

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Parts 100 and 165**

[Docket No. USCG–2012–1057]

RIN 1625–AA08; AA00

Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Events in Northern New England

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to update special local regulations and permanent safety zones in the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Northern New England Zone for annual recurring marine events. When these special local regulations or safety zones are activated and subject to enforcement, this rule would restrict vessels from portions of water areas during these annual recurring events. The revised special local regulations and safety zones would expedite public notification of events, and ensure the protection of the maritime public and event participants from the hazards associated with these annual recurring events.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before May 21, 2013. Requests for public meetings must be received by the Coast Guard on or before April 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2012–1057 using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

(3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(4) *Hand Delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call or email Ensign Elizabeth

Morris, Waterways Management Division at Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, telephone 207–767–0398, email Elizabeth.V.Morris@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

1. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. If you submit a comment online, it will be considered received by the Coast Guard when you successfully transmit the comment. If you fax, hand deliver, or mail your comment, it will be considered as having been received by the Coast Guard when it is received at the Docket Management Facility. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number USCG–2013–0052 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on “Submit a Comment” on the line associated with this rulemaking.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change the rule based on your comments.

2. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number USCG–2013–0052 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

3. Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for one using one of the four methods specified under **ADDRESSES**. Please explain why you believe a public meeting would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Basis and Purpose

The legal basis for the proposed rule is 33 U.S.C. 1226, 1231, 1233; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701, 3306, 3703; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05–1, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1, which collectively authorize the Coast Guard to define regulatory safety zones and special local regulations.

Swim events, fireworks displays, and marine events are held on an annual recurring basis on the navigable waters within the Coast Guard COTP Northern New England Zone. In the past, the Coast Guard has established special local regulations, regulated areas, and safety zones for these annual recurring events on a case by case basis to ensure the protection of the maritime public and event participants from the hazards associated with these events. The Coast Guard has not received public comments or concerns regarding the impact to waterway traffic from these annually recurring events.

This rulemaking will update the existing regulation in order to meet the Coast Guard's intended purpose of ensuring safety during these events.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

The Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR 100.120 (Special Local Regulations) and 33 CFR 165.171 (Safety Zones). The final rule was originally published at 76 FR 17530 on March 30, 2011.

The proposed rule would update the list of annual recurring events in the existing regulation for the Coast Guard COTP Northern New England Zone. The Tables provide the event name, sponsor, and type, as well as approximate times, dates, and locations of the events.

Advanced public notification of specific times, dates, regulated areas, and enforcement periods for each event will be provided through appropriate means, which may include, but are not limited to, the Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, or a Notice of Enforcement published in the **Federal Register**. If an event does not have a date and time listed in this regulation, then the precise dates and times of the enforcement period for that event will be announced through a Notice of Enforcement in the **Federal Register**.

Regulatory Analyses

The Coast Guard developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on 13 of these statutes or executive orders.

Executive Order 12866 and Executive Order 13563

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order.

We expect the economic impact of this proposed rule to be minimal. Although this regulation may have some impact on the public, the potential impact will be minimized for the following reasons: The Coast Guard is only modifying an existing regulation to account for new information.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on a

substantial number of small entities. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This proposed rule would affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: Owners or operators of vessels intending to transit, fish, or anchor in the areas where the listed annual recurring events are being held.

The proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: Vessels will only be restricted from safety zones and special local regulation areas for a short duration of time; vessels may transit in portions of the affected waterway except for those areas covered by the proposed regulated areas. In addition, this action is only modifying an existing rule which, in and of itself, did not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this proposed rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not cause a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of

Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action appears to be one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

A preliminary environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination will be available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. This proposed rule involves water activities including swimming events and fireworks displays. This rule appears to

be categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(g) (Safety Zones) and (34)(h) (Special Local Regulations) of the Instruction.

