

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:***Open Session*

1. Announcement of Notation Votes,
2. Panel discussion on Charge Processing and Mediation, and
3. Panel discussion on Outreach, Education and Technical Assistance.

**Note:** Any matter not discussed or concluded may be carried over to a later meeting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.) Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTD) at any time for information on these meetings. Contact Person for More Information: Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

**Frances M. Hart,**

*Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[CC Docket 96-45, 97-160; DA 98-1055; APD No. 98-1]

**Forward-Looking Cost Studies for Universal Service Support; Request for Comments**

Released: June 4, 1998.

1. In the *Universal Service Order*, 62 FR 32862 (June 17, 1997), the Commission determined that federal universal service high cost support should be based on forward-looking economic cost.<sup>1</sup> In this Public Notice, we seek comment on whether the cost studies submitted by individual states meet the Commission's specified criteria. In addition, we seek comment on Ameritech Michigan's request for waiver of the Commission's authorized ranges of economic lives and future net salvage percentages used to calculate depreciation expenses. Comments from interested parties are due on or before June 25, 1998, and reply comments are due on or before July 9, 1998.

**Background**

2. In the *Universal Service Order*, the Commission adopted a plan for universal service support for rural, insular, and high cost areas that will replace existing implicit federal subsidies with explicit, competitively neutral federal universal service support mechanisms.<sup>2</sup> The Commission

determined that, beginning January 1, 1999, non-rural carriers will receive support based on the forward-looking economic cost of providing the supported services. The Commission concluded that states could submit forward-looking economic cost studies as the basis for calculating federal universal service high cost support for non-rural carriers in lieu of using the federal mechanism selected by the Commission.<sup>3</sup> The Commission adopted specific criteria to guide the states as they conducted those studies.<sup>4</sup> In a Public Notice released February 27, 1998, the Commission stated its intent to review each cost study submitted by a state, along with all applicable comments, in determining whether the state cost study complies with the criteria established in the *Universal Service Order*.<sup>5</sup>

**Issues for Comment**

3. On May 26, 1998, the following states submitted forward-looking cost studies to be used in lieu of the federal mechanism for determining federal universal service high cost support: Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and South Carolina. We seek comment on whether these cost studies meet the criteria specified in the *Universal Service Order* and, therefore, should be approved by the Commission for use in calculating federal support for non-rural carriers in rural, insular, and high cost areas in those states. To the extent that information and data relating to the state cost studies has been provided electronically to the Commission, it will be available for review via the Internet, beginning June 8, 1998, at [http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/cost\\_studies](http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/cost_studies).

4. We also seek comment on the request for waiver filed by Ameritech Michigan relating to the cost study submitted for use in Michigan. Specifically, Ameritech Michigan requests that the Commission waive the requirement established in criterion 5 of the *Universal Service Order* that economic lives and future net salvage percentages used to calculate depreciation expenses must be within Commission authorized ranges.<sup>6</sup> Ameritech notes that "11 of the 15 plant

categories used in the [Michigan] universal service cost study fall outside the FCC life ranges." <sup>7</sup>

**Procedure for Filing**

5. Comments should reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160 and must include the DA number and APD number shown on this Public Notice. Interested parties must file an original and five copies of their comments with the Office of Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room 222, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should send three copies of their comments to Sheryl Todd, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2100 M. St. NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should send one copy of their comments to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

6. Commenters may also file informal comments or an exact copy of formal comments electronically via the Internet at [bclopton@fcc.gov](mailto:bclopton@fcc.gov). Only one copy of electronically-filed comments must be submitted. A commenter must note whether an electronic submission is an exact copy of formal comments on the subject line. A commenter also must include its full name and Postal Service mailing address in its submission.

7. Parties are also asked to submit their comments and reply comments on diskette. Such diskette submissions are in addition to and not a substitute for the formal filing requirements addressed above. Parties submitting diskettes should submit them to Bryan Clopton of the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2100 M Street, NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible form using WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows or compatible software. The diskette should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labelled with the party's name, proceeding, type of pleading (comment or reply comments) and date of submission. Each diskette should contain only one party's comments in a single electronic file. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter.

<sup>7</sup> Ameritech Request for Waiver filed May 26, 1998 at 1-2. The Michigan Public Service Commission noted that by approving the Ameritech Michigan study, it was neither explicitly or implicitly seeking a waiver of the criterion 5 requirement on behalf of Ameritech. *In the matter of application of Ameritech Michigan, Before the Michigan Public Service Commission*, Case No. U-11635 at 5 (May 11, 1998).

<sup>1</sup> Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report & Order*, CC Docket No. 96-45, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 8899 paras. 224-25, (1997) (*Universal Service Order*) 62 FR 32862 (June 17, 1997).

<sup>2</sup> *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8888-8951.

<sup>3</sup> *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8912 para. 248.

<sup>4</sup> *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8913-8916 para. 250.

<sup>5</sup> State Forward-Looking Cost Studies for Federal Universal Service Support, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, DA 98-217, *Public Notice* (rel. Feb. 27, 1998) at 1.

<sup>6</sup> *Universal Service Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 8914 para. 250.

8. Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR. 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

9. For further information, please contact: Katie King, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-7400.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Lisa Gelb,**

*Chief, Accounting Policy Division.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Additional Item to be Considered at Open Meeting Thursday, June 11, 1998

June 5, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission will consider an additional item on the subject listed below at the Open Meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 11, 1998, at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1 .....	Cable services.	Title: Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices (CS Docket No. 97-80). Summary: The Commission will consider action concerning implementation of Section 629 of the Communications Act.

The prompt and orderly conduct of the Commission business requires that less than 7-days notice be given consideration of this additional item.

Action by the Commission June 4, 1998, Chairman Kennard and Commissioners Ness, Furchtgott-Roth, Powell and Tristani voting to consider these items.

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>.

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. For information on this service call (703) 993-3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770; and from Conference Call USA (available only outside the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area), telephone 1-800-962-0044. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-0100; fax number (703) 834-0111.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2280]

### Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

June 2, 1998.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification has been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room 239, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed June 25, 1998. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rule (47 CFR 1.4(b)(2)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

*Subject:* Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network

Information and other Customer Information (CC Docket No. 96-115).

Implementation of the Non-Accounting Safeguards of Sections 271 and 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (CC Docket 98-149).

*Number of Petitions filed:* 27.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

*Am-Trans Forwarding*, 10264 Briar Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77042

*Officers:* Sylvia Reyes, Sole Proprietor.

*Cargo Brokers International Midwest, Inc.*, 4915 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207

*Officers:* Goetz W. Steinmetz, President, Armin A. Ruddies, Vice President.

*Lufran International Corp.*, 7852 N. W. 72 Avenue, Medley, FL 33166

*Officer:* Luis J. Francisco, President.

*CSL Group Inc.*, 13310 E. Firestone Blvd., #C2, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

*Officers:* Amy Cook, President, William Sun, Vice President.

*Export Container Line Inc.*, 601 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ 08202

*Officer:* Belinda E. Richardson, Branch Manager.

*Round The World Exports*, 213 Lynnhaven Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212, Cynthia A. Keefe, Sole Proprietor.

Dated: June 5, 1998.

**Joseph C. Polking,**

*Secretary.*

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