

the Commission's notice requirements. CIPS served copies of the filing on Cinergy Services, Southwestern and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: August 1, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5865-1]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period for Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement.

SUMMARY: On June 27, 1997, EPA published a Notice of availability of OSi Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement (FPA) and Related Documents for OSi Specialties, Inc. (a subsidiary of Witco Corporation) in Sistersville, West Virginia [FRL-5849-5 62 FR 34748-34749]. The original comment period was thirty-one (31) days from the date of publication. EPA has received a request to extend the comment period. EPA is today granting a thirty (30) day extension from July 28, 1997 to August 27, 1997 for comments on the proposed OSi Project XL FPA.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on August 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the Draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Cheryl Atkinson, U.S. EPA, Region

III, 841 Chestnut Street (3HW70), Philadelphia, PA 19107, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Room 3134CY Mall (2129), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Atkinson at (215) 566-3114 or Ms. Birnbaum at (202) 401-6637. Comments will also be received via electronic mail sent to:

atkinson.cheryl@epamail.epa.gov or
birnbaum.nancy@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the proposed Final Project Agreement, Fact Sheet, or Question and Answer Document, contact: Cheryl Atkinson, U.S. EPA, Region III, 841 Chestnut Street (3HW70), Philadelphia, PA 19107, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Room 3134CY Mall (2129), Washington, DC 20460. The documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: "http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL". In addition, public files on the Project are located at both the local Sistersville library and EPA Region III in Philadelphia. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Cheryl Atkinson at (215) 566-3392 or L. Nancy Birnbaum at (202) 260-2601. To be included on the OSi Project XL mailing list to receive information about future public meetings, XL progress reports and other mailings from OSi on the XL Project, contact: Okey Tucker, OSi Specialties, Inc., Witco Corporation OrganoSilicones Group, 1500 South State Route 2, Friendly, WV 26146. Mr. Tucker can also be reached by telephone at (304) 652-8131. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Emerging Sectors and Strategies Division; United States Environmental Protection Agency; 3202 Mall; 401 M Street, SW.; Mail Code 2129; Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number for the Division is (202) 260-5754. The facsimile number is (202) 401-6637. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at "http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL" and via an automated fax-on-demand menu at (202) 260-8590.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Christopher Knopes,
Acting Director, Emerging Sectors and Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5864-5]

Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: On September 11, 1995 (60 FR 47171), the EPA announced the establishment of the Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs Subcommittee under the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC). The CAAAC was established on November 8, 1990 (55 FR 46992) pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. app I). The purpose of the Subcommittee is to provide advice and recommendations on integrated approaches for implementing potentially new national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone and particulate matter, as well as a regional haze program.

DATES: Notice is hereby given that the Subcommittee for Development of Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs will hold its next public meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 1997 (from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and Thursday, August 14, 1997 (from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Doubletree Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland Oregon, telephone (503) 283-2111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Subcommittee for Development of Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs, please contact Mr. William F. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, at 919-541-5498, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, MD-12, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. When a draft agenda is developed, a copy can be downloaded from the: (1) Ozone/Particulate Matter/Regional Haze FACA Bulletin Board, which is located on the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Technology Transfer Network (OAQPS TTN); (2) the OAQPS TTN Web Site (<http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov>); or (3) by contacting Ms. Denise M. Gerth at 919-541-5550.

Dated: July 21, 1997.

John S. Seitz,

Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-159; FCC 97-244]

Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) at Various Locations

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this Memorandum Opinion and Order adopted July 3, 1997 and released July 15, 1997, the Commission grants 23 requests for limited modification of local access and transport area (LATA) boundaries to permit certain Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) to provide expanded local calling service (ELCS) in various communities. The order also sets forth guidelines for future LATA modification requests. The order will allow the BOCs to provide ELCS in communities whose borders extend across existing LATA boundaries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Gerr, (202) 418-2357, or Robin Smolen, (202) 418-2353, both of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order, (FCC 97-244) adopted on July 3, 1997 and released on July 15, 1997. The full text of this Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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OMB Control No.: 3060-0782.

Expiration Date: 01/31/98.

Title: Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) at Various Locations.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20 respondents; 8 hours per response (avg).

