

(i) *Location.* All waters of the Willamette River bounded by the Hawthorne Bridge to the north, Marquam Bridge to the south, and shoreline to the east and west.

(ii) *Expected date.* One day in late August.

**(8) Fort Vancouver Celebrate America Fireworks Display, Vancouver, WA.**

(i) *Location.* All waters of the Columbia River bounded by 1000 feet of water to the north, shoreline to the south, Interstate Five Bridge to the west and 1000 feet of water to the east of the fireworks launching barge which is centered at 45°36.500' N, 122°40.220' W.

(ii) *Expected date.* One day in late October.

(b) *Regulations.* In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, no person or vessel may enter or remain in this zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representatives.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

**Paul D. Jewell,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

**[COTP Prince William Sound 02-011]**

**RIN 2115-AA97**

#### Security Zone; Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, AK

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking.

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**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) is to amend the Collection of Information (COI) section of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) preamble for "Security Zone; Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, AK" (NPRM), 67 FR 65074 (Oct. 23, 2002). The original notice proposed new COI requirements that must be included. The original NPRM is reprinted in its entirety for the convenience of the public. The Coast Guard proposes establishing a security zone encompassing the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Valdez Terminal Complex, Valdez, Alaska and TAPS Tank Vessels and a security zone in the Valdez Narrows, Port Valdez, Alaska.

The security zones are necessary to protect the Alyeska Marine Terminal and Vessels from damage or injury from sabotage, destruction or other subversive acts. Entry of vessels into these security zones is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound, Alaska. **DATES:** Comments on the COI section of this SNPRM and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before May 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments and related material to U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, P.O. Box 486, Valdez, Alaska 99686. Marine Safety Office Valdez, AK, maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Valdez, AK between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lt. Chris Beadle, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Valdez, Alaska, at (907) 835-7222.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and material related to the new COI section only. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (COTP Prince William Sound 02-011), indicate that you would like to comment on the new COI section, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know that your submission reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them. During the comment period for the NPRM which expired on December 23, 2002 we received no comments. Comments for this SNPRM should address the revised COI section addressed by this SNPRM.

##### Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to Marine Safety Office Valdez at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine

that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Background and Purpose

This rulemaking amends the COI section of the NPRM preamble for "Security Zone; Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, AK" (NPRM), 67 FR 65074 (Oct. 23, 2002). The comment period for 67 FR 65074 (Oct. 23, 2002) has run and the original NPRM is reprinted in its entirety for the convenience of the public and is identical to that in the original NPRM. The preamble is also identical to that found in 67 FR 65074 (Oct. 23, 2002) with the exception of the new COI Section. Accordingly, comment on this SNPRM will be limited to the supplemental information contained in the COI section of the preamble. The Coast Guard is taking this action for the immediate protection of the national security interests in light of terrorist acts perpetrated on September 11, 2001. The port of Valdez is a vital national commercial port, supporting the transfer and transport of a significant percentage of oil used in the United States. As such, it is crucial that actions be taken to protect the flow of commerce from possible terrorist or subversive acts designed to damage maritime facilities and vessels transiting to and from the Port of Valdez. The proposed rule would replace existing regulations in 33 CFR 165.1701 and the temporary rule issued in July, which will expire December 31, 2002, that created temporary § 165.T17-010, entitled "Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, Alaska." The proposed rule would work to safely control the flow of commercial traffic and protect vital maritime facilities by creating security zones and check-in procedures designed to identify threats for response by appropriate law enforcement resources.

On November 7, 2001, we published three temporary final rules in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 56208, 56210, 56212) that created security zones effective through June 1, 2002. The section numbers and titles for these security zone regulations are—

§ 165.T17-003—Security zone; Trans-Alaska Pipeline Valdez Terminal Complex, Valdez, Alaska,

§ 165.T17-004—Security zone; Port Valdez, and

§ 165.T17-005—Security zones; Captain of the Port Zone, Prince William Sound, Alaska.

