

any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (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 estimate; (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.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before September 7, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0667.

Title: Section 76.1621 Equipment compatibility offer.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 10,480.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1-3 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 10,515 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$5,300.

Needs and Uses: Section 76.1621 of the Commission's rules prohibits cable system operators from scrambling or otherwise encrypting signals carried on the basic service tier. However, cable system operators may file a waiver of this prohibition with the Commission. In addition, section 76.1621 requires cable system operators that use scrambling or encryption equipment to provide subscribers special equipment that will enable the reception of multiple signals. Section 76.1622 requires cable system operators to provide in writing a consumer education program concerning equipment compatibility. The

Commission has set forth these disclosure requirements for consumer protection purposes to inform subscribers of compatibility matters, and notify subscribers of cable operator's requests to waive the prohibition on signal encryption.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0986.

Title: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service—Plan for Reforming the Rural Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 90-45.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Respondents: Business or Other for Profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 7099.

Estimated Time Per Response: .81 hours per response (avg).

Total Annual Burden: 5770.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually; One-Time Requirement; Third Party Disclosure.

Needs and Uses: In CC Docket 96-45, released May 23, 2001 (FCC 01-157), the Commission modified its rules for providing high cost universal service support to rural telephone companies for the next five years based upon the proposals made by the Rural Task Force. Carriers are required to elect one of three paths implementing rural high cost reform. Carriers electing Path One must certify that it will not disaggregate and target support. Carriers selecting Path Two must file a disaggregation plan. Carriers selecting Path Three must self-certify and provide a description of the rationale used to disaggregate support, including the methods and data and a discussion of how the plan complies with the self-certification guidelines, among other things. Rural carriers that elect to disaggregate and target per-line support under either Path Two or Three are required to report loops at the cost-zone level. States are required to file annual certifications to ensure that carriers use universal service support only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with Section 254(e). The Commission requires the filing of line count data on a regular quarterly basis upon competitive entry into rural carrier study areas. Carriers must provide written notice in conjunction with their annual or quarterly submissions to NECA indicating that a study area meets the 14% TPIS trigger. Rural carriers must provide written notice when their index year has been established for the purposes of calculating eligibility for safety value support.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 01-1549]

Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the date, time, and agenda for the next meeting of the Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee (hereinafter "the Committee"), whose purpose is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer and disability issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including people with disabilities and underserved populations) in proceedings before the Commission.

DATES: The meeting of the Committee will take place on August 6, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer, Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Telephone 202-418-2809 (voice) or 202-418-0179 (TTY); Email: cdtac@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Public Notice dated and released July 2, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission announced the next meeting of its Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee. The establishment of the Committee had been announced by Public Notice dated November 30, 2000, 15 FCC Rcd 23798, as published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 76265, December 6, 2000).

During the Committee's August 6th meeting, highlights of the Committee's agenda will include:

- Discussion and Committee recommendations concerning recent

Commission proposals to reform the Universal Service Fund contribution system [CC Docket Nos.: 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, and 95-116];

- Further definition and prioritization of issues to be addressed by the Committee's three subcommittee working groups; and
- Consideration of a request for membership by the U.S. Telecom Association.

Availability of Copies and Electronic Accessibility

A copy of the July 2, 2001 Public Notice is available in alternate formats (Braille, cassette tape, large print or diskette) upon request. It is also posted on the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac. The Committee meeting will be broadcast on the Internet in Real Audio/Real Video format with captioning at www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac. The meeting will be sign language interpreted and realtime transcription and assistive listening devices will also be available. The meeting site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Copies of meeting agendas and handout material will also be provided in accessible formats. Meeting minutes will be available for public inspection at the FCC headquarters building and will be posted on the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac.

Committee meetings will be open to the public and interested persons may attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Members of groups or individuals who are not members of the Committee will also have the opportunity to participate in work conducted by subcommittees of the Committee. Written comments for the Committee may also be sent to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, Scott Marshall. Notices of future meetings of the Committee will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Federal Communications Commission.

Karen Peltz Strauss,

Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer Information Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[MM Docket No. 01-145; DA 01-1582]

MDS Two-Way Transmissions

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Mass Media Bureau, Video Services Division seeks comment on a request for declaratory ruling to remove minimum sub-carrier requirement for Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing ("OFDM") Modulation in the Multipoint Distribution Service ("MDS") and Instructional Television Fixed Service ("ITFS").

DATES: Comments due on or before July 19, 2001. Reply comments are due on or before July 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Lerner (202) 418-7066, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Mass Media Bureau, Video Service Division's Public Notice entitled, *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Request for Declaratory Ruling to Remove Minimum Sub-Carrier Requirement for Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing Modulation in Multipoint Distribution Service and Instructional Television Fixed Service*, DA 01-1582, MM Docket No. 01-145, released July 5, 2001. The full text of this Public Notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Room, Room CY-A257, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W. Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Synopsis of Public Notice

On March 13, 2001, Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco") filed a request that the Commission remove a restriction on permitted OFDM modulation in the MDS and ITFS. Specifically, Cisco requests the Commission declare that a minimum of 256 QAM-modulated carriers (or tones) is not necessary in order to use OFDM modulation in the MDS and ITFS. On July 9, 1996, the Commission adopted a declaratory ruling which permits stations operating in the MDS and ITFS to utilize certain digital emissions on a regular basis, so long as those emissions meet certain requirements for power spectral uniformity and out-of-band emissions. The Commission amended its channel utilization policy to permit the routine authorization of digital transmissions using Vestigial Sideband Modulation ("VSB") and Quadrature Amplitude Modulation ("QAM"), and indicated that the Commission would consider authorizing the use of other digital

modulation schemes based upon demonstrations of noninterference. In a subsequent proceeding, the Commission adopted technical rule changes to provide MDS and ITFS licensees flexibility to fully employ digital technology in delivering two-way communication services and expanded the list of permissible modulation techniques to include Code Division Multiple Access ("CDMA") and Quadrature Phase Shift Keying ("QPSK") modulation.

On August 31, 1998, Clarity Wireless, Inc. ("Clarity") filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling requesting that the Commission authorize the use of OFDM digital modulation to provide MDS and ITFS networking. Based on a study commissioned by Clarity, the Commission declared that OFDM could be used in the MDS and ITFS and required that a minimum of 256 QAM-modulated carriers (or "tones") be utilized.

In support of its request that the Commission remove the 256 QAM-modulation requirement, Cisco states the Commission has encouraged the use of new digital modulation techniques and established a flexible technology policy whereby advanced digital technologies would be authorized on a case-by-case basis. Cisco notes that the Commission has previously indicated that it would approve certain digital modulation types without test data if it were determined to be a subset of an already approved modulation type. Cisco asserts that the 256-tone limit adopted in the OFDM Order needlessly constrains the OFDM modulations, thereby preventing greater efficiencies in MDS/ITFS operations. Cisco states that removal of the 256 QAM-modulation requirement will allow designers to optimize their systems based on various channels and allow operators to provide a wider range of services to consumers.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will