

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
3	Enforcement	Title: SBC Communications, Inc., Apparent Liability for Forfeiture. Summary: The Commission will consider a Forfeiture Order concerning compliance with the shared transport condition of the SBC/Ameritech merger order.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 01-92, DA 02-2436]

Intercarrier Compensation for Wireless Traffic

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: This document seeks comment on two petitions for declaratory ruling regarding the intercarrier compensation regime applicable to certain types of wireless traffic. Both petitions raise issues under consideration in CC Docket 01-92, *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*.

DATES: Comments due October 18, 2002 and reply comments due November 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., SW., Washington, DC 20554. See Supplementary Information section for where and how to file comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Morris or Victoria Schlesinger, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1530, or Gregory Vadas, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, (202) 418-1798.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 6, 2002, T-Mobile USA, Inc., Western Wireless Corporation, Nextel Communications, Inc., and Nextel Partners, Inc. (CMRS Petitioners) filed a petition for declaratory ruling in the above-referenced docket requesting that the Commission "reaffirm that wireless termination tariffs are not a proper mechanism for establishing reciprocal compensation arrangements" between local exchange carriers (LECs) and commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers. According to CMRS Petitioners, a CMRS carrier typically will interconnect indirectly with a rural ILEC (*i.e.*, traffic will be exchanged

through an intermediate carrier.) CMRS Petitioners state that indirectly interconnecting carriers often exchange traffic pursuant to a bill-and-keep arrangement, rather than an interconnection agreement, at least for mobile-to-land traffic. CMRS Petitioners state that some rural LECs recently have filed state tariffs as a mechanism to collect reciprocal compensation for the termination of intra-MTA traffic originated by CMRS carriers. The CMRS Petitioners assert that compensation for such traffic should be paid only when the LEC and CMRS carrier have entered into an interconnection agreement under section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In the absence of such an agreement, they state that traffic should be exchanged on a bill-and-keep basis. The CMRS Petitioners request that the Commission direct ILECs to withdraw any wireless termination tariffs in existence today or, alternatively, to declare such tariffs unlawful, void and of no effect. The CMRS Petitioners state that the Commission has authority to issue the requested ruling pursuant to sections 332(c)(1) and 201 of the Communications Act.

On September 18, 2002, U.S. LEC Corp. filed a petition for declaratory ruling asking the Commission to "issue a ruling reaffirming that LECs are entitled to recover access charges from IXCs for the provision of access service on interexchange calls originating from, or terminating on, the networks of CMRS providers." U.S. LEC states that industry practice is for IXCs to pay access charges to LECs for this traffic, but that recently one IXC has declined to pay these charges. U.S. LEC states that a requirement that IXCs pay access charges to LECs for traffic to or from a CMRS carrier is fully supported by Commission precedent. U.S. LEC asserts that grant of the petition is necessary to eliminate controversy and avoid future challenges regarding this issue. The U.S. LEC petition was placed in the record in the above-referenced docket.

Both petitions raise issues under consideration in CC Docket 01-92, *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, 66 FR 28410, May 23, 2001.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before

October 18, 2002, and reply comments on or before November 1, 2002.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the filing to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic copy by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your email address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Commenters also may obtain a copy of the ASCII Electronic Transmittal Form (FORM-ET) at <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/email.html>. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD

20743, U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Regardless of whether parties choose to file electronically or by paper, parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554 (telephone 202-863-2893; facsimile 202-863-2898) or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. In addition, one copy of each submission must be filed with the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, and Chief, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Documents filed in this proceeding will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, and will be placed on the Commission's Internet site.

This proceeding will be governed by "permit-but-disclose" ex parte procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Parties making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well. In addition, interested parties are to file any written ex parte presentations in this proceeding with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, 445 12th Street, SW., TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554, and serve with three copies each: Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Attn: Victoria Schlesinger, and Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Attn: Gregory Vadas, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Parties shall also serve with one copy: Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863-2893.

Federal Communications Commission.

Tamara Preiss,

Division Chief, Pricing Policy Division.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2002. The closed meeting and the open meeting scheduled for that day were canceled.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 and Thursday, October 24, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTER BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Coordinated and Independent Expenditures: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, October 24, 2002, 10 a.m., meeting open to the public. This meeting has been canceled.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Grants for State and Local Homeland Security Activities

AGENCY: Office of National Preparedness (ONP), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of fiscal year 2002 supplemental funds for State

and local all-hazards emergency operational planning, Citizen Corps activities, and development or improvement of Emergency Operations Centers.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of the availability of funds for fiscal year (FY) 2002 for State and local all-hazards emergency operations planning; for the development or improvement of State and local Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs); and for further development of Citizen Corps, including funds for Citizen Corps Councils and for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Funding of \$100 million is available for planning, \$56 million for EOCs, and \$25 million for Citizen Corps.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gil Jamieson, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of National Preparedness, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4090 or e-mail: gil.jamieson@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority and Appropriation

The legislative authority for the program activities described in this notice are the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206; The 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act For Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States, P.L. 107-206.

Applicant Eligibility

States are eligible to apply for the assistance described in this notice. The term "State" as used in this notice and consistent with the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5122(4), means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Local governments may receive assistance as subgrantees of the States in which they are located. The term "Local government" as used in this notice shall have the meaning set forth in the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5122(6).

Activities To Be Funded

State and Local All Hazards Emergency Operational Planning

The FY 2002 supplemental funding will provide comprehensive planning assistance to State and local governments to conduct Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) updating for all hazards with special emphasis on incidents of terrorism including use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).