We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

List of Subjects

33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, and Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR Parts 100 and 165 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

- 1. The authority citation for Part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

- 2. Revise TABLE TO § 100.120 to read as follows:

§ 100.120 Special Local Regulations; Marine Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone.

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TABLE TO § 100.120

5.0	MAY
5.1 Champlain Bridge Celebration Flotilla Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Regatta and Boat Parade • Sponsor: Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. • Date: A two day event on Saturday and Sunday during the third weekend in May.* • Time (Approximate): 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain in the vicinity of the new bridge between Crown Point, New York and Chimney Point, Vermont within the following points (NAD 83): 44°02'29" N 073°26'26" W 44°02'38" N 073°25'58" W 44°01'18" N 073°24'08" W 44°01'04" N 073°24'31" W
5.2 Tall Ships Visiting Portsmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Regatta and Boat Parade • Sponsor: Portsmouth Maritime Commission, Inc. • Date: A four day event from Friday through Monday on a weekend between the 15th of May and the 15th of June.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire in the vicinity of Castle Island within the following points (NAD 83): 43°03'11" N 070°42'26" W 43°03'18" N 070°41'51" W 43°04'42" N 070°42'11" W 43°04'28" N 070°44'12" W 43°05'36" N 070°45'56" W 43°05'29" N 070°46'09" W 43°04'19" N 070°44'16" W 43°04'22" N 070°42'33" W

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6.0	JUNE
6.1 Bar Harbor Blessing of the Fleet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Regatta and Boat Parade • Sponsor: Town of Bar Harbor, Maine • Date: A one day event on a Sunday between the 15th of May and the 15th of June.* • Time (Approximate): 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Bar Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): <p style="margin-left: 20px;">44°23'32" N 068°12'19" W 44°23'30" N 068°12'00" W 44°23'37" N 068°12'00" W 44°23'35" N 068°12'19" W</p>
6.2 Charlie Begin Memorial Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Boothbay Harbor Lobster Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event on Saturday during the third weekend of June.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Boothbay Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of John's Island within the following points (NAD 83): <p style="margin-left: 20px;">43°50'04" N 069°38'37" W 43°50'54" N 069°38'06" W 43°50'49" N 069°37'50" W 43°50'00" N 069°38'20" W</p>
6.3 Rockland Harbor Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Rockland Harbor Lobster Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event on Sunday during the third weekend of June.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Rockland Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of the Rockland Breakwater Light within the following points (NAD 83): <p style="margin-left: 20px;">44°05'59" N 069°04'53" W 44°06'43" N 069°05'25" W 44°06'50" N 069°05'05" W 44°06'05" N 069°04'34" W</p>
6.4 Windjammer Days Parade of Ships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Tall Ship Parade • Sponsor: Boothbay Region Chamber of Commerce • Date: A one day event on last Wednesday of June.* • Time (Approximate): 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Boothbay Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of Tumbler's Island within the following points (NAD 83): <p style="margin-left: 20px;">43°51'02" N 069°37'33" W 43°50'47" N 069°37'31" W 43°50'23" N 069°37'57" W 43°50'01" N 069°37'45" W 43°50'01" N 069°38'31" W 43°50'25" N 069°38'25" W 43°50'49" N 069°37'45" W</p>
7.0	JULY
7.1 Moosabec Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Moosabec Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event held on July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Jonesport, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): <p style="margin-left: 20px;">44°31'21" N 067°36'44" W 44°31'36" N 067°36'47" W 44°31'44" N 067°35'36" W 44°31'29" N 067°35'33" W</p>
7.2 The Great Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race • Sponsor: Franklin County Chamber of Commerce • Date: A one day event on a Sunday between the 15th of August and the 15th of September.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain in the vicinity of Saint Albans Bay within the following points (NAD 83): <p style="margin-left: 20px;">44°47'18" N 073°10'27" W 44°47'10" N 073°08'51" W</p>
7.3 Searsport Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Searsport Lobster Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event on the second Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Searsport Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83):

