

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,591.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 12–48 hours (the burden hour time and contracting time varies depending on the type of application filed).

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Cost to Respondents: \$12,236,878.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,546.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 314 and applicable exhibits/explanations are required to be filed when applying for consent for assignment of an AM, FM or TV broadcast station construction permit or license, along with applicable exhibits and explanations. In addition, the applicant must notify the Commission when an approved assignment of a broadcast station construction permit or license has been consummated.

This collection also includes the third party disclosure requirement of Section 73.3580. This section requires local public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the filing of all applications for assignment of license/permit. This notice must be completed within 30 days of the tendering of the application. This notice must be published at least twice a week for two consecutive weeks in a three-week period. A copy of this notice must be placed in the public inspection file along with the application. Additionally, an applicant for assignment of license must broadcast the same notice over the station at least once daily on four days in the second week immediately following the tendering for filing of the application.

On January 20, 2000, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in MM Docket Nos. 98–204 and 96–16 in the Matter of Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies and Termination of the EEO Streamlining Proceeding. This Report and Order modified the Commission's broadcast and cable EEO rules and policies consistent with the D.C. Circuit's decision in *Lutheran Church*. The new EEO rules ensure equal employment opportunity in the broadcast industry through vigorous outreach and prevention of discrimination. With the adoption of this Report and Order, the Commission reinstates the requirement that broadcast permittees and licensees file the FCC Form 396–A at the time they file an assignment application. The Commission has revised the FCC 314 to add a question to advise respondents that they are required to submit a 396–

A at the time that they apply for an assignment of a construction permit or license.

The data is used by FCC staff to determine whether the applicants meet basic statutory requirements to become a Commission licensee/permittee and to assure that the public interest would be served by grant of the application.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FCC Renews and Amends Charter of Network Reliability and Interoperability Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal and amendment of charter.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission has renewed and amended the charter of its advisory committee, the “Network Reliability and Interoperability Council” (the “Committee”). Under the amended charter, the objectives of the Committee are as follows.

The Committee will continue its work relating to the year 2000 date rollover (Y2K) on telecommunications networks, including a review of the effectiveness of the work done prior to the date change as well as an analysis of the impact of the date change on those networks. The Committee will make recommendations on any future actions that should be taken. The Committee will evaluate, and report on, the reliability of public telecommunications network services in the United States, including the reliability of packet switched networks.

During the charter of the previous Committee, interested participants developed guidelines that were intended to improve the quality of outage reporting for those carriers currently required to report outages. The Committee will evaluate those guidelines and data provided in accordance with those guidelines and, if appropriate, recommend further refinements to those guidelines.

During the charter of the previous Committee, interested participants recommended that the FCC adopt a voluntary reporting program, administered by the National Communications System, to gather outage data for those

telecommunications and information service providers not currently required to report outages. The Committee will monitor this process, analyze the data obtained from the voluntary trial and report on the efficacy of that process, as well as the on-going reliability of such services.

The Committee will evaluate existing network outage reporting requirements and make recommendations for improving, or where appropriate initiating, reporting requirements for: (i) Telecommunications carriers currently required to report outages; and (ii) telecommunications carriers not presently required to report service outages.

Building on the work of the previous Committee, as appropriate, the Committee will continue to develop best practices recommendations and refine or modify, as appropriate, best practices recommendations developed by previous Committees.

The Committee will continue to evaluate and report on the extent to which telecommunications common carriers are using best practices recommendations and applicable American National Standards Institute Committee T–1 standards, and identify ways to increase the use of best practices and relevant Committee T–1 standards by telecommunications service providers.

The Committee will make recommendations concerning technical standards to ensure spectral compatibility in wireline networks and facilitate the deployment of xDSL and associated technologies.

The Committee will make recommendations concerning the development of spectrum management processes within the wireline network that facilitate competition among CLECs and ILECs using different technologies while still maintaining network integrity. The Committee will make recommendations with respect to such additional topics as the Commission may specify. These topics may include requests for recommendations and technical advice on interoperability issues that may arise from convergence and digital packet networks, and how the Commission may best fulfill its responsibilities, particularly with respect to national defense and safety of life and property (including law enforcement) under the Communications Act.

The Committee will assemble data and other information, perform analyses, and provide recommendations and advice to the Federal Communications Commission and the

telecommunications industry concerning the foregoing.

Building on the accomplishments of this advisory Committee, and in view of the purposes of the Committee under the amended charter, the Commission has selected members of the Committee on the basis of their technical knowledge, the impact of their activities on network reliability, and the impact of network availability on the constituencies the members represent. Any new members will be chosen so that the largest possible diversity of interests, given the functions to be performed and the need for practical considerations of administrative efficiency, will be represented.

The continuation of the Committee is necessary and in the public interest to prepare recommendations for the FCC and the communications industry, and to help coordinate industry and government efforts to ensure continued reliability as the number, and types, of networks connected with public telecommunications networks continue to increase. Continuation is also necessary to prepare recommendations to the industry and to the FCC to forestall, and minimize the impact of, future network outages. In addition, continuation of the Committee is necessary so that the Commission, and the telecommunications industry, can effectively monitor outages and help assure availability of crucial communications services.

The Committee was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from consumer and other organizations to develop and recommend measures that will assure optimal reliability, interoperability, accessibility and interconnectivity to public telecommunications networks.

DATES: Renewal effective January 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Nilsson at 202-418-0845 or TTY 202-418-2989.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Network Reliability and Interoperability Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons of the first meeting of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (Council) under its charter renewed as of January 6, 2000. The meeting will be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.

DATES: Monday, March 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. S.W. Room TW-C305, Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Nilsson at 202-418-0845 or TTY 202-418-2989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from academic, consumer and other organizations to explore and recommend measures that would enhance network reliability.

The Council will consider a report on the success of its efforts to ameliorate the possible effects of the year 2000 date change on communications networks, and will also consider reports from the network reliability working groups. In addition, the Council will discuss the modifications that have been made to the Council's charter and how those modifications should be addressed, and any additional issues that may come before it.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Kent Nilsson, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer for the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council, by email (KNILSSON@FCC.GOV) or U.S. mail (7-B452, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20554). Real Audio and streaming video Access to the meeting will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/>.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On March 3, 2000, the Commission released a public notice announcing the March 21 and 22, 2000, meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the NANC's next meeting and its agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Grimes at (202) 418-2320 or jgrimes@fcc.gov. The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Suite 6A320, Washington, DC 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Released: March 3, 2000.

The next meeting of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, from 8:30 a.m., until 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 22, 2000, from 8:30 a.m., until 12 noon. The meeting will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

This meeting is open to the members of the general public. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many participants as possible. The public may submit written statements to the NANC, which must be received two business days before the meeting. In addition, oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the NANC will be permitted to the extent time permits. Such statements will be limited to five minutes in length by any one party or entity, and requests to make an oral statement must be received two business days before the meeting. Requests to make an oral statement or provide written comments to the NANC should be sent to Jeannie Grimes at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** stated above.