

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CCB/CPD File No. 98–30; DA 04–1903]

Notice of Dismissal of Petition for Declaratory Ruling on Interexchange Carrier “Rounding-Up” Practices

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document is a notification of dismissal of a petition for declaratory ruling in CCB/CPD File No. 98–30. The Commission on April 2, 2004, issued a Public Notice, DA 04–943, 69 FR 23756, April 30, 2004, asking parties to update the record regarding a petition for declaratory ruling on interexchange carrier “rounding-up” practices filed by Connie L. Smith on March 30, 1998. The parties that previously filed the petition and comments to the related Public Notice did not respond to the Commission’s request to refresh the record in this proceeding and expressed no intent to pursue the petition. As a result, any interested parties are hereby notified that the petition was dismissed on June 28, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Morris, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, (202) 418–2858.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 2004, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice requesting interested parties to the petition for declaratory ruling filed by Connie L. Smith (Petitioner) on March 30, 1998, CCB/CPD File No. 98–30, to file a supplemental notice indicating those issues that the parties still wish to be considered, 69 FR 23756, April 30, 2004. The notice was issued because the district court’s dismissal of the underlying litigation, and the Petitioner’s apparent decision not to pursue the matter before the Commission after the court’s decision, may have left no outstanding issues for the Commission to address.

The Public Notice further stated that the Commission would deem such petition withdrawn and would dismiss it unless parties indicated an intent to pursue the issues delineated in the petition for declaratory ruling no later than August 19, 2004. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2004, and comments were due on or before June 1, 2004, with reply comments due on or before June 14, 2004, 69 FR 23756, April 30, 2004. The Bureau did not receive any filings that responded to the notice within this time

frame from parties that had previously filed the petition for declaratory ruling or submitted comments in response to the related Public Notice. As a result, the Commission on June 28, 2004, issued a Public Notice of Dismissal of Petition for Declaratory Ruling, DA 04–1903, in CCB/CPD File No. 98–30.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[RM–10803]

Broadcasters’ Services to Their Local Communities

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission will hold a Localism Task Force hearing in Monterey, California, on July 21, 2004. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters’ service to their local communities. An important focus of the hearings is to gather information and to conduct outreach for the ongoing nationwide round of broadcast station license renewals.

DATES: The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the Monterey Conference Center, Steinbeck Forum, Third Floor, located at One Portola Plaza, Monterey, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Lockhart, Media Bureau, (202) 418–7777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will hold a Localism Task Force hearing on the subject of broadcast localism, on July 21, 2004. Several FCC Commissioners will preside. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters’ service to their local communities. An important focus of the hearings is to gather information and to conduct outreach for the ongoing nationwide round of broadcast station license renewals.

Parking

Parking is available in the Custom House East and West public parking garages on Del Monte and Tyler Streets. More information about nearby parking (including hours of operation, directions, and rates) is available at <http://www.monterey.org/parking/garages.html>.

Admission Tickets

To avoid the need for the public to line up for the hearing, the Task Force will distribute free, general admission tickets on a first-come, first-served basis in advance of the hearing. A ticket guarantees admission to the hearing. One ticket will be issued to each person. To make it easy for members of the public to pick up an admission ticket, tickets will be available before, during and after regular business hours as follows:

Ticket Distribution Opportunity #1

Date and Time: Monday, July 19, 2004, 6 p.m.–8 p.m. (two evenings before the hearing).

Location: Steinbeck Forum Terrace (corner of Pacific Street & Del Monte Avenue, across from the Hotel Pacific), Monterey Conference Center, One Portola Plaza.

Number of Tickets: 150 tickets will be available (approximately 40% of the public seating in the hearing room).

Ticket Distribution Opportunity #2

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 21, 2004, 7 a.m.–1 p.m. (the day of the hearing).

Location: Steinbeck Forum Terrace (corner of Pacific Street & Del Monte Avenue, across from the Hotel Pacific), Monterey Conference Center, One Portola Plaza.

Number of Tickets: All remaining tickets will be available.

Any tickets that remain after the close of the second distribution opportunity will be available when the hearing room is opened for seating, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Therefore, those who do not get a ticket beforehand may still request one at the hearing and will be admitted until the capacity of the hearing room is reached.

Format of Hearing

The hearing will include panels of speakers, comprised of representatives of community and advocacy groups and broadcasters. The panels have been designed to be balanced and informative. As in past hearings, a substantial portion of the hearing will be dedicated to hearing from members of the public during an open microphone segment.