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	44°26'50" N 068°55'20" W 44°27'04" N 068°55'26" W 44°27'12" N 068°54'35" W 44°26'59" N 068°54'29" W
7.4 Stonington Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Stonington Lobster Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event on the second Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Stonington, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 44°08'55" N 068°40'12" W 44°09'00" N 068°40'15" W 44°09'11" N 068°39'42" W 44°09'07" N 068°39'39" W
7.5 Mayor's Cup Regatta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Sailboat Parade • Sponsor: Plattsburgh Sunrise Rotary • Date: A one day event on the second Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Cumberland Bay on Lake Champlain in the vicinity of Plattsburgh, New York within the following points (NAD 83): 44°39'26" N 073°26'25" W 44°41'27" N 073°23'12" W
7.6 The Challenge Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race • Sponsor: Lake Champlain Maritime Museum • Date: A one day event on the third Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain in the vicinity of Button Bay State Park within the following points (NAD 83): 44°12'25" N 073°22'32" W 44°12'00" N 073°21'42" W 44°12'19" N 073°21'25" W 44°13'16" N 073°21'36" W
7.7 Yarmouth Clam Festival Paddle Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race • Sponsor: Maine Island Trail Association • Date: A one day event on the third Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters in the vicinity of the Royal River outlet and Lane's Island within the following points (NAD 83): 43°47'47" N 070°08'40" W 43°47'50" N 070°07'13" W 43°47'06" N 070°07'32" W 43°47'17" N 070°08'25" W
7.8 Friendship Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Friendship Lobster Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event on a Saturday on a weekend between the 15th of July and the 15th of August.* • Time (Approximate): 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Friendship Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°57'51" N 069°20'46" W 43°58'14" N 069°19'53" W 43°58'19" N 069°20'01" W 43°58'00" N 069°20'46" W
7.9 Arthur Martin Memorial Regatta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race • Sponsor: I Row • Date: A one day event on the third Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of the Piscataqua River, in the vicinity of Kittery Point, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°03'51" N 070°41'55" W 43°04'35" N 070°42'18" W 43°04'42" N 070°43'15" W 43°05'14" N 070°43'12" W 43°05'14" N 070°43'06" W 43°04'44" N 070°43'11" W 43°04'35" N 070°42'13" W 43°03'53" N 070°41'40" W
7.10 Harpswell Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Harpswell Lobster Boat Race Committee • Date: A one day event on a Sunday between the 15th of July and the 15th of August.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes waters of Middle Bay near Harpswell, Maine within the following points (NAD 83):