On June 4, 2002, we published a temporary final rule (67 FR 38389) that established security zones to replace those security zones that expired June 1,

2002. That rule issued in June, which expired July 30, 2002, created temporary § 165.T17–009, entitled “Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, Alaska”.

On July 26, 2002, we published a temporary final rule (67 FR 49582–84) that established security zones to replace temporary § 165.T17–009 that expired July 30, 2002. That rule issued in July, which expired December 31, 2002, creating temporary § 165.T17–010, entitled “Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, Alaska”. This proposed rule removed the temporary security zones in § 165.T17–010 and added permanent security zones in a new 33 CFR 165.1701.

On October 23, 2002, we published a NPRM (67 FR 65074) designed to permanently add the permanent security zones in a new 33 CFR § 165.1701. This supplemental rule would remove the temporary security zones in § 165.T17–010 and add permanent security zones in a new 33 CFR 165.1701.

During the comment period for the NPRM which expired on December 23, 2002 we received no comments.

#### Discussion of Proposed Rule

This proposed rule would establish three security zones in new 33 CFR 165.1701(a) and move the current safety zone in existing 33 CFR 165.1701 to new 33 CFR 165.1701(b). This proposed rule also would establish procedures for vessel entry into the security zones for management of the natural resources administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

The Trans-Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Valdez Marine Terminal security zone encompasses the waters of Port Valdez between Allison Creek to the east and Sawmill Spit to the west and offshore to marker buoys A and B (approximately 1.5 nautical miles offshore from the TAPS Terminal). The Tanker Moving security zone encompasses the waters within 200 yards of a TAPS Tanker within the Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound Zone. The Valdez Narrows security zone encompasses the waters 200 yards either side of the Tanker Optimum Trackline through Valdez Narrows between Entrance Island and Tongue Point. This zone is enforced only when a TAPS Tanker is in the zone. The TAPS safety zone encompasses all waters within 200 yards of on shore and off shore facilities of the TAPS Terminal and is a safety buffer between potentially hazardous terminal operating areas and areas to which vessels may be permitted entry by the Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound, during State of Alaska

managed fisheries openings and/or closings.

The Coast Guard has worked closely with local and regional users of Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows waterways to develop these security zones and the NPRM in order to mitigate the impact on commercial and recreational users. The limited size of the terminal security zone is designed to minimize impact on mariners while ensuring public safety by preventing interference with terminal operations. The Tank Vessel moving vessel security zone and the Valdez Narrows security zone will be enforced only while vessels are transiting the area and are designed to provide a safe operating distance while minimizing threats to tanker operations.

#### Regulatory Evaluation

This proposed rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security. We expect the economic impact of this proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is unnecessary. This finding is based on the limited size of the zones and the limited duration of the Tank Vessel moving security and Valdez Narrows security zone. Additionally, vessels will not be precluded from transiting and operating in these areas as The Captain of The Port will consider requests for entry on a case-by-case basis and requests for entry will be approved as appropriate. Those desiring to transit the area of the security zone must contact the Captain of the Port under the provisions of proposed 33 CFR 165.1701(d).

#### Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic

impact on a substantial number of small entities. The proposed rule would affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: The owners and operators of commercial fishing vessels and native subsistence fishermen. Some of the areas that these entities might desire to use for fishing may fall within the security zones. However, The Captain of The Port will consider requests for entry into the security zone on a case-by-case basis and requests for entry will be approved as appropriate; therefore, it is likely that very few, if any, small entities will be impacted by this rule.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

#### Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the proposed rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Lt. Chris Beadle, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Valdez, Alaska, (907) 835–7222.

#### Collection of Information

This proposed rule contains information collection requirements that have not been approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This proposed rule would modify an existing collection of information requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). As defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(c), “collection of information” comprises reporting, recordkeeping, monitoring, posting, labeling, and other similar actions. The title and description of the information collection, a description of those who must collect the information, and an estimate of the total annual burden follow. The estimate covers the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing sources of data, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection.