×5 responses annually; 800 total annual burden hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Needs and Uses: The Commission has provided voluntary guidelines for filing expanded local calling service requests. These guidelines will allow the Commission to conduct smooth and continuous processing of these requests. The collection of information will enable the Commission to determine if there is a public need for expanded local calling service in each area subject to the request. Your response is voluntary.

Public reporting burden for the collection of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Synopsis of Memorandum Opinion and Order

I. Introduction

1. Five Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) have filed petitions¹ with the Commission requesting relief from the effects of certain local access and transport area (LATA) boundaries.² The petitions were filed pursuant to section 3(25) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which permits modification of LATA boundaries by Bell Operating Companies (BOCs), if such modifications are approved by the Commission.³ The petitions request LATA relief in order to provide

¹ Petitions were filed by Ameritech, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), and US West Communications, Inc. (US West). These petitions and the associated LATA modification requests are listed in Appendix A. A LATA modification (LM) file number has been assigned to each request. See Appendix A.

² LATAs define the geographic areas within which a BOC may provide service. See *infra* paras. 3, 9. A LATA is defined as "a contiguous geographic area (A) established before the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by a Bell operating company such that no exchange area includes points within more than 1 metropolitan statistical area, consolidated metropolitan statistical area, or State, except as expressly permitted under the AT&T Consent Decree; or (B) established or modified by a Bell operating company after such date of enactment and approved by the Commission." Section 3(25) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 153(25).

³ See 47 U.S.C. 153(25).

expanded local calling service (ELCS)⁴ between communities that lie on different sides of existing LATA boundaries (ELCS requests).⁵ The petitions were placed on public notice⁶ and comments and replies were filed.⁷

2. There are 24 ELCS requests before the Commission.⁸ For the reasons discussed below, we grant 23 of the ELCS requests and order amendment of one request.⁹ We also provide guidelines for future ELCS requests.

II. Background

A. ELCS Requests Under the Consent Decree

3. On August 24, 1982, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (Court) entered an order (Consent Decree) that required AT&T to divest its ownership of the BOCs.¹⁰ The

⁴ A local calling area consists of one or more telephone exchanges and is an area within which subscribers can place calls without incurring any additional charge over their regular monthly service charge. See *United States v. Western Electric*, 569 F. Supp. 990, 1003 n.59 (D.D.C. 1983) (hereinafter *Western Electric*). Local calling areas are established by state regulatory commissions. See *id.* at 990, 1002 n.54. ELCS (also known as extended area service or EAS) allows local telephone service rates to apply to nearby telephone exchanges, thus providing an expanded local calling area. See *id.*

⁵ These LATA modification requests are summarized in Appendix B.

⁶ See Public Notice, "Commission Seeks Comment on Petitions for Waiver of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service in Texas and North Carolina," DA 96-1190, released July 26, 1996 (First Public Notice); Public Notice, "Comment Requested on Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide: (1) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) in Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia, and Between Ohio and West Virginia, and Virginia and West Virginia; and (2) Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) in Hearne, Texas," DA 97-109, released January 15, 1997 (Second Public Notice).

⁷ Comments were filed by AT&T Corp. (AT&T), Intelcom Group (U.S.A.), Inc. (Intelcom), the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission (North Carolina PUC), the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Ohio PUC), the Virginia State Corporation Commission (Virginia Commission), and Western Reserve Telephone Company (Western Reserve). Reply comments were filed by BellSouth, the North Carolina PUC, and Southwestern Bell. Numerous informal comments were also filed by individuals, businesses, and local government entities in support of individual LATA modification requests.

⁸ SWBT's petition for LATA relief in order to provide integrated services digital network (ISDN) in the Hearne, Texas LATA, see *supra* note 6, and Ameritech's request to provide ELCS from the Aurora, Northfield and Twinsburg, Ohio exchanges to the Akron, Ohio exchange, see *id.*; see also Public Notice, "Commission Requests Comment on Whether Section 271 of the Communications Act Authorizes Ameritech to Carry Certain ELCS Traffic Across a LATA Boundary," released June 27, 1997, will be addressed in separate orders.

⁹ See US West's Scio/Albany request, NSD-LM-97-25, Appendix A.

¹⁰ *United States v. American Telephone and Telegraph Co.*, 552 F. Supp. 131 (D.D.C. 1982), *aff'd sub nom. Maryland v. United States*, 460 U.S. 1001 (1983).