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	<p>43°44'15" N 070°02'06" W 43°44'59" N 070°01'21" W 43°44'51" N 070°01'05" W 43°44'06" N 070°01'49" W</p>
8.0	AUGUST
8.1 Eggmoggin Reach Regatta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Wooden Boat Parade • Sponsor: Rockport Marine, Inc. and Brookline Boat Yard • Date: A one day event on a Saturday between the 15th of July and the 15th of August.* • Time (Approximate): 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Eggmoggin Reach and Jericho Bay in the vicinity of Naskeag Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 44°15'16" N 068°36'26" W 44°12'41" N 068°29'26" W 44°07'38" N 068°31'30" W 44°12'54" N 068°33'46" W
8.2 Southport Rowgatta Rowing and Paddling Boat Race.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race • Sponsor: Boothbay Region YMCA • Date: A one day event on the second Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Sheepscot Bay and Boothbay, on the shore side of Southport Island, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°50'26" N 069°39'10" W 43°49'10" N 069°38'35" W 43°46'53" N 069°39'06" W 43°46'50" N 069°39'32" W 43°49'07" N 069°41'43" W 43°50'19" N 069°41'14" W 43°51'11" N 069°40'06" W
8.3 Winter Harbor Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Winter Harbor Chamber of Commerce • Date: A one day event on the second Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Winter Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 44°22'06" N 068°05'13" W 44°23'06" N 068°05'08" W 44°23'04" N 068°04'37" W 44°22'05" N 068°04'44" W
8.4 Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race • Sponsor: Dragonheart Vermont • Date: A one day event on the second Sunday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Burlington Bay within the following points (NAD 83): 44°28'51" N 073°13'28" W 44°28'40" N 073°13'40" W 44°28'37" N 073°13'29" W 44°28'40" N 073°13'17" W
8.5 Merritt Brackett Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Town of Bristol, Maine • Date: A one day event on the second Sunday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Pemaquid Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°52'16" N 069°32'10" W 43°52'41" N 069°31'43" W 43°52'35" N 069°31'29" W 43°52'09" N 069°31'56" W
8.6 Multiple Sclerosis Regatta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Regatta and Sailboat Race • Sponsor: Maine Chapter, Multiple Sclerosis Society • Date: A one day event on the third Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area for the start of the race includes all waters of Casco Bay, Maine in the vicinity of Peaks Island within the following points (NAD 83): 43°40'24" N 070°14'20" W 43°40'36" N 070°13'56" W 43°39'58" N 070°13'21" W 43°39'46" N 070°13'51" W
8.7 Multiple Sclerosis Harborfest Lobster Boat/Tug-boat Races.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Maine Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: A one day event on the third Sunday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of Maine State Pier within the following points (NAD 83): 43°40'25" N 070°14'21" W 43°40'36" N 070°13'56" W 43°39'58" N 070°13'21" W 43°39'47" N 070°13'51" W
9.0	SEPTEMBER
9.1 Pirates Festival Lobster Boat Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Power Boat Race • Sponsor: Eastport Pirates Festival • Date: A one day event on the second Sunday of September.* • Time (Approximate): 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters in the vicinity of Eastport Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 44°54'14" N 066°58'52" W 44°54'14" N 068°58'56" W 44°54'24" N 066°58'52" W 44°54'24" N 066°58'56" W

*Date subject to change. Exact date will be posted in Notice of Enforcement and Local Notice to Mariners.

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PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 3. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1226, 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701, 3306, 3703; 33 CFR 1.05–1, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 4. Revise TABLE TO § 165.171 to read as follows:

§ 165.171 Safety Zones for fireworks displays and swim events held in Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone.

