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Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket No. 00-185; FCC 00-355]

Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other Facilities

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: On September 28, 2000, the Commission released a Notice of Inquiry in this docket seeking comment on issues surrounding high-speed access to the Internet provided to subscribers using cable television infrastructure, or so-called "cable modem services." The Commission inquires into what regulatory treatment, if any, should apply to cable modem services and the cable modem platform used in providing such services, and what impact such treatment will have on other providers of high-speed services. The underlying purpose of issuing this Notice of Inquiry is to create a national legal and policy framework for cable modem service that will foster competitive deployment of high-speed services by all providers and instill a degree of regulatory stability that will encourage investment in all high-speed networks. In this proceeding, the Commission will examine whether to continue its present market-based approach and whether and how to introduce a national policy framework for regulating high-speed services.

DATES: Comment must be filed on or before November 27, 2000. Reply comment must be filed on or before December 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Parties who choose to file comments or reply comments should file an original and four copies of each filing with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-B204, 445 12th St. SW., Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also serve: (1) Johanna Mikes, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 5-C163, Washington, DC 20554; (2) Christopher Libertelli,

Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street SW., Room 5-C264, Washington, DC 20554; (3) Carl Kandutsch, Cable Services Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 3-A832, Washington, DC 20554; (4) Douglas Sicker, Office of Engineering and Technology, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 7-A325, Washington DC 20554; (5) Robert Cannon, Office of Plans & Policy, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 7-B410, Washington, DC 20554; and (6) the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 445 12th Street, SW., CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 857-3800, with copies of any documents filed in this proceeding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Johanna Mikes or Christopher Libertelli, Attorneys, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580, or via the Internet at jmikes@fcc.gov or clibertelli@fcc.gov, respectively; Carl Kandutsch, Cable Services Bureau, at (202) 418-7200; Robert Cannon, Office of Plans and Policy, at (202) 418-2030; and Douglas Sicker, Office of Engineering and Technology, at (202) 418-2478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document is a brief description of the Commission's Notice of Inquiry adopted September 28, 2000, and released September 28, 2000. The full text of this Notice of Inquiry is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The full text also may be obtained through the World Wide Web, at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Notices/index6.html>; or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), CY B-400, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Common Carrier's TTY number: (202) 418-0484.

Synopsis of the Notice of Inquiry

1. The purpose of the Notice of Inquiry is to develop a factual record regarding the high-speed services provided by cable operators and the type of access sought by unaffiliated Internet Service Providers (ISPs), as well as the extent to which such access is necessary to benefit consumers or otherwise achieve desired policy goals. The Commission invites comments on alternative approaches to classifying cable modem service and the cable modem platform under the Communications Act and the implications of adopting each such classification.

2. The Commission seeks comment on various issues related to "open access," including how to define the concept, what initiatives have taken place to date, and how market-based and regulatory approaches may affect the availability of high-speed services. The Notice of Inquiry asks whether achieving open access is a desirable policy goal and, if so, whether the Commission's existing policy of regulatory restraint will adequately achieve open access or whether the Commission should adopt a regulatory, or prescriptive, approach.

3. It also inquires whether the Commission's legal and policy framework for cable modem service or the cable modem platform should apply to all providers of high-speed services. The Notice of Inquiry invites comment on technical and operations concerns associated with achieving open access, and asks whether the Commission should pursue any further course of action, such as continuing its current approach or exercising its rulemaking or forbearance authority.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

October 5, 2000.

Open Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 12, 2000

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, October 12, 2000, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

1. Office of Engineering and Technology and Wireless Telecommunications

Title: Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the 3650-3700 MHz Government Transfer Band (ET Docket No. 98-237, RM-9411); and The 4.9 GHz Band Transferred from Federal Government Use (WT Docket No. 00-32).

Summary: The Commission will consider a First Report and Order to reallocate the 3650-3700 MHz and the 4.9 GHz band transferred from Government to non-Government use.

2. Common Carrier

Title: 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review—Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning issues regarding the accounting rules and ARMIS reporting requirements for incumbent local exchange carriers.

3. Wireless Telecommunications

Title: Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets (WT Docket No. 99–217); Wireless Communications Association International, Inc., Petition for Rule Making to Amend Section 1.400 of the Commission's Rules to Preempt Restrictions on Subscriber Premises Reception or Transmission Antennas Designed to provide Fixed Wireless Services; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 96–98); and Review of Sections 68.104, and 68.213 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Connection of Simple Inside Wiring to Telephone Network (CC Docket No. 88–57).

Summary: The Commission will consider a First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in WT Docket No. 99–217, a Fourth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 96–98, and a Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 88–57, regarding obstacles to consumer's choice of telecommunications providers in multiple tenant environments.

4. Office of General Counsel

Title: Amendment of Section 19.735–203 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Nonpublic Information.

Summary: The Commission will consider an Order governing the misuse of nonpublic information (47 CFR 19.735–203).

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, telephone number (202) 418–0500; TTY (202) 418–2555.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) at (202) 857–3800; fax (202) 857–3805 and 857–3184; or TTY (202) 293–8810. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type;

digital disk; and audio tape. ITS may be reached by e-mail:

its_inc@ix.netcom.com. Their Internet address is <http://www.itsdocs.com/>

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. For information on these services call (703) 993–3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast network, telephone (202) 966–2211 or fax (202) 966–1770. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834–0100; fax number (703) 834–0111.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Office of Communications; Cancellation of Optional Forms

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior are cancelling the following Optional Forms because they do not collect the correct information:

OF 285, Warehouse Supplies Order

OF 290, Receipt for Property, Fire Suppression

Both of these forms are replaced with the following new Optional Forms:

OF 316, Interagency Incident Waybill (NSN 7540–01–475–4307)

OF 326A, Interagency Incident Waybill—Continuation (NSN 7540–01–475–4306)

You can order the above mentioned forms from the Federal Supply Service, General Products Commodity Center, Fort Worth, TX (817) 978–2508.

DATES: Effective October 11, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Williams, General Services Administration, (202) 501–0581.

Dated: September 1, 2000.

Barbara M. Williams,

Deputy Standard and Optional Forms Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Public Meeting on Medicare Coverage of Clinical Trials

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) formerly known as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In the past, Medicare has not paid for health care services provided as part of clinical trials because of their experimental nature. To carry out an executive memorandum from the President of the United States to the Secretary of Health and Human Services received on June 7, 2000 directing Medicare to provide for payment of routine patient care costs incurred by Medicare beneficiaries in connection with participation in clinical trials, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has issued a National Coverage Decision. In order to implement this new coverage policy for routine costs in clinical trials, HCFA must define the clinical trials for which payment of routine costs would be appropriate. Therefore, HCFA requested AHRQ to convene a multi-agency Federal group to develop readily verifiable criteria by which to identify trials that meet an appropriate standard of quality. The qualifying criteria will be developed under the authority to support health care research in § 1142 of the Social Security Act (Act). This notice announces a public meeting for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on easily verifiable qualifying criteria for identifying sound clinical trials appropriate for Medicare coverage.

DATES: The meeting will take place on October 20, 2000, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Conference Center, 6010 Executive Blvd., 4th Floor, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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