III. Procedural Requirements

A. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) generally requires agencies to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute, unless the agency certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Council hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, for the following reasons.

This final rule only affects those Gulf Coast States that are eligible recipients of these funds, and States are not considered ''small entities'' under the Regulatory Flexibility Act. For two Gulf Coast States, Alabama and Florida, the Act mandates that entities not officially part of the Executive Office of the State's government develop the SEPs. The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, in the context of the Act, serves as an administrative agent of the State of Alabama, so the effects of this rule are still directed solely at the State. For the State of Florida, while the Gulf Consortium of counties is tasked with developing the SEP, it is a consortium of 23 counties with a total population of greater than 50,000. As such, neither entity is considered ''small entities'' under the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Additionally, while this final rule describes procedures concerning the allocation and expenditure of amounts from the Trust Fund under the Spill Impact Component, most of these requirements come from the RESTORE Act itself or other Federal law. The RESTORE Act determines the statutory minimum percentage of funds available to the Gulf Coast States under the Spill Impact Component.

Because no small entities will be impacted by this final rule, no initial regulatory flexibility analysis is required, and none has been prepared.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

The collections of information contained in this final rule would at most require submissions of grant paperwork from five entities (four of the Gulf Coast States, or their administrative agents, and the Gulf Consortium) below the threshold requirement for application of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)). As such, any request for information under this final rule is not considered a ''collection of information'' subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

C. Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

As an independent federal entity that is composed of, in part, six federal agencies, including the Departments of Agriculture, the Army, Commerce, and the Interior, the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the requirements of Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 are inapplicable to this final rule.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 1800

Coastal zone, Fisheries, Grant programs, Grants administration, Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund, Gulf RESTORE Program, Intergovernmental relations, Marine resources, Natural resources, Oil pollution, Research, Science and technology, Trusts, Wildlife.

Dated: December 8, 2014.

Justin R. Ehrenwerth,

Executive Director, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council amends 40 CFR chapter VIII, by revising part 1800 to read as follows:

PART 1800—SPILL IMPACT COMPONENT

Subpart A—Definitions

Sec.
1800.1 Definitions.

Subpart B—Minimum Allocation Available for Planning Purposes

Sec.
1800.10 Purpose.
1800.20 Minimum allocation available for planning purposes.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(t).

Subpart A—Definitions

§ 1800.1 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Gulf Coast State means any of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Gulf Consortium means the consortium of Florida counties formed to develop the Florida State Expenditure Plan pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1321(t)(3)(B)(iii)(II).

Minimum allocation means the amount made available to each Gulf Coast State which totals at least five percent of the total allocation made available under the Spill Impact Component.

RESTORE Act means the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.

Spill Impact Component means the component of the Gulf RESTORE program authorized by section 311(t)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(t)(3)), as added by section 1603 of the Act, in which Gulf Coast States are provided funds by the Council according to a formula that the Council establishes by regulation, using criteria listed in the Act.

State Expenditure Plan means the plan for expenditure of amounts disbursed under the Spill Impact Component that each Gulf Coast State must submit to the Council for approval.

Subpart B—Minimum Allocation Available for Planning Purposes

§ 1800.10 Purpose.

This subpart establishes that up to the statutory minimum allocation (five percent) is available under the Spill Impact Component of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) (Pub. L. 112–141, 126 Stat. 405, 588–607) for planning purposes associated with development of a State Expenditure Plan.

§ 1800.20 Minimum allocation available for planning purposes.

A Gulf Coast State or its administrative agent, or the Gulf Consortium, may apply to the Council for a grant to use the minimum allocation available under the Spill Impact Component of the RESTORE Act for planning purposes. These planning purposes are limited to development of a State Expenditure Plan, and includes conceptual design and feasibility studies related to specific projects. It does not include engineering and environmental studies related to specific projects. It also does not include any pre-award costs incurred prior to August 22, 2014.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1, 51 and 63

[GC Docket No. 10–44; FCC 14–183]

Amendment of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure; Electronic Filing of Domestic Section 214 Applications and Notices of Network Changes

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission amends procedural rules to require electronic filing through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) for three common types of wireline proceedings: applications for authorization of domestic transfers of control; applications for authorization to discontinue, reduce, or impair a service; and notices of network changes. The rules establish three electronic inboxes within ECFS to handle the initial filing of the above-identified applications and notices, which have previously been filed only on paper. Accepted applications and notices will receive a distinct ECFS docket number. The Commission expects to continue to expand capabilities for online filing and intends to work toward the goal of providing such capabilities for every type of filing that the public might submit.

