

replenishment plans or protocols by such organizations.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph (v)(3)(i) shall be construed as requiring disclosure of confidential proprietary or financial information related to the replenishing arrangement (including, but not limited to, information about cost, pricing or the volume of replenished drugs or supplies) to ambulance providers or members of the general public.

(ii) *Fair market value replenishing.* (A) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (v)(3)(ii)(B) of this section, the ambulance provider must pay the receiving facility fair market value, based on an arms-length transaction, for replenished medical supplies; and

(B) If payment is not made at the same time as the replenishing of the medical supplies, the receiving facility and the ambulance provider must make commercially reasonable payment arrangements in advance.

(iii) *Government mandated replenishing.* The replenishing arrangement is undertaken in accordance with a State or local statute, ordinance, regulation or binding protocol that requires hospitals or receiving facilities in the area subject to such requirement to replenish ambulances that deliver patients to the hospital with drugs or medical supplies (including linens) that are used during the transport of that patient.

(4) For purposes of paragraph (v) of this section—

(i) A *receiving facility* is a hospital or other facility that provides emergency medical services.

(ii) An *ambulance provider* is a provider or supplier of ambulance transport services that provides emergency ambulance services. The term does not include a provider of ambulance transport services that provides only non-emergency transport services.

(iii) A *first responder* includes, but is not limited to, a fire department, paramedic service or search and rescue squad that responds to an emergency call (through 9-1-1 or other emergency access number) and treats the patient, but does not transport the patient to the hospital or other receiving facility. 47

(iv) An *emergency ambulance service* is a transport by ambulance initiated as a result of a call through 9-1-1 or other emergency access number or a call from another acute care facility unable to provide the higher level care required by the patient and available at the receiving facility.

(v) *Medical supplies* includes linens, unless otherwise provided.

3. A new appendix A is added to subpart C to read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart C of Part 1001

The following is a sample written disclosure for purposes of satisfying the requirements of § 1001.952(v)(3)(i)(B)(1)(i) of this part. This form is for illustrative purposes only; parties may, but are not required to, adapt this sample written disclosure form.

Notice of Ambulance Restocking Program

Hospital X offers the following ambulance restocking program:

1. We will restock all ambulance providers (other than ambulance providers that do not provide emergency services) that bring patients to Hospital X [or to a subpart of Hospital X, such as the emergency room] in the following category or categories: [insert description of category of ambulances to be restocked, i.e., all ambulance providers, all ambulance providers that do not charge patients or insurers for their services, or all nonprofit and Government ambulance providers]. [Optional: We only offer restocking of emergency transports.]

2. The restocking will include the following drugs and medical supplies, and linens, used for patient prior to delivery of the patient to Hospital X: [insert description of drugs and medical supplies, and linens to be restocked].

3. The ambulance providers [will/will not] be required to pay for the restocked drugs and medical supplies, and linens.

4. The restocked drugs and medical supplies, and linens, must be documented as follows: [insert description consistent with the documentation requirements described in § 1001.952(v). By way of example only, documentation may be by a patient care report filed with the receiving facility within 24 hours of delivery of the patient that records the name of the patient, the date of the transport, and the relevant drugs and medical supplies.]

5. This restocking program does not apply to the restocking of ambulances that only provide non-emergency services or to the general stocking of an ambulance provider's inventory.

6. To ensure that Hospital X does not bill any Federal health care program for restocked drugs or supplies for which a participating ambulance provider bills or is eligible to bill, all participating ambulance providers must notify Hospital X if they intend to submit claims for restocked drugs or supplies to any Federal health care program. Participating ambulance providers must agree to work with Hospital X to ensure that only one party bills for a particular restocked drug or supply.

7. All participants in this ambulance restocking arrangement that bill Federal health care programs for restocked drugs or supplies must comply with all applicable Federal program billing and claims filing rules and regulations.

8. For further information about our restocking program or to obtain a copy of this notice, please contact [name] at [telephone number].

