan native by any village or group.

(2) *Arts and crafts objects* are art works and crafts that are in a traditional or non-traditional style or medium.

(3) *Authentic native handicrafts* are arts and crafts objects created by a

United States Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Samoan or Native Hawaiian that are made with the help of only such devices as allow the manual skill of the maker to condition the shape and design of each individual object.

(4) *Native Hawaiian* means any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people that, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawaii.

(5) *United States Indian* means any individual that is a member of an Indian tribe as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 1159.

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47 CFR Parts 0, 25 and 64

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Procedures to Govern the Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels in the 5925-6425 MHz/3700-4200 MHz Bands and 14.0-14.5 GHz/11.7-12.2 GHz Bands

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission published a proposed rule document seeking comment on proposals regarding the terrestrial fixed service and fixed satellite service operators in the C and Ku-bands. In response to a request filed by Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc., the Commission extended the reply comment pleading cycle.

DATES: Reply Comments are due on or before March 24, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On November 24, 2003, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in this proceeding (69 FR 3056, January 22, 2004). The NPRM seeks comment from the public on proposals that seek to provide regulatory certainty to both terrestrial fixed service (FS) and fixed satellite service (FSS) operators in the C- and Ku-bands by protecting existing terrestrial FS and FSS operations from harmful interference that may be caused by ESVs; by allowing for future growth of FS and FSS networks; and by promoting more efficient use of the spectrum by permitting new uses of the bands by ESVs, thereby enabling important new communications services to be provided to consumers on board vessels.

2. On February 25, 2004, Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc. ("MTN") filed a motion for an extension of time requesting the Commission to extend the reply comment filing deadline in this proceeding. MTN argued that additional time was necessary to address the intricate issues and the number of comments filed in this proceeding.

3. The Commission agrees that the proceeding raises complex issues and that a large number of parties filed comments. Thus, the Commission granted MTN's request and extended the reply comment pleading cycle until March 24, 2004. The Commission believes that the public interest will be served by this extension to allow for a more complete record in this proceeding.

4. Accordingly, pursuant to § 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.46, the request of Maritime Telecommunications Network Inc. is granted.

5. The deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding is extended to March 25, 2004.

6. This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to §§ 0.51 and 0.261 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.51, 0.261.

Federal Communications Commission.

James Ball,

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