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TABLE TO § 165.171

5.0	MAY
5.1 Hawgs, Pies, & Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Gardiner Maine Street • Date: One night event on a Saturday between the 15th of May and the 15th of June.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of the Gardiner Waterfront, Gardiner, Maine in approximate position: 44°13'52" N, 069°46'08" W (NAD 83)
6.0	JUNE
6.1 Rotary Waterfront Days Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Gardiner Rotary • Date: Two night event on Wednesday and Saturday during the third week of June.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of the Gardiner Waterfront, Gardiner, Maine in approximate position: 44°13'52" N, 069°46'08" W (NAD 83)
6.2 Windjammer Days Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce • Date: One night event on the last Wednesday of June.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of McFarland Island, Boothbay Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 43°50'38" N, 069°37'57" W (NAD 83)
7.0	JULY
7.1 Vinalhaven 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Firework Display • Sponsor: Vinalhaven 4th of July Committee • Date: First Saturday in July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of Grime's Park, Vinalhaven, Maine in approximate position: 44°02'34" N, 068°50'26" W (NAD 83)
7.2 Burlington Independence Day Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Firework Display • Sponsor: City of Burlington, Vermont • Date: July 3rd.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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7.3 Camden 3rd of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: From a barge in the vicinity of Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Vermont in approximate position: 44°28'31" N, 073°13'31" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce • Date: July 3rd.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
7.4 Bangor 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Camden Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 44°12'32" N, 069°02'58" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Bangor 4th of July Fireworks • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.5 Bar Harbor 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of the Bangor Waterfront, Bangor, Maine in approximate position: 44°47'27" N, 068°46'31" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.6 Boothbay Harbor 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Bar Harbor Town Pier, Bar Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 44°23'31" N, 068°12'15" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Town of Boothbay Harbor • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.7 Colchester 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of McFarland Island, Boothbay Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 43°50'38" N, 069°37'57" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Town of Colchester, Recreation Department • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
7.8 Eastport 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Bayside Beach and Mallets Bay in Colchester, Vermont in approximate position: 44°32'44" N, 073°13'10" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Eastport 4th of July Committee • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
7.9 Ellis Short Sand Park Trustee Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: From the Waterfront Public Pier in Eastport, Maine in approximate position: 44°54'25" N, 066°58'55" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: William Burnham • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
7.10 Hampton Beach 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of York Beach, Maine in approximate position: 43°10'27" N, 070°48'31" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Hampton Beach Village District • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
7.11 Jonesport 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire in approximate position: 42°54'40" N, 070°36'25" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Jonesport 4th of July Committee • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
7.12 Main Street Heritage Days 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Beals Island, Jonesport, Maine in approximate position: 44°31'18" N, 067°36'43" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Main Street Inc. • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.13 Portland Harbor 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Reed and Reed Boat Yard, Woolwich, Maine in approximate position: 43°54'56" N, 069°48'16" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Department of Parks and Recreation, Portland, Maine • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.14 St. Albans Day Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of East End Beach, Portland, Maine in approximate position: 43°40'16" N, 070°14'44" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: St. Albans Area Chamber of Commerce • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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7.15 Stonington 4th of July Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: From the St. Albans Bay dock in St. Albans Bay, Vermont in approximate position: 44°48'25" N, 073°08'23" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Deer Isle—Stonington Chamber of Commerce • Date: July 4th.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.16 Shelburne Sprint Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: In the vicinity of Two Bush Island, Stonington, Maine in approximate position: 44°08'57" N, 068°39'54" W (NAD 83) • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Race Vermont • Date: A multiple day event throughout July and August.* • Time (Approximate): 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
7.17 Urban/EPIC Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain in the vicinity of Shelburne Beach in Shelburne, Vermont within a 400 yard radius of the following point (NAD 83): 44°21'45" N 075°15'58" W • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Tri-Maine Productions • Date: A one day event on Saturday during the second week of July.* • Time (Approximate): 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor in the vicinity of East End Beach in Portland, Maine within the following points (NAD 83):
7.18 St. George Days Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43°40'00" N 070°14'20" W 43°40'00" N 070°14'00" W 43°40'15" N 070°14'29" W 43°40'17" N 070°13'22" W • Event Type: Fireworks • Sponsor: Town of St. George • Date: A one day event held on third Saturday in July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
7.19 Tri for a Cure Swim Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Inner Tenants Harbor, ME, in approximate position (NAD 83): 43°57'41.37" N, 069°12'45" W • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Maine Cancer Foundation • Date: A multi-day training event held during July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of Spring Point Light within the following points (NAD 83):
