4. Consideration of Consensus Views, Proposals, or Option Papers
5. Future Meetings
6. Other Business.

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Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

May 7, 1998.

OPEN COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, May 14, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, May 14, 1998, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room 856, at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Common Carrier	Title: Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities. Summary: The Commission will consider action to amend its rules governing Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).
2	Wireless Telecommunications	Title: Implementation of Section 6002(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993; Annual Report of Analysis of Competitive Market Conditions With Respect to Commercial Mobile Services. Summary: The Commission will consider a Report fulfilling the requirement of 47 U.S.C. Section 332(c)(1)(c) (the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103–66, Title VI, Section 6002(b)), which directs the Commission to annually report on the state of competition with respect to commercial mobile radio services.
3	Office of Engineering and Technology; Common Carrier and International.	Title: 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Further Streamline the Equipment Authorization Process for Radio Frequency Equipment and to Implement Mutual Recognition Agreements; Amendment of part 68 of the Commission's Rules to Modify the Equipment Authorization Process for Telephone Terminal Equipment and to Implement Mutual Recognition Agreements; and Amendment of Part 25 of the Commission's Rules to Begin Implementation of the Global Mobile Personal Communications for Satellite (GMPCS) Arrangements. Summary: The Commission will consider proposed rules to 1) further streamline the equipment authorization process for radio frequency and telephone terminal equipment; 2) implement a Mutual Recognition agreement with the European Community and allow for similar agreements with other foreign governmental parties; and 3) set standards for the approval of equipment used in the Global Mobile Personal Communications by Satellite (GMPCS) service.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Public Affairs, 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.itsi.com.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 98–808]

Waiver of Business and Industrial/Land Transportation Channel Construction Requirements

1. On February 20, 1998, Southern Company (Southern) filed a Request for Waiver of Section 90.629 of the Commission's Rules to further extend the extended implementation period for its Business and Industrial Land Transportation (I/LT) Category channels that Southern has converted to commercial use. Southern, an electric utility holding company, operates an 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) system on Business and I/LT channels, and on a small number of SMR and General Category channels.[1] The channels were licensed between 1992 and 1994, and Southern received a five-year extended implementation period. In 1995, Southern, apparently by means of intercategory sharing, converted the Business and I/LT channels to commercial use. It has constructed and placed in operation all of the base stations, and sixty-five percent of the channels, for which it is licensed. Southern seeks to extend the implementation period for its Business and I/LT channels, which expires on May 20, 1999, for an additional five years or until the Commission auctions those channels, whichever is sooner.

2. In its Request for Waiver, Southern asserts that a further extension of the implementation period is necessary because the current implementation period is unduly burdensome, frustrates the purpose of our rules, and is contrary

[1] Pursuant to the recently completed auction of licenses for the upper 200 channels of the SMR Service in the 800 MHz band, on March 9, 1998, Southern was conditionally granted licenses for frequency block A in BEAs 74, 75, and 78–82. *See* FCC Announces the Corrected Conditional Grant of 800 MHz SMR Licenses, Public Notice No. DA 98–482 (released March 10, 1998).