

Kentucky Plan submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before October 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Scott Martin at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61  
Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia  
30303-3104.

Department for Environmental  
Protection, Natural Resources and  
Environmental Protection Cabinet,  
Division of Air Quality, 803 Schenkel  
Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Air Pollution Control District of  
Jefferson County, 850 Barrett Avenue,  
Suite 205, Louisville, Kentucky  
40204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Scott Martin at (404) 562-9036.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final document which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

**Michael V. Peyton,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 1, 51, 68, 76

[WT Docket No. 99-217; CC Docket No. 96-98; DA 99-1563]

### Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of  
comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commercial Wireless Division (the "Division") of the Federal Communications Commission gives notice that the Commission granted in part motions for extension of time to file comments and reply comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in WT Docket No. 99-217 and the Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 concerning the promotion of competitive networks in local telecommunications markets. These motions were filed by Commonwealth Edison Company, Duke Energy Corporation, and Southern Company (collectively, the "Utilities") and the Local and State Government Advisory Committee (LSGAC). The Division found that the record for this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry might not be adequately developed unless additional time was granted to all interested parties to prepare comments and reply comments.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 99-217 and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 was extended until August 27, 1999 and reply comments on these items are due September 27, 1999. Comments on the Notice of Inquiry in WT Docket No. 99-217 are due October 12, 1999 and reply comments on this item are due December 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Parties who choose to file comments by paper should send comments to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW; TW-A325; Washington, DC 20554. Comments filed through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. See the "Supplementary Information" section below for additional information about paper and electronic filing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Steinberg at (202) 418-0896 or Joel Taubenblatt at (202) 418-1513 (Wireless Telecommunications Bureau).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Order Extending Pleading Cycle (the "Order"), DA 99-1563, adopted August 6, 1999 and released August 6, 1999. The complete

text of the document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, (202) 857-3800, 445 12th Street, SW, CY-B400, Washington, DC 20554. The document is also available via the Internet at <<http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/index.html>>.

In this document, the Division grants in part a motion by the Utilities for an extension of time to file comments and reply comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 99-217, 64 FR 41887, August 2, 1999, and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98, 64 FR 41884, August 2, 1999. The Division also grants in part a request by LSGAC for an extension of time to file comments and reply comments on the Notice of Inquiry in WT Docket No. 99-217, 64 FR 41883, August 2, 1999. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in WT Docket No. 99-217 and the Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 were issued by the Commission on July 7, 1999 under FCC 99-141.

This document states that, although it is the policy of the Commission that motions for extensions of time shall not be routinely granted, the Division finds that the record for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in WT Docket No. 99-217 and the Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 might not be adequately developed unless additional time is granted to all interested parties to prepare comments and reply comments. Therefore, the Order extends the pleading cycle for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 99-217 and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 to August 27, 1999 for comments and September 27, 1999 for reply comments. In addition, the Order extends the pleading cycle for the Notice of Inquiry in WT Docket No. 99-217 to October 12, 1999 for comments and December 13, 1999 for reply comments.

### Filing Procedures

Pursuant to 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments in accordance with the schedule listed in the "Dates" section above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in*

*Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24,121, May 1, 1998.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appear in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554.

Regardless of whether parties choose to file electronically or by paper, parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW, CY-B400, Washington, DC 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Comments and reply comments must include a short and concise summary of the substantive arguments raised in the pleading. Comments and reply comments must also comply with 47 CFR 1.49, and all other applicable sections of the Commission's rules. The Commission also directs all interested parties to include the name of the filing party and the date of the filing on each page of their comments and reply comments. All parties are encouraged to utilize a table of contents, regardless of the length of their submission.

## List of Subjects

### 47 CFR Parts 1 and 51

Communications common carriers, Telecommunications.

### 47 CFR Part 68

Communications common carriers, Communications equipment.

### 47 CFR Part 76

Cable television.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### 50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 990811218-9218-01; I.D. 050399A]

RIN 0648-AL27

### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues this proposed rule to implement measures contained in Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) to address the management of silver hake (whiting), red hake, offshore hake, and ocean pout and to implement the framework measure approved in Amendment 11 to the FMP regarding essential fish habitat. Amendment 12 and these proposed regulations would establish differential whiting possession limits based on the mesh size with which a vessel chooses to fish. The intended effect of this action is to reduce fishing mortality rates on whiting and red hake to eliminate overfishing and rebuild the biomass in accordance with the requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this proposed rule should be sent to Pat Kurkul, Regional Administrator, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the

outside of the envelope, "Comments on Proposed Rule for Amendment 12."

Comments regarding burden-hour estimates for collection-of-information requirements or other aspects of the collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule should be sent to NMFS and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (Attention: NOAA Desk Officer).

Copies of the Amendment 12 document, its Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), and other supporting documents for the FMP amendment, as well as all documents pertaining to Amendment 11, are available from Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway (Route 1), Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1036.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Christopher, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9288.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) developed Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP (commonly called the Whiting Amendment) primarily to comply with the new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the SFA on October 11, 1996. NMFS published a notice of availability for this amendment in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 29257, June 1, 1999, soliciting public comments on this amendment through August 2, 1999. Public comments that were received on or before August 2, 1999, will be considered in the approval/disapproval decision. Comments received after that date, but before the end of the comment period for this proposed rule, will not be considered in the approval/disapproval decision of the amendment, but will be considered in the decision on issuance of the final rule with respect to matters not related to approval/disapproval of FMP measures. Copies of Amendment 12 are available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Whiting and red hake have been part of the Northeast Multispecies FMP since the implementation of Amendment 4 in 1991. Since that time, one reason no management measures have existed to manage directly the whiting and red hake fisheries is that management measures incorporated into the Multispecies FMP for other species provide indirect protection for whiting