

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission seeks comment on whether rules should be considered to ensure that interactive television ("ITV") services develop in a competitive fashion. In the Memorandum Opinion and Order in CS Docket 01-30, the Commission found that important questions were raised regarding ITV services that warrant further examination in a proceeding of general applicability. Accordingly, in this document the Commission considers whether industry-wide rules are needed to address any impediments to the development of ITV services and markets.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 19, 2001; Reply Comments are due on or before April 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Parties who choose to file by paper should send comments to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. Parties should submit diskettes to Royce Dickens, Cable Services Bureau, 445 12th Street SW., Room 3A729, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-B400, Washington, DC 20554. Comments filed through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Royce Dickens, Cable Services Bureau at (202) 418-7200, TTY (202) 418-7172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Notice of Inquiry in CS Docket No. 01-7, FCC 01-15, adopted January 12, 2001, and released January 18, 2001 ("Notice"). The complete text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 554 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-B400, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, the document is available via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/csb>.

Synopsis of the Notice of Inquiry

1. In this Notice, the Commission considers whether rules are needed to address any impediments to the development of ITV services and markets.

2. The Notice seeks comment on what services constitute ITV services, what entities constitute ITV providers, how ITV services will be delivered, what business models will govern the delivery of ITV services to consumers, and the general status of an ITV services market. The Notice seeks comment on whether, if it were determined that operators of cable systems (or another delivery platform) had the incentive and ability to behave anti-competitively vis-a-vis ITV service providers, the Commission should consider prohibiting those operators from discriminating between affiliated and unaffiliated ITV service providers.

3. The Notice also seeks comment on the legal classifications of ITV services, what public policy and statutory objectives ITV rules would promote, and the Commission's authority to protect this market. The Notice asks questions about enforcement of any new rules, proposing alternatively a voluntary arbitration, subject to judicial review, or a Commission complaint procedure.

Filing Procedures

4. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties may file comments in response to this Notice on or before March 19, 2001 and reply comments on or before April 20, 2001. 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 comments 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 comment 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 e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

5. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If participants want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of their comments, an original plus

nine copies must be filed. 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. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The Cable Services Bureau contact for this proceeding is Royce Dickens.

6. Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. Parties should submit diskettes to Royce Dickens, Cable Services Bureau, 445 12th Street SW., Room 3A729, Washington, DC 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5-inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible form using MS DOS 5.0 and Microsoft Word, or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the party's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case CS Docket No. 01-7), type of pleading (comments or reply comments), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy—Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, referable in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-B400, Washington, DC, 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

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DATE & TIME: Tuesday, January 30, 2001 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.

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PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE & TIME:

Thursday, February 1, 2001, 10 a.m.

Meeting open to the public.

This Meeting was Cancelled.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

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

Mary W. Dove,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1357-DR]

**Louisiana; Major Disaster and Related
Determinations**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Louisiana (FEMA-1357-DR), dated January 12, 2001, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated January 12, 2001, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Louisiana, resulting from a severe winter ice storm beginning December 11, 2000, and continuing through January 3, 2001, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000) (Stafford Act), I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Louisiana.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as

you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Carlos N. Mitchell of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Louisiana to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Bienville, Caddo, Claiborne, Lincoln, Union, and Webster Parishes for Public Assistance.

All parishes within the State of Louisiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

James L. Witt,
Director.

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1356-DR]

**Texas; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of
a Major Disaster Declaration**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1356-DR), dated January 8, 2001, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective January 15, 2001.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

Office of the Secretary

**Notice of Meeting: Secretary's
Advisory Committee on Generic
Testing**

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the seventh meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing (SACGT), U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on February 15, 2001 and 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2001 at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available.

The Committee will discuss a number of topics, including a proposed classification methodology for genetic tests; a draft genetic test information template for health professionals; and a draft white paper on genetics education for health professionals. Breakout sessions are scheduled for SACGT's working groups to meet and discuss ongoing and future projects. The Committee will be updated on the working groups' activities and progress during the full Committee meeting. The Committee will also hear an update on the activities of the Food and Drug Administration. There will be a limited period of time provided for public comment and interested individuals