**Title:** Ports and Waterways Safety.  
**OMB Control Number:** 2115–0540.

**Summary of the Collection of Information:** The Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound Alaska requires information on vessel owners and operators, and their vessels, desiring to enter into the security zone around the Trans Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Alyeska Valdez Marine Terminal.

**Need for Information:** To ensure port and vessel safety and security and to ensure the State of Alaska natural resource agencies are able to manage State of Alaska regulated fisheries.

**Proposed Use of Information:** This information is required to control vessel traffic, develop contingency plans, and enforce regulations.

**Description of the Respondents:** The respondents are owners, operators, or persons in charge of non TAPS vessels operating in the vicinity of the Trans Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Alyeska Valdez Marine Terminal.

**Number of Respondents:** The existing OMB-approved collection number of respondents is 1,339. This proposed rule would increase the number of respondents by 20 to a total of 1,359.

**Frequency of Response:** The existing OMB-approved collection annual number of responses is 1,339. This rule will increase the number of responses by 20 to a total of 1,359.

**Burden of Response:** The existing OMB-approved collection burden of response is 2 and ¼ hours. This proposed rule would not change the burden of response because it will take less time for the responders to complete this response. Their vessels and crew are smaller.

**Estimate of Total Annual Burden:** The existing OMB-approved collection total annual burden is 2,929 hours. This proposed rule would increase the total annual burden by 20 hours to a total of 2,949 hours.

We ask for public comment on the collection of information to help us determine how useful the information is; whether it can help us perform our functions better; whether it is readily available elsewhere; how accurate our estimate of the burden of collection is; how valid our methods for determining burden are; how we can improve the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information; and how we can minimize the burden of collection.

If you submit comments on the collection of information, submit them both to OMB and to the Docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**, by the date under **DATES**.

You need not respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number from OMB. The existing OMB-approved

collection is valid until September 30, 2003.

#### Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

#### Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

#### Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

#### Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

#### Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

#### Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the

Federal Government and Indian tribes. We invite your comments on how this proposed rule might impact tribal governments, even if that impact may not constitute a “tribal implication” under the Order.

#### Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. It has not been designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

#### Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation since implementation of this action will not result in any inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or Local laws or administrative determinations relating to the environment. A “Categorical Exclusion Determination” is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

#### PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

#### § 165.T17–013 [Removed]

2. Remove § 165.T17–013
3. Revise § 165.1701 to read as follows:

**§ 165.1701 Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, Alaska—security and safety zones.**

(a) *Security Zone Locations.* The following areas are security zones:

(1) *Trans-Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Valdez Terminal complex (Terminal), Valdez, Alaska and TAPS Tank Vessels.* All waters enclosed within a line beginning on the southern shoreline of Port Valdez at 61°04'57" N, 146°26'20" W; thence northerly to 61°06'30" N, 146°26'20" W; thence east to 61°06'30" N, 146°21'15" W; thence south to 61°05'07" N, 146°21'15" W; thence west along the shoreline and including the area 2000 yards inland along the shoreline to the beginning point. This security zone encompasses all waters approximately 1 mile north, east and west of the TAPS Terminal between Allison Creek (61°05'07" N, 146°21'15" W) and Sawmill Spit (61°04'57" N, 146°26'20" W).

(2) *Tank Vessel Moving Security Zone.* All waters within 200 yards of any TAPS tank vessel maneuvering to approach, moor, unmoor or depart the TAPS Terminal or transiting, maneuvering, laying to or anchored within the boundaries of the Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound Zone described in 33 CFR 3.85(b).