DATES: Effective February 12, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jodie May, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, *Jodie.May@fcc.gov,* (202) 418–0913; Rodney McDonald, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, *Rodney.McDonald@fcc.gov,* (202) 418–7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order, FCC 14–183, GC Docket No. 10–44, adopted on November 19, 2014 and released on November 26, 2014. The complete text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (800) 378–3160 or (202) 863–2893, facsimile (202) 863–2898, or via the Internet at *http://www.bcpiweb.com.* It is available on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.fcc.gov.*

Summary

The *Order* revises several sections of 47 CFR parts 1, 51, and 63. The rule changes will facilitate and enhance public participation in Commission domestic 214 and network change notification proceedings, thereby making the Commission's decision-making process more efficient, modern, and transparent.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The actions taken in the *Order* do not require notice and comment, and therefore fall outside the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601(2); 603(a), as amended. We nonetheless anticipate that the rules we adopt today will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. As described above, the rules relate to our internal procedures and do not impose new substantive responsibilities on regulated entities. There is no reason to believe that operation of the revised rules will impose significant costs on parties to Commission proceedings. To the contrary, we take today's actions with the expectation that, overall, they will make dealings with the Commission quicker, easier, and less costly for entities of all sizes.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Although the rule sections affected by this proceeding have information collections associated with them, the Office of Management and Budget has determined that, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified at 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), these changes are not substantive in nature and will not result in any new or modified information collections.

Congressional Review Act

The Commission will send a copy of the *Order* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

Ordering Clause

Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 214, and 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 214, 251, that the rules set forth *are adopted,* effective February 12, 2015.

It is further ordered, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 214, and 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 214, 251, and § 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.3, that, effective upon release of the *Order,* §§ 1.49, 51.329, 63.52, 63.53, 63.63, 63.71, 47 CFR 1.49, 51.329, 63.52, 63.53, 63.63, 63.71, are WAIVED to the extent necessary to permit online electronic filing in accordance with the processes discussed in this Order. This waiver is effective upon release of the *Order* and until the effective date of the rule changes ordered in the previous paragraph.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR parts 1, 51 and 63

Administrative practice and procedure; Communications common carriers; Interconnection; Telecommunications.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR parts 1, 51 and 63 as follows:

PART 1—PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

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

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 79 *et seq.;* 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 157, 225, 227, 303(r), 309, 1403, 1404, 1451, and 1452.

■ 2. Section 1.49 is amended by revising paragraphs (f)(1)(iv) and (v), adding paragraphs (f)(1)(vi) through (viii), revising paragraph (f)(2) introductory text, and paragraphs (f)(2)(iii) and (iv), adding paragraph (f)(2)(v); redesignating paragraph (f)(3) as paragraph (f)(4), adding a new paragraph (f)(3), and revising the newly redesignated paragraph (f)(4) to read as follows:

§ 1.49 Specifications as to pleadings and documents.

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(1) * * *

(iv) Proceedings involving Over-the-Air Reception Devices;

(v) Common carrier certifications under § 54.314 of this chapter;

(vi) Domestic Section 214 transfer-of-control applications pursuant to §§ 63.52 and 63.53 of this chapter;

(vii) Domestic Section 214 discontinuance applications pursuant to §§ 63.63 and/or 63.71 of this chapter; and

(viii) Notices of network change and associated certifications pursuant to § 51.325 *et seq.* of this chapter.

(2) Unless required under paragraph (f)(1) of this section, in the following types of proceedings, all pleadings, including permissible ex parte submissions, notices of ex parte presentations, comments, reply comments, and petitions for reconsideration and replies thereto, may be filed in electronic format:

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(iii) Petition for rulemaking proceedings (except broadcast allotment proceedings);

(iv) Petition for forbearance proceedings; and

(v) Filings responsive to domestic section 214 transfers under § 63.03 of this chapter, section 214 discontinuances under § 63.71 of this chapter, and notices of network change under § 51.325 *et seq.* of this chapter.

(3) To further greater reliance on electronic filing wherever possible, the Bureaus and Offices, in coordination with the Managing Director, may provide to the public capabilities for electronic filing of additional types of pleadings notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter that may otherwise be construed as requiring such filings to be submitted on paper.

(4) For purposes of compliance with any prescribed pleading lengths, the length of any document filed in electronic form shall be equal to the length of the document if printed out and formatted according to the specifications of paragraph (a) of this section, or shall be no more than 250 words per page.

PART 51—INTERCONNECTION

■ 3. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sections 1–5, 7, 201–05, 207–09, 218, 220, 225–27, 251–54, 256, 271, 303(r), 332, 706 of the Telecommunication Act of 1996, 48 Stat. 1070, as amended, 1077; 47 U.S.C. 151–55, 157, 201–05, 207–09, 218, 220, 225–27, 251–54, 256, 271, 303(r), 332, 1302, 47 U.S.C. 157 *note,* unless otherwise noted.

■ 4. Section 51.329 is amended by revising paragraph (c)(2) to read as follows:

§ 51.329 Notice of network changes: Methods for providing notice.

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(c) * * *

(2) The incumbent LEC's public notice and any associated certifications shall be filed through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), using the ''Submit a Non-Docketed Filing'' module. All subsequent filings responsive to a notice may be filed using the Commission's ECFS under the docket number set forth in the Commission's public notice for the proceeding. Subsequent filings responsive to a notice also may be filed by sending one paper copy of the filing to ''Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554'' and one paper copy of the filing to ''Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554.'' For notices filed using the Commission's ECFS, the date on which the filing is received by that system will be considered the official filing date. For notices filed via paper copy, the date on which the filing is received by the Secretary or the FCC Mailroom is considered the official filing date. All subsequent filings responsive to a notice shall refer to the ECFS docket number assigned to the notice.