Dated: _____

/s/

Appropriate officer or official

Dated: July 12, 2001.

Michael F. Mangano,
Acting Inspector General.

Approved:

Tommy G. Thompson,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1 and 76

[FCC 01-345]

Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Certain Commission Filings

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Temporary procedural requirements.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission amends its procedures on an emergency, interim basis to require the filing or refiling of certain documents electronically (*i.e.*, by facsimile or e-mail), by overnight delivery, or by hand delivery to the Commission's Capitol Heights, Maryland location. Due to recent events in Washington, DC, resulting in the unforeseeable and understandable disruption of regular mail delivery and of the processing of other deliveries, the Commission is unable to confirm receipt of certain Commission filings that may affect processing of applications and other urgent agency business. The intended effect of this action is to continue the timely processing of applications and other urgent agency business.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 4, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magalie Roman Salas at 202-418-0303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This *Order*, adopted November 21, 2001, and released November 29, 2001, will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Room CY-A257, at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text is available through the Commission's duplicating contractor: Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

Synopsis of Order

1. Effective upon publication of this *Order* in the **Federal Register** and until further notice, the following types of pleadings shall be filed with the Commission electronically, by overnight delivery service, or by hand delivery: (i) petitions to deny filed pursuant to section 309 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act); (ii) petitions for reconsideration filed pursuant to section 405 of the Act; (iii) applications for review filed pursuant to section 5(c)(4) of the Act; (iv) informal requests for Commission action involving pending applications filed pursuant to § 1.41 of the Commission's rules; (v) petitions to amend the TV and FM Broadcast Table of Allotments and responsive pleadings; and, (vi) comments or oppositions to open video system certification made pursuant to § 76.1502 (e)(1) of the Commission's rules. The types of pleadings described in (i) through (vi) are referred to in this document as "Covered Pleadings." The filing requirement described in this paragraph shall not apply to requests for review of decisions issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) filed pursuant to §§ 54.719–54.725 of the Commission's rules, or any petitions for reconsideration or applications for review arising from such proceedings. As noted, these emergency procedures are adopted on a temporary basis only, and will be discontinued when normal U.S. Mail delivery resumes.

2. In order to assist the Commission in determining whether Covered Pleadings were filed during the period of interrupted processing, parties that have filed or will file Covered Pleadings from October 1, 2001 through and including the effective date of this *Order* are required to resubmit such pleadings electronically prior to 12:00 midnight Eastern Time on the seventh calendar day following the effective date of this *Order*, by hand delivery at the Capitol Heights, Maryland location, prior to 9:00 PM Eastern Time on the seventh calendar day following the effective date of this *Order*, or by overnight delivery service other than U.S. Postal Service Express and Priority Mail to the Commission's headquarters, prior to 5:30 PM Eastern Time on the seventh calendar day following the effective date of this *Order*. Three exceptions to these requirements are specified in paragraph 4. All refilings pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a signed affidavit or a declaration pursuant to Commission rule § 1.16 stating that the previously filed pleading was timely filed in accordance with

Commission rules, the date the pleading was originally sent to the Commission, and by what means. Covered Pleadings submitted up to 7 calendar days following the effective date of this *Order* in a manner not consistent with its terms must be refiled in the same manner as Covered Pleadings filed before the effective date. Covered Pleadings filed in accordance with this paragraph will be treated as timely filed as of the date the pleading was originally sent to the Commission, but the time for any responsive pleading will be tied to the time of resubmission to the extent Commission rules set response periods based on the date of filing.

3. There are three exceptions to the filing requirements stated in paragraph 3. The first exception to the refiling requirement is for Covered Pleadings that were previously filed electronically in accordance with our rules. The second exception is for Covered Pleadings that were hand delivered to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, between October 1 and October 19, 2001, or to our Capitol Heights location in accordance with the public notices issued on October 17 and October 18, 2001. *See Public Notice*, "FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents," DA 01–2436 (October 17, 2001); *Public Notice*, "FCC Announces Changes In Filing Procedures," DA 01–2430 (October 17, 2001); *Public Notice*, "Clarification on FCC's Announced Changes in Filing Procedures," DA 01–2451 (October 18, 2001). The third exception is for Covered Pleadings delivered to the Commission by overnight delivery services other than U.S. Postal Service Express and Priority Mail. Covered Pleadings falling within one of the three exceptions specified in this paragraph and pleadings not falling in the categories specified in paragraph 2 need not be resubmitted.

