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Synopsis

On November 19, 2004, Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) filed a *Petition for Declaratory Ruling* asking the Commission to preempt certain sections of the Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative Code as it relates to interstate telephone calls. CBA contends that the Wisconsin laws are significantly more restrictive than the Commission's telemarketing rules. More specifically, CBA argues that the Wisconsin laws are inconsistent with the Commission's regulations which permit telephone solicitation calls to persons with whom the caller has an

"established business relationship" (EBR), even where the called party's number has been entered on the national do-not-call registry. CBA contends that the Wisconsin laws prohibit certain categories of calls that are within the scope of the Commission's EBR exception, including: (1) Calls made to residential subscribers who have made an inquiry or application regarding products or services, but have not expressly asked to be called in response to that inquiry or application; (2) calls made to residential subscribers who have engaged in a completed purchase or transaction with the caller; (3) calls made to existing customers for the purpose of offering additional or different products from those the seller already is providing to the customer; and (4) calls from an affiliate of the entity with whom the residential customer has an existing relationship. CBA explains that "[t]hese inconsistencies between federal law and the Wisconsin statute subject CBA's members to 'multiple, conflicting regulations' in the area of interstate telemarketing. * * * Therefore, CBA requests a *Declaratory Ruling* that the identified provisions of Wisconsin's telemarketing statute and implementing regulations are preempted.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[CG Docket No. 02-278; DA 04-3837]

Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Petition for declaratory ruling; comments requested.

SUMMARY: This document seeks comment on a *Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling* filed by the National City Mortgage Co. (NCMC), asking the Commission to preempt a Florida telemarketing law, Florida Statute Section 501.059, prohibiting prerecorded messages without consent.

DATES: Comments are due on or before February 2, 2005, and reply comments are due on or before February 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See supplementary information for further filing instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelli Farmer, Consumer Policy Division, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, (202) 418-2512 (voice), Kelli.Farmer@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's document, CG Docket No. 02-278, DA 04-3837, released December 7, 2004. On July 3, 2003, the Commission released a *Report and Order (2003 TCPA Order)*, *In the Matter of Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991*, adopted June 26, 2003, CG Docket No. 02-278, FCC 03-153; published at 68 FR 44144, July 25, 2003. In the *2003 TCPA Order*, the Commission stated its belief that any state regulation of interstate telemarketing calls that differed from our rules under section 227 almost certainly would conflict with and frustrate the federal scheme and would be preempted. The Commission will consider any alleged conflicts between state and federal requirements and the need for preemption on a case-by-case basis. Accordingly, any party that believes a state law is inconsistent with section 227 or our rules may seek a *Declaratory Ruling* from the Commission. When filing comments, please reference CG Docket No. 02-278. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998. 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. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. 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 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.

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On November 22, 2004, National City Mortgage Company (NCMC) filed a *Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling* asking the Commission to preempt Florida law prohibiting prerecorded messages without consent. According to Petitioner, NCMC has received a notice from the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services which indicates that a prerecorded message call initiated by NCMC violated section 501.059(7)(a) of the Florida statute. NCMC explains that the Florida statute prohibits such prerecorded calls and makes no exception to this restriction for calls that are placed to persons with whom the caller has an established business relationship. In addition, NCMC explains that its calls into Florida are interstate calls. NCMC contends that the Florida statute is inconsistent with the Commission's rules that permit calls using prerecorded voice messages to any person with whom the caller has an established business relationship at the time the call is made; therefore, NCMC argues that the Florida statute should be preempted as applied to interstate calls. In addition, NCMC indicates that it has been informed by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services that the complaint is still pending and might become the basis for further enforcement proceedings against NCMC. NCMC maintains that "the State of Florida's apparent intention to enforce th[e] prohibition as to interstate calls subjects NCMC to the 'multiple, conflicting regulations' that the Commission has declared its intention to avoid."

Federal Communications Commission.

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47 CFR Parts 73 and 76

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Broadcast Services; Children's Television; Cable Operators; Satellite Service Providers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.