7.20 Tri for a Cure Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43°39'01" N 070°13'32" W 43°39'07" N 070°13'29" W 43°39'06" N 070°13'41" W 43°39'01" N 070°13'36" W • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Maine Cancer Foundation • Date: A one day event on the second Sunday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of Spring Point Light within the following points (NAD 83):
7.21 Richmond Days Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43°39'01" N 070°13'32" W 43°39'07" N 070°13'29" W 43°39'06" N 070°13'41" W 43°39'01" N 070°13'36" W • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Town of Richmond, Maine • Date: A one day event on the fourth Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
7.22 Colchester Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: From a barge in the vicinity of the inner harbor, Tenants Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 44°08'42" N, 068°27'06" W (NAD83) • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Colchester Parks and Recreation Department • Date: A one day event on the last Wednesday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
7.23 Peaks to Portland Swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Malletts Bay on Lake Champlain, Vermont within the following points (NAD 83): 44°32'18" N 073°12'35" W 44°32'28" N 073°12'56" W 44°32'57" N 073°12'38" W • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Cumberland County YMCA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: A one day event on the last Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor between Peaks Island and East End Beach in Portland, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°39'20" N 070°11'58" W 43°39'45" N 070°13'19" W 43°40'11" N 070°14'13" W 43°40'08" N 070°14'29" W 43°40'00" N 070°14'23" W 43°39'34" N 070°13'31" W 43°39'13" N 070°11'59" W
7.24 Friendship Days Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Town of Friendship • Date: A one day event on the last Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of the Town Pier, Friendship Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 43°58'23" N, 069°20'12" W (NAD83)
7.25 Champ Chum Swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Against Malaria Foundation • Date: A one day event on the last Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain between Thompson's Point, Vermont and Spilt Rock in Adirondack Park, New York within the following points (NAD 83): 44°16'04" N 073°18'19" W 44°16'08" N 073°19'17" W
7.26 Bucksport Festival and Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce • Date: A one day event on the last Saturday of July.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of the Verona Island Boat Ramp, Verona, Maine, in approximate position: 44°34'9" N, 068°47'28" W (NAD83)
8.0	AUGUST
8.1 Sprucewold Cabbage Island Swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Sprucewold Association • Date: A one day event on the first Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Linekin Bay between Cabbage Island and Sprucewold Beach in Boothbay Harbor, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°50'37" N 069°36'23" W 43°50'37" N 069°36'59" W 43°50'16" N 069°36'46" W 43°50'22" N 069°36'21" W
8.2 Westerlund's Landing Party Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Portside Marina • Date: A one day event on the first Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of Westerlund's Landing in South Gardiner, Maine in approximate position: 44°10'19" N, 069°45'24" W (NAD 83)
8.3 Y-Tri Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Plattsburgh YMCA • Date: A one day event on the first Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Treadwell Bay on Lake Champlain in the vicinity of Point Au Roche State Park, Plattsburgh, New York within the following points (NAD 83): 44°46'30" N 073°23'26" W 44°46'17" N 073°23'26" W 44°46'17" N 073°23'46" W 44°46'29" N 073°23'46" W
8.4 York Beach Fire Department Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: York Beach Fire Department • Date: A one day event on Sunday during the first week in August.* • Time (Approximate): 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of Short Sand Cove in York, Maine in approximate position: 43°10'27" N, 070°36'25" W (NAD 83)
8.5 Rockland Breakwater Swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Pen-Bay Masters • Date: A one day event on the fourth Saturday of August.* • Time (Approximate): 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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8.6 Tri for Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Rockland Harbor, Maine in the vicinity of Jameson Point within the following points (NAD 83): 44°06'16" N 069°04'39" W 44°06'13" N 069°04'36" W 44°06'12" N 069°04'43" W 44°06'17" N 069°04'44" W 44°06'18" N 069°04'40" W • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Tri-Maine Productions • Date: A one day event in August.* • Time (Approximate): 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. • Location: In the vicinity of Crescent Beach State Park in Cape Elizabeth, Maine in approximate position: 43°33'46" N 070°13'48" W 43°33'41" N 070°13'46" W 43°33'44" N 070°13'40" W 43°33'47" N 070°13'46" W
9.0	SEPTEMBER
9.1 Windjammer Weekend Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Town of Camden, Maine • Date: A one day event on the first Friday of September.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. • Location: From a barge in the vicinity of Northeast Point, Camden Harbor, Maine in approximate position: 44°12'10" N, 069°03'11" W (NAD 83)
9.2 Eastport Pirate Festival Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Eastport Pirate Festival • Date: A one day event on the second Saturday of September.* • Time (Approximate): 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. • Location: From the Waterfront Public Pier in Eastport, Maine in approximate position: 44°54'17" N, 066°58'58" W (NAD 83)
9.3 The Lobsterman Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Tri-Maine Productions • Date: A one day swim event on the second Saturday of September.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters in the vicinity of Winslow Park in South Freeport, Maine within the following points (NAD 83): 43°47'59" N 070°06'56" W 43°47'44" N 070°06'56" W 43°47'44" N 070°07'27" W 43°47'57" N 070°07'27" W
9.4 Burlington Triathlon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Swim Event • Sponsor: Race Vermont • Date: A one day swim event on the second Sunday of September.* • Time (Approximate): 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. • Location: The regulated area includes all waters in the vicinity of North Beach, Burlington, Vermont within the following points (NAD 83): 44°29'31" N 073°14'22" W 44°29'12" N 073°14'14" W 44°29'17" N 073°14'34" W
9.5 Eliot Festival Day Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Type: Fireworks Display • Sponsor: Eliot Festival Day Committee • Date: A one day event on the fourth Saturday of September.* • Time (Approximate): 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. • Location: In the vicinity of Eliot Town Boat Launch, Eliot, Maine in approximate position: 43°08'56" N, 070°49'52" W (NAD 83)

