

**Comment Dates**

14. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before July 23, 1997, and reply comments on or before August 20, 1997. To file formally in this proceeding, participants must file an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments and supporting comments. If participants want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of their comments, an original plus ten copies must be filed. Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

**Ordering Clauses**

15. This Notice of Inquiry is issued pursuant to authority contained in Sections 4(i), 4(j), 403 and 628(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 76**

Cable television.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget**

July 10, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

**Federal Communications Commission**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0781.

*Expiration Date:* 01/31/98.

*Title:* Universal Service Data Request.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10 respondents; 488 hours per response (avg.); 4880 total annual burden hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time requirement.

*Description:* Pursuant to Congress's directive in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) that the Commission establish support mechanisms to ensure the delivery of affordable telecommunications services to all Americans, the Commission determined on May 8, 1997 that universal service support for rural, insular, and high cost areas should be based on forward-looking economic costs. We stated that we will issue a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to seek comment on the forward-looking economic cost mechanism we should adopt for non-rural LECs, and that we will adopt a mechanism by August 1998. The Universal Service Data request seeks from the Regional Holding Companies, GTE, Sprint Corporation, Anchorage Telephone Utility, and Puerto Rico Telephone Company specific information that is necessary to evaluate and compare the forward-looking economic cost models submitted by industry members for the Commission's review, and to adopt a mechanism to estimate the forward-looking economic costs that non-rural LECs will incur to provide universal service in rural, insular, and high cost areas. The data request solicits information on the following subjects: Loops, loop length studies; subscriber line usage studies; basic residential service offerings; apportionment of cable costs; installation cost data for cable facilities; subscriber utilization studies; structure-sharing percentages; multi-line residential customers; poles; detailed continuing property records; digital switches; contracts with switching manufacturers; digital line carrier devices; drop lines; maintenance expenses; riser cable; residential, single-line businesses, and multi-line business customers; miles served by wire center; cost of land and buildings; and contracts with digital line carrier manufacturers. The Commission will use the information collected in the data request to evaluate forward-looking economic cost models, to adopt a mechanism to estimate the forward-looking economic costs that non-rural LECs will incur to provide universal service in rural, insular, and high cost areas, and to determine the inputs for such a mechanism. Response is mandatory.

Public reporting burden for the collection of information is as noted

above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[DA 97-1453]

**Cable Services Action; Commission Postpones En Banc Hearing On Industry Proposal for Rating Video Programming**

July 10, 1997.

In light of the announced agreement to modify the joint proposal describing a voluntary system for rating video programming submitted to the Commission on January 17, 1997 by the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Cable Television Association and the Motion Picture Association of America ("the industry proposal"), the Commission has postponed its en banc hearing on: (1) the industry proposal; and (2) video programming blocking technology. The en banc hearing was scheduled for July 14, 1997. The hearing will be rescheduled. The current reply comment date in CS Docket No. 97-55 of July 28, 1997 is cancelled.

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*TV Ratings contacts:* Rick Chessen or Meryl S. Icovie (202) 418-7200; Charles Logan (202) 418-2130.

*V-chip Technology contact:* Rick Engelman (202) 418-2157.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION****Request for Additional Information**

*Agreement No.:* 203-011578.

*Title:* FANAL/FESCO Chartering and Cooperative Working Agreement.

*Parties:* Ocean Management, Inc. D/B/A FESCO Australia North America Line ("FANAL"), Far Eastern Shipping Co., Ltd. ("FESCO").

*Synopsis:* Notice is hereby given that the Federal Maritime Commission