(3) *Valdez Narrows, Port Valdez, Valdez, Alaska.* All waters within 200 yards of the Valdez Narrows Tanker Optimum Track line bounded by a line beginning at 61°05'6.0" N, 146°37'20.0" W; thence south west to 61°04'00.0" N, 146°39'52.0" W; thence southerly to 61°02'33.5" N, 146°41'28.0" W; thence north west to 61°02'40.5" N, 146°41'47.5" W; thence north east to 61°04'06.0" N, 146°40'14.5" W; thence north east to 61°05'23.0" N, 146°37'40.0" W; thence south east back to the starting point at 61°05'16.0" N, 146°37'20.0" W.

(i) The Valdez Narrows Tanker Optimum Track line is a line commencing at 61°05'23.0" N, 146°37'22.5" W; thence south westerly to 61°04'03.2" N, 146°40'03.2" W; thence southerly to 61°03'00" N, 146°41'12" W.

(ii) This security zone encompasses all waters approximately 200 yards either side of the Valdez Narrows Optimum Track line.

(b) *The following location is a safety zone:* all waters within 200 yards of the shore and offshore facilities of the TAPS Terminal between Allison Creek (61°05'07" N, 146°21'15" W) and Sawmill Spit (61°04'57" N, 146°26'20" W).

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Entry into or remaining in these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Prince William

Sound via the request process set out in paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) For the purposes of this section, paragraphs (a), (e), and (f) of § 165.33 do not apply to the following vessels or individuals legally on board those vessels:

(i) Public vessels of the United States; and

(ii) Vessels engaged in the movement of oil from the TAPS terminal or fuel to the TAPS terminal and that have reported their movements to the Vessel Traffic Service or vessels that are performing work at the TAPS Terminal including, but not limited to tugs, oil spill response vessels, boom boats, security and safety vessels.

(3) *Enforcement of Valdez Narrows security zone.* Section 165.33(a) will not be enforced in the Valdez Narrows security zone, described in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, except when a tank vessel greater than 20,000 DWT is in the Valdez Narrows security zone. Vessels must stay clear of the Valdez Narrows security zone when a transiting tank vessel approaches the Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area from the vicinity of Entrance Island to the north and Tongue Point to the south of Valdez Narrows. The Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area is depicted as the purple dashed lines on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chart 16707 and is described in § 161.60(b) of this subchapter.

(4) Vessels other than those described in paragraph (c)(2) of this section desiring access to the security and safety zones set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall secure permission from the Captain of the Port under the procedures listed in paragraph (d).

(d) *Permits.* (1) The Captain of the Port may allow access to the security and safety zones in order to encourage utilization of natural resources, promote tourism and provide for other reasonable use consistent with the needs of security and safety within Port Valdez and Prince William Sound. Vessels desiring access must obtain a permit from the Captain of the Port in the following manner:

(2) Applicants must submit an application via written request to the Captain of the Port at least 48 hours prior to the desired time of entry into a security or safety zone. Applications submitted less than 48 hours prior to the desired time of entry may be accepted by the Captain of the Port on a case by case basis. The written request must:

(i) Demonstrate good cause for entry into a security or safety zone.

(ii) Describe the vessel(s) entering (including name, visible identifying

numbers, markings, etc.) and times/dates of entry.

(iii) Provide certification that all crew members and other persons on board are U.S. citizens or provide names and identifying information on all non-U.S. citizens (passport, etc.) and certification that all other crew and other persons on board are U.S. citizens.

(iv) Provide a name and contact information for the applicant or the applicant's designated point of contact.

(v) If the application is submitted less than 48 hours prior to the desired entry into a security or safety zone it must provide the reason the applicant was unable to meet the 48 hour deadline. The Captain of the Port may consider circumstances beyond the applicant's control as acceptable for relief from the 48 hour deadline. "Beyond the applicant's control" may include, but is not limited to, short notice fishing openers, gear retrieval for short notice fishing closures or other actions by state or federal wildlife or natural resources management agencies. If an application does not meet the 48 hour deadline and is not accepted, the Captain of the Port shall provide the reason(s) why the application is denied in a written response to the applicant.

