

| Item No. | Bureau | Subject |
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| 5 | International | <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the mandatory exchange of customer account information among all local and interexchange carriers.</p> <p><i>Title:</i> Flexibility for Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Bands (IB Docket No. 01–185).</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Memorandum Opinion and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration concerning the rules that permit the addition of ancillary terrestrial components (ATC) to the provision of Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) communications.</p> |
| 6 | Wireless-Tele-Communications | <p><i>Title:</i> Amendment of part 90 of the Communications Commission's Rules for Flexible Use of the 896–901 MHz and 935–940 MHz Bands Allotted to Business and Industrial Land Transportation Pool; Oppositions and Petitions for Reconsideration of 900 MHz Band Freeze Notice.</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the use of “white space” in the 900 MHz Business and Industrial Land Transportation Pool.</p> |
| 7 | Wireless Broadband Access Task Force ... | The Wireless Broadband Access Task Force will report on its findings and recommendations relating to the Commission's wireless broadband policies (GN Docket No. 04–163). |
| 8 | Wireline Competition | <p><i>Title:</i> Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charges Competition (CC Docket No. 02–53).</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order that will address the Commission's policies governing the federally-tariffed charges of incumbent LECs for changing the presubscribed interexchange carrier for end user subscribers (PIC change charges).</p> |
| 9 | Wireline Competition | <p><i>Title:</i> Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Sprint Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Obligation of Incumbent LECs to Load Numbering Resources and Honor Routing and Rating Points; T-Mobile <i>et al.</i> Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Incumbent LEC Wireless Termination Tariffs (CC Docket No. 01–92).</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that resolves a number of issues regarding application of the Commission's intercarrier compensation rules and solicits comment on a number of reform proposals submitted by the industry as well as other issues related to inter-carrier compensation reform.</p> |

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Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2005–5]

Price Index Increases for Expenditure and Contribution Limitations

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of expenditure and contribution limitation increases.

SUMMARY: As mandated by provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (“BCRA”), the Federal Election

Commission (“FEC” or “the Commission”) is adjusting certain expenditure and contribution limitations set forth in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“FECA” or “the Act”), to account for increases in the consumer price index.

Additional details appear in the supplemental information that follows.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date for the limits at 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A), 441a(a)(1)(B) and 441a(h) is November 3, 2004. The effective date for the limits at 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3) and 441a(d) is January 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory J. Scott, Information Division, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463; Telephone: (202) 694–1100; Toll Free (800) 424–9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, 2 U.S.C. 431 *et seq.*, as amended by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Public Law 107–155, 116 Stat. 81 (March 27, 2002), coordinated party expenditure limits (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)(3)(A) and (B)), and certain contribution limits (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A) and (B), (a)(3), (d) and (h)),

are adjusted either annually or biennially by the consumer price index. See 2 U.S.C. 441a(c)(1). The Commission is publishing this notice to announce these limits for 2005 or the 2005–2006 election cycle.

Coordinated Party Expenditure Limits for 2005

Under 2 U.S.C. 441a(c), the Commission must adjust the expenditure limitations established by 2 U.S.C. 441a(d) (the limits on expenditures by national party committees, State party committees, or their subordinate committees in connection with the general election campaign of candidates for Federal office) annually to account for inflation. This expenditure limitation is increased by the percent difference between the price index, as certified to the Commission by the Secretary of Labor, for the 12 months preceding the

beginning of the calendar year and the price index for the base period (calendar year 1974).

1. Expenditure Limitation for House of Representatives

Both the national and state party committees have an expenditure limitation for each general election held to fill a seat in the House of Representatives. The formula used to calculate the expenditure limitation in a state with more than one congressional district multiplies the base figure of \$10,000 by the price index (3.831), rounding to the nearest \$100. Based upon this formula, the expenditure limitation for 2005 House elections in those states is \$38,300. The formula used to calculate the expenditure limitation in a state with only one congressional district multiplies the base figure of \$20,000 by the price index (3.831), rounding to the nearest \$100.

Based upon this formula, the expenditure limitation for 2005 House elections in these states is \$76,600.

2. Expenditure Limitation for Senate

Both the national and state party committees have an expenditure limitation for a general election held to fill a seat in the Senate. The formula used to calculate the Senate expenditure limitation considers not only the price index but also the voting age population (“VAP”) of the state. The expenditure limitation is the greater of: the base figure (\$20,000) multiplied by the price index (which totals \$76,600); or \$0.02 multiplied by the VAP of the state, multiplied by the price index. Amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100. The chart below provides the state-by-state breakdown of the 2005 expenditure limitations for Senate elections.