4. If filed electronically by e-mail, pleadings shall be filed at the following e-mail addresses depending on the Bureau or Office handling the matter:

Mass Media	MMBSecretary@fcc.gov
Wireless	WTBSecretary@fcc.gov
Common Carrier	CCBSecretary@fcc.gov
Cable Services ..	CSBSecretary@fcc.gov
International	IBSecretary@fcc.gov
Enforcement	EBSecretary@fcc.gov
Other	OtherSecretary@fcc.gov

For security purposes, we recommend that documents filed via electronic mail be converted to PDF format. The Commission will automatically reply to all incoming e-mails to confirm receipt. If filed by facsimile, pleadings shall be

faxed to 202–418–0187. The fax transmission should include a cover sheet listing contact name, phone number, and, if available, an e-mail address.

5. If filed by hand delivery, documents shall be delivered to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 pursuant to the terms of our earlier October 17 and October 18, 2001 public notices. As stated in those public notices, all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

6. If filed by overnight delivery service other than U.S. Postal Service Express and Priority Mail, filings must be received at the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. As noted in the October 17 and October 18, 2001 public notices, the Commission will divert those deliveries to the Capitol Heights facility. Documents filed under seal pursuant to § 0.457 or § 0.459 of the Commission's rules should be submitted by hand delivery or overnight delivery service to ensure confidential treatment under those rules.

7. Until further notice, parties filing Covered Pleadings electronically (either via electronic mail or facsimile) in accordance with the procedures set forth herein will not be required to file a paper original with the Office of the Secretary or the Capitol Heights, Maryland facility as described in our earlier October 17 and October 18, 2001 public notices.

8. Copies of all filings made pursuant to this *Order* should be provided to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. Copies of all filings and resubmitted filings must be served on parties to the extent service of such pleadings is required by Commission rules.

9. Failure to submit or resubmit pleadings in the manner set out by this *Order* will result in the waiver of any rights to have such pleading considered by the Commission if the Commission's decisional staff does not have the relevant pleadings before it at the time of its decision. Parties may file petitions for reconsideration regarding any decision made.

10. Accordingly, *It Is Ordered* that, pursuant to the authority of section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154 (i), the Commission ADOPTS the procedural requirements set forth in this *Order* and SUSPENDS any contrary requirements.

11. *It Is Further Ordered* that the Secretary is delegated authority to rule on requests for extensions of time based

on operational problems associated with the Commission's electronic filing equipment.

Federal Communications Commission.
Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AF90

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To List the Mississippi Gopher Frog Distinct Population Segment of Dusky Gopher Frog as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, determine the Mississippi gopher frog (*Rana capito sevosa*) distinct population segment of the gopher frog (*Rana capito*) as an endangered species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Historically, the Mississippi gopher frog distinct population segment is believed to have occurred in at least nine counties or parishes across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, ranging from east of the Mississippi River in Louisiana to the Mobile River delta in Alabama. Today, it is known from only one site in Harrison County, Mississippi. The greatest threat to this last surviving population is the low number of adult frogs in the population and their vulnerability to environmental stressors, both natural and human-induced. Human-induced threats are a result of habitat destruction and degradation in the area adjacent to the frog's only known breeding site. Habitat changes are occurring due to construction associated with a proposed housing development and the construction and expansion of two highways. This action extends the Act's protection to the Mississippi gopher frog distinct population segment.

