

comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

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Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: July 10, 2000.

John R. Fowle, III,

Acting Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.
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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, July 27, 2000 at 2 p.m. (Eastern Time).

PLACE: Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20507.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Open Session

The 10th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act: EEOC's Past Accomplishments and Future Trends.

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.

This Notice Issued: July 13, 2000.

Frances M. Hart,

Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[FTC File No. P974405]

Joint FCC/FTC Policy Statement for the Advertising of Dial-Around and Other Long-Distance Services to Consumers

AGENCIES: Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of joint policy statement.

SUMMARY: This document was issued by the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission to jointly address questions raised by the proliferation of advertisements for dial-around numbers, long-distance calling plans, and other new telecommunications services, as well as to address an increase in the number of complaints regarding how these services are promoted and how the principles of truthful advertising apply in this dynamic marketplace. Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth of the FCC dissented and issued a separate statement available from the FCC.

DATES: Adopted by the FCC on February 29, 2000. Adopted by the FTC on February 23, 2000. Jointly released on March 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emmitt Carlton, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Consumers Division, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-7320, or Lesley Fair, Attorney, Division of Advertising Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, (202) 326-3081. This document is available from the FTC's web site at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menu-call.htm> or you may call the FTC's Consumer Response Center at (877) FTC-HELP. This document is available from the FCC's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Enforcement/Orders/2000/fcc00072.doc> or you may visit the Reference

Information Center at the FCC's headquarters located at 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The FCC reference center is open to the public Monday from 9:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. You may also reach the reference center at (202) 418-0270. As an alternative, information that is routinely available to the public can be obtained from International Transcription Services (ITS), a private government contractor. ITS has an office at the FCC's Washington, DC location and can be reached directly at (202) 857-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Policy Statement

I. Introduction

1. In recent years there has been an explosion in competition and innovation in the telecommunications industry. Long-distance customers have reaped substantial benefits in the form of greater choice in deciding which carrier to use and a greater diversity in the prices charged for those calls. For example, dial-around (or "10-10") numbers allow consumers to bypass or "dial-around" their chosen long-distance carrier to get a better rate in certain circumstances. Consumers also can opt for calling plans that offer a fixed per-minute rate during certain hours or on particular days.

2. Numerous carriers, both large and small, promote their services through national television, print, and direct mail advertising campaigns. Because no one plan is right for everyone, advertising plays a critical role in informing consumers about the myriad choices in long-distance calling and, in the case of dial-around services, advertising is generally the only source of information consumers typically have before incurring charges. With accurate information, consumers benefit from being able to choose the particular carrier that meets their long-distance calling needs at the most economical price. However, if consumers are deceived by the advertising claims, they cannot make informed purchasing decisions and ultimately the growth of competition in the long-distance market will be stifled.

3. The proliferation of advertisements for dial-around numbers, long-distance calling plans, and other new telecommunications services, as well as an increase in the number of complaints regarding how these services are promoted, have raised questions about how the principles of truthful advertising apply in this dynamic marketplace. To address these questions