SENATE EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS—2005 ELECTIONS

| State | VAP (in thousands) | VAP × .02 multi- plied by the price index (3.831) | Expenditure Limit (the greater of the amount in column 3 or \$76,600) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Alabama | 3,436 | \$263,300 | \$263,300 |
| Alaska | 467 | 35,800 | 76,600 |
| Arizona | 4,197 | 321,600 | 321,600 |
| Arkansas | 2,076 | 159,100 | 159,100 |
| California | 26,297 | 2,014,900 | 2,014,900 |
| Colorado | 3,423 | 262,300 | 262,300 |
| Connecticut | 2,665 | 204,200 | 204,200 |
| Delaware | 637 | 48,800 | 76,600 |
| Florida | 13,394 | 1,026,300 | 1,026,300 |
| Georgia | 6,497 | 497,800 | 497,800 |
| Hawaii | 964 | 73,900 | 76,600 |
| Idaho | 1021 | 78,200 | 78,200 |
| Illinois | 9,475 | 726,000 | 726,000 |
| Indiana | 4,637 | 355,300 | 355,300 |
| Iowa | 2,274 | 174,200 | 174,200 |
| Kansas | 2,052 | 157,200 | 157,200 |
| Kentucky | 3,166 | 242,600 | 242,600 |
| Louisiana | 3,351 | 256,800 | 256,800 |
| Maine | 1,035 | 79,300 | 79,300 |
| Maryland | 4,163 | 319,000 | 319,000 |
| Massachusetts | 4,952 | 379,400 | 379,400 |
| Michigan | 7,579 | 580,700 | 580,700 |
| Minnesota | 3,861 | 295,800 | 295,800 |
| Mississippi | 2,153 | 165,000 | 165,000 |
| Missouri | 4,370 | 334,800 | 334,800 |
| Montana | 719 | 55,100 | 76,600 |
| Nebraska | 1,313 | 100,600 | 100,600 |
| Nevada | 1,731 | 132,600 | 132,600 |
| New Hampshire | 995 | 76,200 | 76,600 |
| New Jersey | 6,543 | 501,300 | 501,300 |
| New Mexico | 1,411 | 108,100 | 108,100 |
| New York | 14,655 | 1,122,900 | 1,122,900 |
| North Carolina | 6,423 | 492,100 | 492,100 |
| North Dakota | 495 | 37,900 | 76,600 |
| Ohio | 8,680 | 665,100 | 665,100 |
| Oklahoma | 2,664 | 204,100 | 204,100 |
| Oregon | 2,742 | 210,100 | 210,100 |
| Pennsylvania | 9,569 | 733,200 | 733,200 |
| Rhode Island | 837 | 64,100 | 76,600 |
| South Carolina | 3,173 | 243,100 | 243,100 |
| South Dakota | 580 | 44,400 | 76,600 |
| Tennessee | 4,510 | 345,600 | 345,600 |

SENATE EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS—2005 ELECTIONS—Continued

| State | VAP (in thousands) | VAP × .02 multi- plied by the price index (3.831) | Expenditure Limit (the greater of the amount in column 3 or \$76,600) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Texas | 16,223 | 1,243,000 | 1,243,000 |
| Utah | 1,649 | 126,300 | 126,300 |
| Vermont | 487 | 37,300 | 76,600 |
| Virginia | 5,655 | 433,300 | 433,300 |
| Washington | 4,718 | 361,500 | 361,500 |
| West Virginia | 1,431 | 109,600 | 109,600 |
| Wisconsin | 4,201 | 321,900 | 321,900 |
| Wyoming | 390 | 29,900 | 76,600 |

Contribution Limitation Increases for Individuals, Nonmulticandidate Committees and for Certain Political Party Committees Giving to U.S. Senate Candidates for 2005–2006 Election Cycle

BCRA amended the Act to extend inflation indexing to: (1) The limitations on contributions made by persons under 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A) (contributions to candidates) and 441a(a)(1)(B)

(contributions to national party committees); (2) the biennial aggregate contribution limits applicable to individuals under 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3); and (3) the limitation on contributions made to U.S. Senate candidates by certain political party committees at 2 U.S.C. 441a(h). 2 U.S.C. 441a(c). These contribution limitations are increased by multiplying the respective statutory contribution amount by the percent difference between the price index, as

certified to the Commission by the Secretary of Labor, for the 12 months preceding the beginning of the calendar year and the price index for the base period (calendar year 2001). The resulting amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100. The Commission has calculated the applicable percent difference to be 6.7 percent.

Contribution limitations shall be adjusted accordingly:

| Statutory provision | Statutory amount | 2005–2006 limitation |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A) | \$2,000 | \$2,100. |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(B) | 25,000 | 26,700. |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)(A) | 37,500 | 40,000. |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)(B) | 57,500 (of which not more than \$37,500 may be attributable to contributions to political committees that are not political committees of national political parties). | 61,400 (of which not more than \$40,000 may be attributable to contributions to political committees that are not political committees of national political parties). |
| 2 U.S.C. 441a(h) | 35,000 | 37,300. |

Under the Act, the inflationary adjustments are to be made only in odd-numbered years and the increased limitations at 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A), 441a(a)(1)(B) and 441a(h) are to be in effect for the 2-year period beginning on the first day following the date of the general election in the preceding year and ending on the date of the next regularly scheduled election. Thus the respective figures above are in effect from November 3, 2004 to November 7, 2006. The limitation under 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)(A) and (B) shall be in effect beginning January 1st of the odd-numbered year and ending on December 31st of the next even-numbered year. Thus the new contribution limits under 2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)(A) and (B) are in effect from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

Dated: February 4, 2005.

Scott E. Thomas,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on March 3–4, 2005

AGENCY: The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President's Council on Bioethics (Leon R. Kass, M.D., Chairman) will hold its twentieth meeting, at which, among other things, it will continue its discussion of ethical issues relating to the treatment of the aged, and end-of-life care. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (though not on the agenda for the present one) include: cloning, assisted reproduction, reproductive genetics, IVF, ICSI, PGD, sex selection, inheritable genetic modification, patentability of human organisms, neuroscience, aging retardation, lifespan-extension, and organ procurement for transplantation. Publications issued by the Council to

date include: *Human Cloning and Human Dignity: An Ethical Inquiry* (July 2002); *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness* (October 2003); *Being Human: Readings from the President's Council on Bioethics* (December 2003); *Monitoring Stem Cell Research* (January 2004), and *Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies* (March 2004).

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, March 3, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET; and Friday, March 4, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The Sphinx Club, 1315 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Phone 202–898–1688.

Agenda: The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Public Comments: The Council encourages public input, either in person or in writing. At this meeting, interested members of the public may address the Council, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, March 4. Comments are limited to no more than five minutes per speaker or organization. As a courtesy,