PART 63—EXTENSION OF LINES, NEW LINES, AND DISCONTINUANCE, REDUCTION, OUTAGE AND IMPAIRMENT OF SERVICE BY COMMON CARRIERS; AND GRANTS OF RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OPERATING AGENCY STATUS

■ 5. The authority citation for part 63 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 10, 11, 201–205, 214, 218, 403 and 651 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 160, 201–205, 214, 218, 403, and 571, unless otherwise noted.

■ 6. Section 63.52 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 63.52 Copies required; fees and filing periods for domestic authorizations.

(a) Applications filed under section 214 of the Communications Act for domestic authority must be filed electronically with the Commission through the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Each domestic transfer of control application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in subpart G of part 1 of this chapter.

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(c) Any interested party may file a petition to deny an application within the 30-day or other time period specified in paragraph (b) of this section. The petitioner shall serve a copy of such petition on the applicant via electronic mail or paper copy no later than the date of filing thereof with the Commission. The petition shall contain specific allegations of fact sufficient to show that the petitioner is a party in interest and that a grant of the application would be prima facie inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Such allegations of fact shall, except for those of which official notice may be taken, be supported by affidavit of a person or persons with personal knowledge thereof. The applicant may file an opposition to any petition to deny, and the petitioners may file a reply to such opposition (see § 1.45 of this chapter), and allegations of facts or denials thereof shall similarly be supported by affidavit. These responsive pleadings shall be served on the applicant or petitioners, as appropriate, and other parties to the proceeding.

■ 7. Section 63.53 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 63.53 Form.

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(b) Applications for domestic service under section 214 of the Communications Act must be filed electronically with the Commission. For applications filed electronically and subject to a processing fee it is not necessary to send the original or any copies with the fee payment. Unless specified otherwise all applications and other filings described in this section must be filed electronically through the ''Submit a Non-Docketed Filing'' module of the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. For information on electronic filing requirements, see the ECFS homepage at *http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.* See also § 63.52.

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■ 8. Section 63.63 is amended by revising paragraph (a) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 63.63 Emergency discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service.

(a) Application for authority for emergency discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of service shall be made by electronically filing an informal request through the ''Submit a Non-Docketed Filing'' module of the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. Such requests shall be made as soon as practicable but not later than 15 days in the case of public coast stations, or 65 days in all other cases, after the occurrence of the conditions which have occasioned the discontinuance, reduction, or impairment. The request shall make reference to this section and show the following:

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■ 9. Section 63.71 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(5)(i) and (ii), redesignating paragraphs (c) and (d) as paragraphs (d) and (e), and adding new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 63.71 Procedures for discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service by domestic carriers.

(a) * * *

(5) * * *

(i) If the carrier is non-dominant with respect to the service being discontinued, reduced or impaired, the notice shall state: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive

service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of (carrier's name). Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

(ii) If the carrier is dominant with respect to the service being discontinued, reduced or impaired, the notice shall state: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of (carrier's name). Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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(c) Discontinuance applications and all related attachments to the application filed under this section shall be filed through the ''Submit a Non-Docketed Filing'' module of the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 502

[GSAM Change 62; GSAR Case 2013–G503; Docket No. 2014–0018; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 3090–AJ52

General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR), Definitions in GSAR Part 502

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is issuing a final rule amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to move the definitions of words and terms from the regulatory text to the non-regulatory General Services Acquisition Manual (GSAM).

DATES: *Effective:* January 13, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Tsujimoto, Procurement Analyst, at 202–208–3585, or email at *james.tsujimoto@gsa.gov* for clarification of content. For information pertaining to the status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755. Please cite GSAR Case 2013–G503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion of Changes

The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to move the definitions from the regulatory GSAR to the non-regulatory General Services Acquisition Manual (GSAM). The definitions listed in GSAR section 502.101 pertain to internal operations only and not the general public. Thus, the definitions belong in the non-regulatory GSAM.

II. Public Comments Not Required

41 U.S.C. 1707, Publication of proposed regulations, applies to the publication of the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation. Paragraph (a)(1) of the statute requires that a procurement policy, regulation, procedure, or form (including amendment or modification thereof) must be published for public comment if it has either a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of the agency issuing the policy, regulation, procedure, or form, or has a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. This final rule is not required to be published for public comment because the definitions affect internal operations only. The change is solely within the discretion of the agency and has no impact on the public.

III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives; and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this rule because this final rule does not constitute a significant GSAR revision and 41 U.S.C. 1707 does not require publication for public comment.

V. Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not contain any information collection that requires additional approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 502

Government procurement.

Dated: January 7, 2015.

Jeffrey A. Koses,

Senior Procurement Executive, Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.

Therefore, GSA amends 48 CFR part 502 as set forth below:

PART 502 [REMOVED AND RESERVED]

■ 1. Accordingly, under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 486(c), amend 48 CFR Chapter 5 by removing and reserving part 502.

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