*Date subject to change. Exact date will be posted in Notice of Enforcement and Local Notice to Mariners.

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Dated: Feb 28, 2013.

C.L. Roberge,*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Northern New England.*

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 54**

[WC Docket No. 10-90; DA 13-311]

Wireline Competition Bureau Adds New Discussion Topic To Connect America Cost Model Virtual Workshop**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau adds a new virtual workshop discussion topic, entitled "Rate of Return for Connect America Cost Model," to seek public input on what cost of money should be utilized in the forward-looking cost model that will determine support levels that will be offered to price cap carriers in Phase II.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 1, 2013.

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: You may submit comments, identified by WC Docket No. 10-90, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Federal Communications Commission's Web Site:* <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Virtual Workshop:* In addition to the usual methods for filing electronic comments, the Commission is allowing comments, reply comments, and ex parte comments in this proceeding to be filed by posting comments at <http://www.fcc.gov/blog/wcb-cost-model-virtual-workshop-2012>.

- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: (202) 418-0530 or TTY: (202) 418-0432.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information

on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie King, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7491 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Public Notice in WC Docket No. 10-90; DA 13-311 released February 28, 2013, as well as information posted online in the Wireline Competition Bureau's Virtual Workshop. The complete text of the Public Notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. These documents may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (800) 378-3160 or (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via the Internet at <http://www.bcpiweb.com>. In addition, the Virtual Workshop may be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/blog/wcb-cost-model-virtual-workshop-2012>.

1. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announced the commencement of a virtual workshop to solicit input and facilitate discussion on topics related to the development and adoption of the forward-looking cost model for Connect America Phase II. To date, the Bureau has sought comment on 21 different topics in the virtual workshop.

2. Today, the Bureau adds a new virtual workshop discussion topic, entitled "Rate of Return for Connect America Cost Model," to seek public input on what cost of money should be utilized in the forward-looking cost model that will determine support levels that will be offered to price cap carriers in Phase II. Responses should be submitted in the virtual workshop no later than April 1, 2013.

3. The Bureau may continue to add discussion topics or follow-up questions, which will be announced by Public Notice. Parties can participate in the virtual workshop by visiting the Connect America Fund Web page, <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/connecting-america>, and following the link to the virtual workshop.

4. Comments from the virtual workshop will be included in the official public record of this proceeding. The Bureau will not rely on anonymous comments posted during the workshop in reaching decisions regarding the

model. Participants should be aware that identifying information from parties that post material in the virtual workshop will be publicly available for inspection upon request, even though such information may not be posted in the workshop forums.

I. Procedural Matters*A. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis*

5. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA), the Bureau prepared an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), included as part of the *Model Design PN*, 77 FR 38804, June 29, 2012, of the possible significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities by the policies and rules proposed in these Public Notices and the information posted online in the Virtual Workshops. We have reviewed the IRFA and have determined that it does not need to be supplemented.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

6. This document does not contain proposed information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

C. Filing Requirements

7. *Comments and Replies.* Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All