

issues are to be filed on or before May 20, 1996; and reply comments on, or before, June 3, 1996. These filings will not be considered in applying the page limits for filings in this proceeding. To file formal comments addressing these issues, parties are required to comply with all of the remaining comment filing procedures contained in part VI(D) of this NPRM. Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, with 3 copies to Gloria Shambley of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, D.C. 20554.

291. Other requirements. In order to facilitate review of comments and reply comments, both by parties and by Commission staff, we require that comments be no longer than seventy-five (75) pages and reply comments be no longer than thirty-five (35) pages, including exhibits, appendices, and affidavits of expert witnesses. Empirical economic studies and copies of relevant state orders will not be counted against these page limits. These page limits will not be waived and will be strictly enforced. Comments and reply comments must include a short and concise summary of the substantive arguments raised in the pleading. Comments and reply comments must also comply with Section 1.49 and all other applicable sections of the Commissions Rules. However, we require here that a summary be included with all comments and reply comments, although a summary that does not exceed three pages will not count towards the 75 page limit for comments or the 35 page limit for reply comments. The summary may be paginated separately from the rest of the pleading (e.g., as "i, ii"). See 47 CFR § 1.49. We also direct all interested parties to include the name of the filing party and the date of the filing on each page of their comments and reply comments. Comments and reply comments also must clearly identify the specific portion of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to which a particular comment or set of comments is responsive. If a portion of a party's comments does not fall under a particular topic listed in the outline of this NPRM, such comments must be included in a clearly labelled section at the beginning or end of the filing. Parties may not file more than a total of ten (10) pages of *ex parte* submissions, excluding cover letters. This 10 page limit does not include: (1) written *ex*

parte filings made solely to disclose an oral *ex parte* contact; (2) written material submitted at the time of an oral presentation to Commission staff that provides a brief outline of the presentation; or (3) written material filed in response to direct requests from Commission staff. *Ex parte* filings in excess of this limit will not be considered as part of the record in this proceeding.

292. Parties are also asked to submit comments and reply comments on diskette. Such diskette submissions would be in addition to and not a substitute for the formal filing requirements addressed above. Parties submitting diskettes should submit them to Janice Myles of the Common Carrier Bureau, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 544, Washington, D.C. 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible form using MS DOS 5.0 and WordPerfect 5.1 software. The diskette should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labelled with the party's name, proceeding, type of pleading (comment or reply comments) and date of submission. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter.

293. Written comments by the public on the proposed and/or modified information collections are due 25 days after public release of this NPRM, and reply comments must be submitted not later than 14 days after the comments. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed and/or modified information collections on or before 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or via the Internet to dconway@fcc.gov and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503 or via the Internet to fain_t@al.eop.gov.

E. Ordering Clauses

294. Accordingly, It is Ordered that pursuant to Sections 1, 4, 201–205, 222, 224, 225, 251, 252, 254, 255, 256, and 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 153, 154, 201–205, 222, 224, 251, 252, 254, 255, 256, and 271, a Notice of proposed rulemaking is hereby adopted.

295. It is further ordered that, the Secretary shall send a copy of this notice of proposed rulemaking,

including the regulatory flexibility certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, in accordance with paragraph 603(a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 601 *et seq.* (1981).

296. *The Administration of the North American Numbering Plan*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 92–237, 59 FR 24103 (5/10/94), to the extent that it addressed the issue of dialing parity, is hereby dismissed as moot solely with respect to that issue.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 2

[DA 96–577]

Mobile-Satellite Service

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission seeks additional comments in its proposal to allocate 70 megahertz at 1990–2025 MHz and 2165–2200 MHz to the Mobile-Satellite Service. Comments will help to resolve outstanding questions relative to spectrum sharing and relocation of incumbent microwave licensees.

DATES: Comments are due on or before May 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean White, Office of Engineering and Technology, 202/418–2453, e-mail swhite@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 31, 1995, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in the Matter of Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use by the Mobile-Satellite Service, ET Docket No. 95–18, 60 Fed. Reg. 11644. The comment and reply comment period for this proceeding closed on June 21, 1995.

