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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 799

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

Charles M. Auer,

Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

Accordingly, EPA is extending the comment period on the proposed rule to January 9, 1997.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 52 and 64

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 97-2439]

Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Carrier Identification Codes (CICs)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On November 21, 1997, the Network Services Division of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, released an Order extending the deadline for filing comments to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket addressing carrier identification code use and assignment [62 FR 54817 (10/22/97)]. The Order is intended to grant the extension request filed by the North American Numbering Council (NANC) and to make the public aware of the extensions of the filing deadlines.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 6, 1998, and reply comments must be filed on or before April 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Secretary, Room 222, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Nightingale, Attorney, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-2352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Carrier Identification Codes (CICs); Order [CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 97-2439]

[Adopted: November 20, 1997; Released: November 21, 1997]

1. On October 9, 1997, the Commission released a *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order*¹ in this docket, addressing issues related to Feature Group D carrier identification code (CIC) use and assignment.² In the *FNPRM*, the Commission sought comment on, for example, the use and application of Feature Group D CICs, on the definition of "entity" used to determine who may receive a CIC, and on CIC conservation issues. In the *Order*, the Commission directed the North American Numbering Council (NANC) to present to the Commission, no later than December 15, 1997, the NANC's recommendations on the tentative conclusions and proposals in the *FNPRM*, including any alternatives to them. The Commission stated that NANC's recommendations (including any recommended rules or recommended resolutions of ambiguities or policy disputes) should address, for example, how to define "entity" and whether CIC conservation measures, such as a limit on CIC assignments per entity, a limit on the total number of four-digit CICs available for assignment, and mandatory CIC reclamation procedures, are needed to meet the Commission's numbering policy goals.

2. In a letter dated November 19, 1997, the North American Numbering Council (NANC), through its Chairman, Alan C. Hasselwander, requested extension of the deadlines set in the *FNPRM and Order*. Specifically, NANC asks that the deadline by which it must present recommendations to the Commission, as required by the *Order*, be extended from December 15, 1997, to February 19, 1998 (the day following NANC's February meeting). In addition, NANC requested that the time by which parties must file comments and reply comments in response to the *FNPRM* be extended from November 24, 1997, and December 22, 1997, respectively, to a period following the date for NANC's submission.

¹ Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Carrier Identification Codes (CICs), *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order*, CC Docket No. 92-237, FCC 97-364 (released October 9, 1997) (62 FR 54817 (10/22/97)) (*FNPRM and Order*).

² CICs are numeric codes that enable local exchange carriers (LECs) providing interstate interexchange access services to identify the interstate interexchange carrier (IXC) that the originating caller wishes to use to transmit its interstate call. LECs use the CICs to route traffic to the proper IXC and to bill for the interstate access service provided. CICs facilitate competition by enabling callers to use the services of telecommunications service providers either by presubscription or by dialing CAC, which incorporates that carrier's unique Feature Group D CIC.

3. NANC states that at its November 18, 1997 meeting, the members unanimously agreed that such a delay is required. NANC also asserts that the delay "will allow NANC to assemble a diverse group of industry representatives to consider the questions raised in the Order and work diligently to find common ground." In support of its request that the time by which parties must file comments in response to the *FNPRM* be extended until after the deadline for NANC's submission, NANC states that "industry may achieve a more uniform position if NANC attempts to achieve consensus before interested parties have publicly stated their positions."

4. The Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time.³ It is important, however, that the record be as complete as possible. A recommendation from NANC that reflects consensus based on a diverse group of industry views is desirable. Granting NANC's additional time to submit its recommendation to the Commission increases the likelihood that the recommendation will be comprehensive. Further, if delaying the pleading cycle until after NANC reports will allow NANC to achieve a more uniform view from a cross-section of the industry, because interested parties would not have publicly stated their positions in advance of NANC's opportunity to address them, the record in this proceeding will benefit. For these reasons, we grant NANC's request and, accordingly, we: (1) extend the period of time by which NANC must provide its recommendations to the Commission until February 19, 1998; and (2) extend the period of time by which parties must file comments and reply comments on the issues raised in the *FNPRM* until March 6, 1998, and April 3, 1998, respectively. We emphasize that the comments and reply comments on the *FNPRM* should address the proposals and tentative conclusions raised by the Commission in the *FNPRM*, and should not be limited to NANC's recommendations.

5. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 1.46, that the North American Numbering Council's request to extend the deadline by which it must present recommendations to the Commission in response to the *Order* issued in this proceeding on October 9, 1997, *is granted*, by extending the deadline until February 19, 1998.

6. *It is further ordered*, pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.46, that the North American

³ See 47 CFR 1.45.

Numbering Council's request to extend the deadlines by which parties must file comments and reply comments in response to the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* issued in this proceeding on October 9, 1997, IS GRANTED, by extending the deadline for filing comments until March 6, 1998, and by extending the deadline for filing reply comments until April 3, 1998.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Chief, Network Services Division Common Carrier Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[CC Docket No. 97-213, FCC 97-356]

Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On October 10, 1997, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 97-213 to implement the portion of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act that requires Commission rulemaking. This NPRM contains proposed or modified information collections subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. OMB, the public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed

or modified information collections contained in this proceeding.

DATES: Comments are due December 12, 1997; Reply Comments are due January 12, 1997. Written comments by the public on the proposed and/or modified information collections are due December 12, 1997. Written comments must be submitted by the OMB on the proposed and/or modified information collections on or before 60 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov, and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725—17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503 or via the Internet to fain_t@al.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Ward, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-2320. For additional information concerning the information collections contained in this NPRM contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214, or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This summarizes the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 97-213, In the Matter of Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, FCC 97-356, adopted October 2, 1997, and released October 10, 1997, as corrected in Erratum, CC Docket No. 97-213, rel. October 24, 1997. The record in this proceeding is available for inspection and copying during the weekday hours of 9 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. in the Commission's Reference Center, room 239, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C., or copies may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, ITS, Inc. 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, phone (202) 857-3800.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This NPRM contains either a proposed or modified information collection. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to comment on the information collections contained in this NPRM, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13. Public and agency comments are due at the same time as other comments on this NPRM; OMB notification of action is due 60 days from the date of publication of this NPRM in the **Federal Register**.

Comments should address: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Title: Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, NPRM.

CC Docket No: 97-213.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Proposed requirement	Number of respondents	Estimated time per response	Total annual burden hours
Affidavits (proposed Sec. 64.1704(c))	3,500	2.45	8,575
Record keeping (proposed Sec. 64.1704)	3,500	4.9	17,150
Compliance Statements (proposed Sec. 64.1704)	3,500	1.0	3,500
List of Designated Personnel	3,500	5.0	17,500
Total Annual Burden Hours	46,725
Estimated Cost per Respondent: \$700.			

Needs and Uses

The Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) requires the Commission to adopt rules that regulate the conduct and record keeping of lawful electronic surveillance. CALEA also requires the Commission to

adjudicate petitions from telecommunications carriers and interested parties to the extent to which they must comply with CALEA's requirements, capability standards, and the reasonable achievability of law enforcement officials' capability requirements. The information

submitted to the Commission by telecommunications carriers will be used to determine whether or not the telecommunications carriers are in conformance with CALEA's requirements. The information maintained by telecommunications carriers will be used by law enforcement