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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 32

[CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 97-212, 80-286, 99-301, WC Docket No. 02-269]

Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final regulations (CC Docket No. 00-199) that were published in the **Federal Register** of Wednesday, February 6, 2002 (67 FR 5670, Feb. 6, 2002), the **Federal Register** of Wednesday, April 24, 2002 (67 FR 20052, Apr. 24, 2002), the **Federal Register** of Wednesday, December 18, 2002 (67 FR 77432, Dec. 18, 2002), the **Federal Register** of Monday, June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38641, June 30, 2003), and the **Federal Register** of Wednesday, December 31, 2003 (68 FR 75455, Dec. 31, 2003). This document corrects the regulations regarding instructions for directory revenue (47 CFR 32.5230), depreciation and amortization expenses (47 CFR 32.6560), depreciation expense—telecommunications plant in service (47 CFR 32.6561), amortization expense—tangible (47 CFR 32.6563), amortization expense—intangible (47 CFR 32.6564), amortization expense—other (47 CFR 32.6565), call completion services (47 CFR 32.6621), number services (47 CFR 32.6622), and customer services (47 CFR 32.6623).

DATES: Effective July 27, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer McKee, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, (202) 418-1530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 6, 2002, the **Federal Register** published a summary of a Commission order that made changes to the Part 32 rules regarding uniform system of accounts for telecommunications companies (67 FR 5670, Feb. 6, 2002). With regard to the rules at issue in this correction, the Commission deleted rule 47 CFR 32.5230 and merged it into rule 47 CFR 32.5200, deleted rules 47 CFR 32.6561 through 32.6565 and merged them into

rule 47 CFR 32.6560, and deleted rules 47 CFR 32.6621 through 32.6623 and merged them into rule 47 CFR 32.6620. These deletions were to take effect on August 6, 2002, however, the Commission suspended the implementation of the rule deletions before that date, in an order published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2002 (67 FR 20052, Apr. 24, 2002). This order suspended the implementation of the rule deletions until January 1, 2003. The Commission further suspended the implementation of these rule deletions in orders published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 2002 (67 FR 77432, Dec. 18, 2002) (suspending the implementation of the rule deletions until July 1, 2003), on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38641, June 30, 2003) (suspending implementation of the rule deletions until January 1, 2004), and on December 31, 2003 (68 FR 75455, Dec. 31, 2003) (suspending implementation of the rule deletions until June 30, 2004). Although the deletion of the rules has been suspended, they have been removed from 47 CFR part 32.

Need for Correction

This correction reinstates the rules as described above.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 32

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telephone, Uniform System of Accounts.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Deputy Secretary.

■ Accordingly, 47 CFR Part 32 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 32—UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 32 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j) and 220 as amended, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Add § 32.5230 to read as follows:

§ 32.5230 Directory revenue.

This account shall include revenue derived from alphabetical and classified sections of directories and shall also include fees paid by other entities for the right to publish the company's directories. Items to be included are:

- (a) All revenue derived from the classified section of the directories;
- (b) Revenue from the sale of new telephone directories whether they are the company's own directories or directories purchased from others. This

shall also include revenue from the sale of specially bound telephone directories and special telephone directory covers;

(c) Amounts charged for additional and boldface listings, marginal displays, inserts, and other advertisements in the alphabetical section of the company's telephone directories; and

(d) Charges for unlisted and non-published telephone numbers.

■ 3. Revise § 32.6560 to read as follows:

§ 32.6560 Depreciation and amortization expenses.

This account shall be used by Class A telephone companies to summarize for reporting purposes the contents of Accounts 6561 through 6565. Class B telephone companies shall use this account for expenses of the type and character required of Class A companies in accounts 6561 through 6565.

■ 4. Add § 32.6561 to read as follows:

§ 32.6561 Depreciation expense—telecommunications plant in service.

This account shall include the depreciation expense of capitalized costs in Accounts 2112 through 2441, inclusive.

■ 5. Add § 32.6563 to read as follows:

§ 32.6563 Amortization expense—tangible.

This account shall include only the amortization of costs included in Accounts 2681, Capital leases, and 2682, Leasehold improvements.

■ 6. Add § 32.6564 to read as follows:

§ 32.6564 Amortization expense—intangible.

This account shall include the amortization of costs included in Account 2690, Intangibles.

■ 7. Add § 32.6565 to read as follows:

§ 32.6565 Amortization expense—other.

(a) This account shall include only the amortization of costs included in Account 2005, Telecommunications plant adjustment.

(b) This account shall also include lump-sum write offs of amounts of plant acquisition adjustment as provided for in § 32.2005(b)(3) of subpart C.

(c) Subsidiary records shall be maintained so as to show the character of the amounts contained in this account.

■ 8. Add § 32.6621 to read as follows:

§ 32.6621 Call completion services.

This account shall include costs incurred in helping customers place and complete calls, except directory assistance. This includes handling and recording; intercept; quoting rates, time and charges; and all other activities involved in the manual handling of calls.

