

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Section 2.B.2., Figure 2-1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because promulgation of changes to drawbridge regulations have been found not to have a significant effect on the environment. A written "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is not required.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117, as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Revise § 117.897(a)(1), introductory text, to read as follows:

§ 117.897 Willamette River.

(a) * * *

(1) The draws shall open on signal except that from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday the draws of the Broadway, Steel (upper deck only), Burnside, Morrison, and Hawthorne Bridges need not open for the passage of vessels. These closed periods are not effective on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. At least one hour's notice shall be given for openings of the Steel Bridge (upper deck only), Burnside Bridge and Morrison Bridge, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times at least two hours notice shall be given. Notice shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at the Broadway Bridge for vessels bound upstream and to the drawtender at the Hawthorne Bridge for vessels bound downstream. During Rose Festival Week

or when the water elevation reaches and remains above +12 feet, the draws will open on signal without advance notice, except during the normal closed periods identified in this paragraph (a)(1).

Opening signals are as follows:

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Dated: December 21, 1999.

Paul M. Blayney,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-00-001]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Chelsea River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Chelsea River between Chelsea and East Boston, Massachusetts. This deviation from the regulations allows the bridge owner to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; except that, if high tide occurs during the closed period, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given. This action is necessary to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during emergency repairs to the electrical system at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective January 6, 2000, through March 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Chelsea River between Chelsea and East Boston, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance of 21 feet at mean high water, and 30 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.593 require the bridge to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, the City of Boston, requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during electrical repairs at the bridge. The submarine electrical cable for the bridge

was damaged during harbor dredging operations requiring emergency repairs to be implemented in order to restore bridge operation and facilitate marine traffic.

A temporary auxiliary operating system has been installed to open the bridge; however, it operates very slowly. Bridge openings may exceed an hour and a half which will create significant traffic delays until the bridge repairs are completed. This deviation is expected to help facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the week day rush hour periods.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the City of Boston to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; except that, if high tide occurs during the closed period, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

Robert F. Duncan,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 301-51

[FTR Interim Rule 8]

RIN 3090-AG92

Federal Travel Regulation; Mandatory Use of the Travel Charge Card; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Interim rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document makes corrections to FTR Interim Rule 8 appearing in the **Federal Register** of Friday, July 16, 1999 (64 FR 38528), which amends the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) provisions pertaining to payment by the Government of expenses connected with official Government travel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Harte, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division, telephone (202) 501-1538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In document 99-18291 beginning on page 38528 in the issue of Friday, July 16, 1999, make the following corrections:

PART 301-5—[CORRECTED]

1. On page 38528, in the second column, correct amendatory instruction 1. to read as follows:

“1. The authority citation for part 301-51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.”

2. On page 38528, second column, add new amendatory instruction 1a. immediately after amendatory instruction 1. to read as follows:

“1a. Part 301-51 is amended by revising subpart A to read as follows:

3. On page 38528, second column, correct the heading “PART 301-51—PAYING TRAVEL EXPENSES” to read “Subpart A—General”.

4. On page 38528, third column, fourth line, remove the words “Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.”.

5. On page 38528, third column, add “Subpart A—General” immediately preceding § 301-51.1.

Dated: January 11, 2000.

Peggy G. DeProspero,

Deputy Director, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 51

[CC Docket No. 96-98; FCC 99-238]

Revision of the Commission's Rules Specifying the Portions of the Nation's Local Telephone Networks That Incumbent Local Telephone Companies Must Make Available to Competitors

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document revises rules applicable to incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to permit competitive carriers to access portions of the incumbent LECs' networks on an unbundled basis. Unbundling allows competitors to lease portions of the incumbent LECs' network to provide telecommunications services. These rule changes are intended to remove uncertainty regarding the incumbent LECs' unbundling obligations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and are expected to accelerate the development of local exchange competition.

DATES: Effective February 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Claudia Fox, Attorney Advisor, Common Carrier Bureau, Policy and Program Planning Division, 202-418-1580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Third Report and Order, (Third) and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Fourth FNPRM) in CC Docket No. 96-98 (62 FR 45611, August 28, 1997) FCC 99-238, adopted September 15, 1999, and released November 5, 1999. The final rules associated with the Third R&O are effective 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** except to the extent specified in the following regulations: the requirement to provide access on an unbundled basis to dark fiber as set forth in § 51.319(a)(1); the requirement to provide access on an unbundled basis to subloops and inside wire as set forth in § 51.319(a)(2); the requirement to provide access on an unbundled basis to packet switching in the limited circumstances set forth in § 51.319(c)(5); the requirement to provide access on an unbundled basis to dark fiber transport as set forth in § 51.319(d)(1)(ii); the requirement to provide access on an unbundled basis to the Calling Name Database, 911 Database, and E911 Database as set forth in § 51.319(e)(2)(i); and the requirement to provide access on an unbundled basis to loop qualification information as set forth in § 51.319(g). The Commission also adopted a Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Fourth FNPRM) in CC Docket No. 96-98 on September 15, 1999 and released it on November 5, 1999. The Fourth FNPRM seeks comment on certain issues associated with a requesting carrier's ability to use unbundled network elements to provide exchange access service. A complete summary of the Fourth FNPRM is published in the **Federal Register** separately from this summary of the Third R&O in CC Docket No. 96-98. Any final rules that the Commission eventually adopts in connection with the Fourth FNPRM will also be published in the **Federal Register** as required. On November 24, 1999, the Commission adopted and released a Supplemental Order in CC Docket No. 96-98, FCC 99-370, that modifies the Third R&O and Fourth FNPRM with regard to the use of unbundled network elements to provide exchange access services. The complete text of the Third R&O and Fourth FNPRM, the Erratum and the Supplemental Order are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center,

Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS, Inc.), CY-B400, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. It is also available via the internet at the Commission's home page, <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Orders/index6.html>.

Synopsis of the Third Report and Order and Supplemental Order

1. The Commission adopts a Third Report and Order (Third R&O) in CC Docket No. 96-98 specifying which portions of their networks incumbent LECs must lease to competitive carriers on an unbundled basis. Specifically, the Commission defines the standard it will use, as set forth in section 251(d)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act), to determine which network elements the incumbent LEC must unbundle. It then applies that standard to individual network elements to determine if incumbent LECs must provide unbundled access to them. The Third R&O and accompanying rules will benefit consumers by accelerating the development of competitive choices for local telecommunications services.

2. The rules changes were needed to respond to a U.S. Supreme Court decision (*AT&T v. Iowa Utils. Bd.*, 119 S.Ct. 721 (1999)) that affirmed the Commission's implementation of the local competition requirements of the 1996 Act, but that required the Commission to re-evaluate the standard that it uses to determine which network elements the incumbent LECs must unbundle. The standard is set out in section 251(d)(2) of the 1996 Act. It requires the Commission, in determining what network elements should be made available for purposes of section 251(c) of the 1996 Act, to consider whether access to such network elements that are proprietary in nature is “necessary,” and whether the failure to provide access to such network elements would “impair” the ability of a telecommunications carrier seeking access to an element to provide the services that it seeks to offer. The Commission's original rules implementing section 251(d)(2) (Order, 61 FR 45476, August, 29, 1996) required incumbent LECs to unbundle a network element if (1) access to the element was “necessary”, which it defined as a prerequisite to competition, or if (2) a requesting carrier's ability to offer competitive service was impaired, which it defined as occurring if the quality of service that the carrier could provide without access to the element declined, or the cost of providing the service increased. The Supreme Court