On March 14, 1996, COMSAT Corporation (COMSAT) filed supplemental comments in this proceeding and requested that we allow interested parties to file comments addressing them. On March 27, 1996, Motorola, Inc., filed a partial opposition to COMSAT's supplemental comments,

stating that the Commission should not consider COMSAT's supplemental comments unless all parties are given time to analyze and respond to them. On April 1, 1996, UTC filed an opposition to COMSAT's supplemental comments, asking that the Commission treat them as an ex parte communication. On April 5, 1996, the American Petroleum Institute filed a response to COMSAT's supplemental comments.

COMSAT's supplemental comments, and the responses thereto, were filed partly as a result of new information provided by the 1995 World Radio Conference on the issues in this proceeding. The responses of other interested parties demonstrates that there is considerable interest in these issues. At the same time, we do not wish to delay this proceeding unduly. Therefore, we will allow interested parties to file responses to COMSAT's supplemental comments within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice. Responses should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. COMSAT's supplemental comments and the responses thereto will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information concerning this proceeding contact Sean White at (202) 418-2453 or e-mail swhite@fcc.gov, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Michael J. Marcus,

Acting Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Part 383

[FHWA Docket No. MC-93-12]

RIN 2125-AD05

Training of Entry-Level Drivers of Commercial Motor Vehicles

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Section 4007 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), (Pub.L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 2151-2152) directed the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the efforts of the private sector to ensure adequate training of entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). With this notice, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is advising members of the general public that copies of the study entitled "Assessing the Adequacy of Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Training: Final Report" and a cost-benefit analysis of requiring entry-level training for CMV drivers are now available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Two copies have also been placed in the FHWA Docket number MC-93-12. The Agency is also requesting comments from the general public regarding the content and conclusions of the final report and cost-benefit analysis.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written, signed comments to FHWA Docket No. MC-93-12, Room 4232, HCC-10, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald Finn, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-0647, or Mr. Charles Medalen, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1354, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

In response to the requirement in § 4007 of the ISTEA that the Secretary commence a rulemaking proceeding on the need to require training of all entry-level drivers of CMVs, the FHWA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) on entry-level training on June 21, 1993 (58 FR 33874). There were 104 comments to the ANPRM, but no consensus was reached on the issue of mandated entry-level driver training. The heavy truck and bus industries were against mandated entry-level driver training.

The main objection of these industries to the proposed training requirement was that the existence of uniform licensing standards rendered training unnecessary. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the trucking schools were in favor of the training requirement. The trucking schools argued that if training was not mandated, the motor carriers and schools generally would not offer or require training.

Adequacy Study

In order to formulate a basis for the report to Congress on entry-level driver training required by the ISTEA, the FHWA hired a contractor to assess the adequacy of entry-level training for CMV drivers. In analyzing the adequacy of entry-level training, the contractor examined the training provided to entry-level drivers of heavy trucks, motorcoaches, and school buses. This examination disclosed that the percentages of employers who hire entry-level drivers and provide them with adequate training were as follows: school bus operator employers (24 percent), motorcoach driver employers (19 percent), and heavy truck driver employers (8 percent).

Consequently, the contractor concluded that neither the heavy truck, motorcoach, nor school bus segments of the CMV industry provided adequate entry-level driver training.

Cost-Benefit Study

The FHWA also had the contractor carry out a cost-benefit study of requiring entry-level driver training.

This study showed that the cost of mandating entry-level training for 360,000 drivers a year in the heavy truck industry would be \$4.5 billion over a 10-year period. The societal benefits of fewer accidents, reduced health care costs, and reduced delays caused by accident-related traffic congestion over the same 10-year period were estimated to range from \$5.8 to \$15.3 billion.

Report to Congress

The Secretary of Transportation submitted the "Assessing the Adequacy of Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Training: Final Report" and the cost-benefit analysis to the U.S. Congress on February 5, 1996.

The FHWA is requesting comments from the general public on the entry-level training final report and cost-benefit analysis prior to taking any additional action. The FHWA is considering holding a public meeting at the close of the comment period on the issue of mandating entry-level training.