DATES: This rule is effective January 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The complete file for this rule is available for inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Mississippi Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578

Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, Mississippi 39213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Linda LaClaire at the above address, telephone 601/321-1126, or facsimile 601/965-4340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The gopher frog (*Rana capito*) is a member of the large cosmopolitan family, Ranidae ("true frogs"). The genus *Rana* is the only North American representative of this family. We define the Mississippi gopher frog distinct population segment as those populations of gopher frogs in the lower coastal plain ranging from the Mississippi River in Louisiana to the Mobile River delta of Alabama. Goin and Netting (1940) originally described frogs from this geographic range as a distinct species of gopher frog, *Rana sevosa*. The taxonomic history of gopher frogs is complex (summary in Altig and Lohoefer 1983). Subsequent to the original description by Goin and Netting, frogs of this population segment were considered subspecies of *Rana capito* (gopher frog) (*R. c. sevosa*, common name dusky gopher frog) (Wright and Wright 1942) and later subspecies of *R. areolata* (crayfish frog) (*R. a. sevosa*) (Viosca 1949, Neill 1957). In 1991, Collins challenged the taxonomic arrangement that lumped crayfish frogs and gopher frogs together as one species and recommended their separation based on biogeographical grounds. This arrangement was followed by Conant and Collins (1991), who again recognized the name *R. c. sevosa*.

Young and Crother (2001) conducted the first comprehensive biochemical analysis of the relationships between gopher frogs and crayfish frogs and among subspecies of gopher frogs. They used allozyme electrophoresis (an assay (examination) of gene products) to examine allelic (genetic) differences between and among populations. Allozyme data have been used extensively to investigate the evolution of genetic relationships among related species. Young and Crother (2001) analyzed tissue from gopher frogs across the range of the species including populations in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina, and from crayfish frogs from Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri. They found strong support for the species designations *R. areolata* (crayfish frogs) and *R. capito* (gopher frogs). In addition, they found that the population of gopher frogs from Harrison County, Mississippi, showed a fixed difference

at a single locus (site for a specific gene on a chromosome) from all other gopher frogs east of the Mobile River drainage in Alabama. This difference is considered by many taxonomists that support the phylogenetic (evolutionary) species concept to be significant enough to warrant elevation of the frog to its own species (Young and Crother 2001). No other specific taxonomic divisions were determined among the remaining populations of gopher frogs sampled. Since Harrison County is within the range of the original specimens used to describe *R. sevosa*, Young and Crother recommended the resurrection of *R. sevosa* as a distinct species.

Young and Crother's recommendation and their supporting data were published relatively recently (May 2001). Given the varied and confusing history surrounding *sevosa*, it is unclear if the suggested taxonomy will be accepted by the herpetological scientific community. Young and Crother (2001) alluded to potential debates about this designation in their paper when they stated: "It might be suggested that we have comfortably separated *R. areolata* from *R. capito* with three mutually exclusive differences but have not demonstrated the same for *R. capito* and *R. sevosa* with one fixed difference." In any case, our analysis of the five listing factors would be the same whether the Mississippi gopher frog is considered a distinct population segment or a unique species. We will continue to use the common name "Mississippi gopher frog" to avoid confusion with other populations of gopher frogs further east. The Mississippi gopher frog distinct population segment will be defined as all gopher frogs west of Mobile Bay, following the range description of Goin and Netting (1940). The scientific name, *Rana capito sevosa*, will be used to represent this distribution of frogs. If the name *Rana sevosa* is ultimately accepted by the herpetological scientific community, we will revise our List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants to reflect this change in nomenclature (scientific name).

The Mississippi gopher frog has a stubby appearance due to its short, plump body, comparatively large head, and relatively short legs (Conant and Collins 1991). The coloration of its back is dark and varies in individual frogs. It ranges from an almost uniform black to a pattern of reddish brown or dark brown spots on a ground color of gray or brown (Goin and Netting 1940). Warts densely cover the back. The belly is thickly covered with dark spots and dusky markings from chin to mid-body (Goin and Netting 1940, Conant and Collins 1991). Males are distinguished