

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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[DA 13–2025; WC Docket No. 05–337; WC Docket No. 13–184; GN Docket No. 13–185; ET Docket Nos. 03–137 and 13–84]

Revised Filing Deadlines Following Resumption of Normal Commission Operations; 2014 Modification of Average Schedule Company Universal Service High-Cost Loop Support Formula; Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries; Reassessment of Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields Limits and Policies

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking; extension of filing deadlines.

SUMMARY: The Commission is further extending certain filing deadlines for rulemaking filings because the public did not have access to electronic docket and other online Commission resources during the suspension of operations due to the government-wide lapse in funding.

DATES:

- Comments or reply comments in rulemaking proceedings (except as otherwise specified) that were due between October 1 and October 6, 2013, will be due on October 22, 2013.
- Comments or reply comments in rulemaking proceedings (except as otherwise specified) that were due between October 7 and October 16, 2013 are due 16 calendar days after the original filing date.
- Comments or reply comments in rulemaking proceedings (except as otherwise specified) that were due to be filed between October 17 and November 4, 2013, are due November 4, 2013.
- Comments in WC Docket No. 05–337 are due by November 4, 2013; reply comments are due by November 19, 2013.
- Reply comments in WC Docket No. 13–184 are due November 8, 2013.
- Reply comments in GN Docket No. 13–185 are due October 28, 2013.
- Reply comments in ET Docket Nos. 03–137 and 13–84 are due November 18, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Lyle, Assistant General Counsel, 202–380–2348.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result of the recent government-wide lapse in funding, the Commission suspended normal operations from October 1, 2013 through October 16, 2013, for a total of

16 days. Among other things, the Commission's filing window, mail room, and all electronic filing systems, with the exception of the Network Outage Reporting System (NORS), were unavailable from October 1, 2013, until October 17, 2013. In addition, many Commission resources normally accessible through the Commission's Web site, including access to electronic dockets, were inaccessible for the same period.

On October 1, 2013, the Commission issued a public notice stating that “any materials, with the exception of NORS filings, that otherwise would be required to be filed with the Commission (at its headquarters, Gettysburg, PA or U.S. Bank), during the suspension of operations or on the day of return to normal operations, will be due on the business day following the day of return to normal operations.” Upon reopening on October 17, 2013, the Commission suspended all Commission filing deadlines that occurred during the shutdown or that will occur on or before October 21, other than NORS filing deadlines, until further notice. This Public Notice supersedes the October 1 and October 17 Public Notices.

Because parties did not have access to electronic dockets and other online Commission resources during the suspension of operations, we have determined to further extend the filing deadline for rulemaking filings, with the exception of certain specified filings, so as to provide filers with access to Commission resources for the period they would have had absent the suspension of Commission operations. Filings in rulemaking proceedings, with the exception of specified proceedings listed *infra*, that were due between October 1 and October 6 will be due on October 22, 2013. Filings, with the exception of specified proceedings listed *infra*, that were due between October 7 and October 16 will be due 16 days after the original filing date, an extension equivalent to the period of the Commission's closure. Thus, for example, a filing that would have been due on October 7, will be due on October 23, an extension of 16 days. To the extent the revised due dates for filings under this Public Notice fall on a weekend or other Commission holiday, they will be due on the next business day. Finally, filings in rulemaking proceedings, with the exception of specified proceedings listed *infra*, that would otherwise be required to be filed between October 17 and November 4 will be due for filing on November 4, 2013 (which is the first business day following a 16-day period

after the Commission's October 17 reopening).

To the extent the due dates for filings to which reply or responsive pleadings are allowed are extended by this Public Notice, the due dates for the reply or responsive pleadings are extended by the same number of days. Thus, for example, if comments were originally due on October 30 and reply comments due ten days later, comments would now be due on November 4 and reply comments on November 14.