■ 9. Add § 32.6623 to read as follows:

§ 32.6623 Customer services.

(a) This account shall include costs incurred in establishing and servicing customer accounts. This includes:

(1) Initiating customer service orders and records;

(2) Maintaining and billing customer accounts;

(3) Collecting and investigating customer accounts, including collecting revenues, reporting receipts, administering collection treatment, and handling contacts with customers regarding adjustments of bills;

(4) Collecting and reporting pay station receipts; and

(5) Instructing customers in the use of products and services.

(b) This account shall also include amounts paid by interexchange carriers or other exchange carriers to another exchange carrier for billing and collection services. Subsidiary record categories shall be maintained in order that the entity may separately report interstate and intrastate amounts. Such subsidiary record categories shall be reported as required by part 43 of this Commission's rules and regulations.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 101

[DA 04-1588; WT Docket No. 99-327; FCC 00-272]

Amendment of the Commission's Rules To License Fixed Services at 24 GHz

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: In a rule published October 5, 2000, the Commission added and amended regulations governing the licensing and operation of the 24.25–24.45 GHz and 25.05–25.25 GHz bands to promote the effective use of the 24 GHz band and to accommodate deployment of point-to-point, point-to-multipoint fixed wireless technology at 24 GHz. In addition, the Commission adopted competitive bidding rules to select among mutually exclusive applicants for licenses in these bands. The FCC determined that the 24.25–24.45 GHz and 25.05–25.25 GHz bands (24 GHz band) would be made available for licensing throughout the United States by Economic Areas (EAs). In this

connection, the Commission decided to use a total of 176 service areas—the 172 EAs specified by the Department of Commerce and four Commission-created EA-like areas for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Gulf of Mexico. This document contains editorial corrections to the final rules document.

DATES: Effective on July 27, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Zaczek at (202) 418-2487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 5, 2000, (65 FR 59350), the **Federal Register** published a final rule in the above captioned proceeding. The Commission reached this decision in paragraph 18 of the *Report and Order*, which did not include a reference to the perimeter of the FCC-created EA-like area, Gulf of Mexico (EA 176). This document corrects paragraph 18 of the *Report and Order*, published on October 5, 2000, (FR 65 59350).

18. For these reasons, we determine that EAs constitute the most appropriate geographic area licensing for the 24 GHz band. EAs will provide ample population coverage and allow 24 GHz band licensees the flexibility to provide a multitude of service offerings. Thus, we determine to use a total of 176 service areas—the 172 EAs specified by the Department of Commerce and four EA-like areas for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Gulf of Mexico. In defining the perimeter of the Gulf of Mexico (EA 176), the Commission has stated that:

land-based license regions abutting the Gulf of Mexico will extend to the limit of the territorial waters of the United States in the Gulf, which is the maritime zone that extends approximately twelve nautical miles from the U.S. baseline.

Beyond that line of demarcation, we will create the Gulf of Mexico [service area], which will extend from that line outward to the broadest geographic limits consistent with international agreements.*

Appendix C of the *Report and Order* contained Final Rules including 47 CFR 101.523, which establishes the service areas for the 24 GHz band. As adopted, the rule states that there are “three EA-like areas”; however, four EA-like areas are listed by name. Additionally, as adopted, the rule states that a “total of 176 authorizations will be issued for the

24 GHz Service by the FCC,” which is inaccurate given that, for the 24 GHz band, each EA has five channel pairs (each of which is licensed separately) for a total of 880 authorizations. See 47 CFR 101.505 citing 47 CFR 101.147(m), (n), and (r)(9). This correction is issued pursuant to § 0.331 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 CFR 0.331.

Need for Correction

As published, the final regulations contain errors which may prove to be misleading and need to be clarified.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 101

Communications equipment, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Joel Taubenblatt,

Chief, Broadband Division.

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 101 as follows:

PART 101—FIXED MICROWAVE SERVICES

■ 1. The authority for part 101 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154 and 303.

■ 2. Section 101.523 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 101.523 Service areas.

(a) The service areas for 24 GHz are Economic Areas (EAs) as defined in this paragraph (a). The Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, organized the 50 States and the District of Columbia into 172 EAs. See 60 FR 13114 (March 10, 1995). Additionally, there are four FCC-created EA-like areas:

(1) Guam and Northern Mariana Islands;

(2) Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands;

(3) American Samoa, and

(4) the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf of Mexico EA extends from 12 nautical miles off the U.S. Gulf coast outward into the Gulf. See 62 FR 9636 (March 3, 1997), in which the Commission created an additional four economic area-like areas for a total of 176 EA service areas. Maps of the EAs and the **Federal Register** Notice that established the 172 Economic Areas (EAs) are available for public inspection and copying at the FCC Reference Center, Room CY A-257, 445 12th St., SW., Washington, DC 20554. These maps and data are also

* Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Establish part 27, The Wireless Communications Service, GN Docket No. 96-228, *Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 10,785, 10,816 paragraph 59 (1997) (internal cross-reference omitted).