(vi) Applications may be delivered in person or by mail to Captain of the Port, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, P.O. Box 486, 105 Clifton Drive, Valdez, Alaska, 99686-0486.

(3) Upon approval the Captain of the Port shall issue a letter permitting access to a security zone specifying time(s)/date(s) of entry, check-in, check-out and emergency vacate procedures. This letter shall be carried aboard the vessel and presented upon request to any on-scene patrol personnel of the Coast Guard.

(4) The Captain of the Port may require a permit to monitor certain radio frequencies, display special visual signals such as flags or markers, enter and depart at specific locations and undergo a vessel examination prior to entry into any security or safety zone.

(5) All persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port and the designated on-scene patrol personnel. These personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard. Upon being hailed by a vessel displaying a U.S. Coast Guard ensign, by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, or by on-scene Coast Guard patrol personnel, the operator of the vessel shall proceed as directed. Coast Guard Auxiliary and local or state agencies may be present to inform vessel operators of the requirements of this section and other

applicable laws. Coast Guard Auxiliary and local or state agencies and may have on board their vessels Coast Guard patrol personnel.

(e) *Authority.* In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 49 CFR 1.46, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

Dated: March 5, 2003.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 64

[CG Docket No. 96-146; DA 03-807]

#### The Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Seeks Comments To Refresh Record on Rules Governing Interstate Pay-per-Call and Other Information Services

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** On July 11, 1996, the Commission released a document which amended the Commission's rules governing interstate pay-per-call and other information services to conform with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). Through amendments to section 228, the 1996 Act addressed abusive practices that threatened public confidence in toll-free numbers and left telephone subscribers vulnerable to unexpected charges for calls and information services. The rule amendments were designed to comply with this statutory mandate. 47 CFR 64.1501 *et seq.* The Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposed new rules to correct abuses involving presubscribed information services and the use of 800 numbers and other toll free numbers to charge subscribers for information services. In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission proposed limited modifications to the Commission's rules which contain our presubscription definition, toll-free number limitations, and billing requirements. Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 11 FCC Rcd at 14752-56, paras. 42-48. We also sought comment on whether additional regulations were necessary to protect consumers from certain practices by common carriers involved in transmitting interstate information services that could be interpreted as not being just and reasonable under section 201(b) of the Communications Act. We now seek comment to refresh the record regarding issues outlined in the Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in 1996.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before May 12, 2003 and reply comments are due on or before May 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. See Supplementary Information for filing instructions.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Calvin Osborne, Policy Division, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, (202) 418-2512.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice released March 17, 2003. On July 11, 1996, the Commission released an Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 61 FR 39107, July 26, 1996, which, among other things, amended the Commission's rules governing interstate pay-per-call and other information services to conform with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). Through amendments to section 228, the 1996 Act addressed abusive practices that threatened public confidence in toll-free numbers and left telephone subscribers vulnerable to unexpected charges for calls and information services. The rule amendments were designed to comply with this statutory mandate. 47 CFR 64.1501 *et seq.* The Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposed new rules to correct abuses involving presubscribed information services and the use of 800 numbers and other toll free numbers to charge subscribers for information services. In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission proposed limited modifications to the Commission's rules which contain our presubscription definition, toll-free number limitations, and billing requirements. Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 11 FCC Rcd at 14752-56, paras. 42-48. We also sought comment on whether additional regulations were necessary to protect consumers from certain practices by common carriers involved in transmitting interstate information services that could be interpreted as not being just and reasonable under section 201(b) of the Communications Act. We now seek comment to refresh the record regarding the issues outlined in the Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Pursuant to 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before May 12, 2003, and reply to comments on or before May 27, 2003. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must

transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Parties who choose to file comments by paper must file an original and four copies with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary. Comments may also be filed using the Commission's Electronic Filing System, which can be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>.

Federal Communications Commission.

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