

Internet restoration efforts within six (6) months of the first meeting of the Committee.

(C) *Public Safety.* The Committee will explore and report on such actions as may be necessary or desirable to ensure that commercial telecommunications services networks (including wireless, wireline, satellite, and cable public telecommunications networks) can meet the special needs of public safety emergency communications, including means to prioritize, as appropriate, public safety usage of commercial services during emergencies.

2. Network Reliability

(A) The Committee will prepare and provide recommended requirements for network reliability and network reliability measurements for wireline, wireless, satellite, and cable public telecommunications networks, and for reliability measurements for the Internet, for reporting within twelve (12) months of the Committee's first meeting.

(B) The Committee will evaluate, and report on, the reliability of public telecommunications network services in the United States, including the reliability of router, packet, and circuit-switched networks.

(C) During the charter of a previous Committee, interested participants recommended that the FCC adopt a voluntary reporting program in conjunction with the National Communications System, to gather outage data for those telecommunications and information service providers not currently required to report outages to the Commission, and voluntary reporting was initiated. The Committee shall: (i) analyze the data obtained from the voluntary trial; and (ii) report on the efficacy of that process and the information obtained therefrom.

(D) Should the Commission initiate an inquiry or rulemaking with respect to any of the above-mentioned issues, the Committee will make formal recommendations as a part of such proceeding(s).

3. Network Interoperability

The Committee will prepare analyses and, where appropriate, make recommendations for improving interoperability among networks to achieve the objectives that are contained in Section 256 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with particular emphasis on ensuring "the ability of users and information providers to seamlessly and transparently transmit and receive information between and across telecommunications networks."

4. Broadband Deployment

The Committee will make recommendations concerning the need for technical standards to ensure the compatibility and deployment of broadband technologies and services, and will evaluate the need for improvements in the reliability of broadband technologies and services.

5. Other Topics

(A) The Committee will make recommendations with respect to such additional topics as the Commission may specify. These topics may include requests for recommendations and technical advice on interoperability issues that may arise from convergence and digital packet networks, and how the Commission may best fulfill its responsibilities, particularly with respect to national defense and safety of life and property (including law enforcement) under the Communications Act.

(B) The Committee will assemble data and other information, perform analyses, and provide recommendations and advice to the Federal Communications Commission and the telecommunications industry concerning the foregoing.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee To Carry Out Its Purpose

The Committee will require two years to carry out the purposes for which it has created.

D. Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Committee will report to the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

E. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Federal Communications Commission will provide the necessary support for the Committee, including the facilities needed for the conduct of the meetings of the committee. Private sector members of the committee will serve without any government compensation and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem or subsistence allowances.

F. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee Is Responsible

The duties of the Committee will be to gather the data and information necessary to prepare studies, reports, and recommendations for assuring optimal network reliability and restoration of damaged, or impaired, telecommunications services within the parameters set forth in Section B, above. The Committee will also monitor future

developments to ensure that network interoperability and network reliability are not at risk.

G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years

Estimated staff years that will be expended by the Committee are three (3) for the FCC staff and 12 for private sector and other governmental representatives. The estimated annual cost to the FCC of operating the committee is \$200,000.

H. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings

The Committee will meet at least two times per year. Informal subcommittees may meet more frequently to facilitate the work of the Committee.

I. Committee's Termination Date

The Committee will terminate January 6, 2004.

J. Date Original Charter Filed

January 6, 1992.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 02-270]

Mass Media Bureau; Filing Window for Certain Pending Requests for New NTSC Television Stations on Channels 52-59

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces a filing window opportunity to allow applicants with certain pending requests for new analog (NTSC) television stations on channels 52-59 to modify their requests.

DATES: The filing window opened January 22, 2002 and closes March 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaun Maher of the Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau at (202) 418-2324 or Gordon Godfrey of the Policy and Rules Division Mass Media Bureau at 418-2193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Commencing January 22, 2002, and continuing to and including March 8, 2002, there will be a filing window for certain pending requests for new analog (NTSC) television stations on channels 52-59 to modify their requests. The purpose of this Public Notice is to set forth the filing procedures for this

window. This window is available for applicants having applications pending for new NTSC stations on channels 52–59. It is also available for these and other parties with pending applications for new NTSC stations on other channels that have previously filed petitions for rule making for a replacement channel on channels 52–59. These proposals can be modified in one of two ways: (1) To provide analog or digital television (DTV) service in the core television spectrum, *i.e.*, channels 2–51 or (2) to provide DTV service on any available channel in the 698–740 MHz band, *i.e.*, channels 52–58. For these applicants, as applicable, all application amendments, petitions for rule making and amendments to petitions for rule making seeking a new channel must be filed during this window. The Commission will thereafter dismiss all remaining applications for new NTSC stations on channels 52–59 and petitions from applicants that continue to request replacement NTSC allotments on channels 52–59.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roy J. Stewart,

Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1402–DR]

Kansas; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Kansas (FEMA–1402–DR), dated February 6, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2705 or madge.dale@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated February 6, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Kansas, resulting from a severe winter ice storm on January 29, 2002, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Kansas.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, including direct Federal assistance, in the designated areas, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Carlos Mitchell of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Kansas to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Allen, Anderson, Barber, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Elk, Franklin, Greenwood, Harper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Lyon, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Pratt, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, Wilson, Woodson, and Wyandotte Counties for Individual Assistance.

Johnson and Wyandotte Counties for Public Assistance, including direct Federal assistance, at 75 percent Federal funding.

All counties within the State of Kansas are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family

Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1403–DR]

Missouri; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Missouri (FEMA–1403–DR), dated February 6, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2705 or madge.dale@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated February 6, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Missouri, resulting from a severe winter ice storm on January 29, 2002, and continuing is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Missouri.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in the designated areas, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a),