We have determined to further extend the filing deadline for the following proceedings as herein specified:

- *2014 Modification of Average Schedule Company Universal Service High-Cost Loop Support Formula.* In WC Docket No. 05–337, the comment dates set forth in DA 13–1870 are revised as follows: Comments are due by November 4, 2013, and reply comments are due by November 19, 2013.
- *Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13–184. The due date for filing reply comments as set forth in FCC 13–100 is revised to November 8, 2013.
- *Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695–1710 MHz, 1755–1780 MHz, and 2155–2180 MHz Bands; Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1915–1920 MHz, 1995–2000 MHz, 2020–2025 MHz, and 2175–2180 MHz Bands; Applications for License and Authority to Operate in the 2155–2175 MHz Band; Petitions for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. 160, Order on Reconsideration and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, GN Docket No. 13–185. The due date for filing reply comments as set forth in FCC 13–102 is revised to October 28, 2013.
- *Reassessment of Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields Limits and Policies*, ET Docket Nos. 03–137 and 13–84; FCC 13–39. The date for filing reply comments is revised to November 18, 2013.

In addition, Bureaus and Offices may by further Public Notice set additional filing deadlines different than those specified in this Public Notice for filings in specific proceedings or classes of proceedings.

The Commission cannot waive statutory filing deadlines such as those associated with petitions for reconsideration. Nonetheless, because of the disruption and uncertainty associated with the suspension of Commission activities and the relaunch of Commission filing systems, we will not consider the Commission open for filing of documents with statutory

deadlines until Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

To the extent the due dates for filings to which reply or responsive pleadings are allowed are extended by this Public Notice, the due dates for the reply or responsive pleadings are extended by the same number of days. Thus, for example, if comments were originally due on October 30 and reply comments due ten days later, comments would now be due on November 4, 2013 and reply comments on November 14, 2013.

For these purposes, Section 1.4(j) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.4(j), otherwise requiring filings to be made on the first business day of resumed Commission operations, is hereby waived.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 102

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of fishery management plan amendment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 102 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI FMP) for review by the Secretary of Commerce. Amendment 102 would implement a Community Quota Entity (CQE) Program for sablefish in the Aleutian Islands regulatory area. The proposed CQE Program would be similar to the existing CQE Program in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). Amendment 102 is necessary to provide additional fishing opportunities in fishery dependent communities of the Aleutian Islands and sustain participation in the sablefish IFQ fisheries. This action is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the BSAI FMP, and other applicable laws.

DATES: Comments on Amendment 102 must be received no later than 5 p.m., Alaska local time (A.l.t.), on December 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by FDMS Docket Number NOAA-NMFS-2013-0048, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/ #!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0048, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- *Mail:* Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.
- *Fax:* Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Fax comments to 907-586-7557.
- *Hand delivery to the Federal Building:* Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Deliver comments to 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Electronic copies of the Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) and proposed rule for Amendment 102 and the RIR/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) for the regulatory amendment to allow IFQ derived from D share halibut quota share to be fished on category C vessels in Area 4B are available from <http://>

www.regulations.gov or from the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Murphy, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that each regional fishery management council submit any fishery management plan (FMP) or FMP amendment it prepares to the Secretary for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires the Secretary, upon receiving an FMP, to immediately publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that the FMP or amendment is available for public review and comment.

Amendment 102 to the BSAI FMP would revise the individual fishing quota program (IFQ Program) for the sablefish fisheries in the Aleutian Islands. The IFQ Program for the fixed-gear commercial fisheries for halibut and sablefish in waters in and off Alaska is a limited access privilege program implemented in 1995 (58 FR 59375, November 9, 1993). The IFQ Program limits access to the BSAI halibut and sablefish fisheries to those persons holding quota share (QS) in specific management areas. The amount of halibut and sablefish that each QS holder may harvest is calculated annually and issued as IFQ in pounds.

In 2002, the Council recommended revisions to IFQ Program regulations and policy to allow a non-profit entity to hold QS on behalf of residents of specific rural communities located adjacent to the coast of the GOA. NMFS implemented the Council's recommendations as Amendment 66 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA FMP) in 2004 (69 FR 23681, April 30, 2004). Amendment 66 implemented the community quota entity program (CQE Program) to allow these communities to form new non-profit organizations called CQEs to purchase catcher vessel QS under the IFQ Program. GOA CQEs that purchase QS on behalf of an eligible community may lease the resulting annual IFQ to fishermen who are residents of the community. The GOA CQE Program was developed to allow a distinct set of small, remote, coastal communities in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska to purchase halibut and sablefish QS for use by community residents in order to help minimize adverse economic impacts of the IFQ Program on such communities and provide for the sustained participation of the communities in the IFQ fisheries.

The Council recommended the CQE Program for the GOA, but not for