

Subpart E—Paging and Radiotelephone Service

§ 22.501 Scope.

The rules in this subpart govern the licensing and operation of public mobile paging and radiotelephone stations. The licensing and operation of these stations are also subject to rules elsewhere in this part that apply generally to the Public Mobile Services. However, in case of conflict, the rules in this subpart govern.

§ 22.503 Paging geographic area authorizations.

The FCC considers applications for and issues paging geographic area authorizations in the Paging and Radiotelephone Service in accordance with the rules in this section. Each paging geographic area authorization contains conditions requiring compliance with paragraphs (h) and (i) of this section.

(a) *Channels.* The FCC may issue a paging geographic area authorization for any channel listed in §22.531 of this part or for any channel pair listed in §22.561 of this part.

(b) *Paging geographic areas.* The paging geographic areas are as follows:

(1) The Nationwide paging geographic area comprises the District of Columbia and all States, Territories and possessions of the United States of America.

(2) Major Economic Areas (MEAs) and Economic Areas (EAs) are defined below. EAs are defined by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. *See* Final Redefinition of the MEA Economic Areas, 60 FR 13114 (March 10, 1995). MEAs are based on EAs. In addition to the Department of Commerce's 172 EAs, the FCC shall separately license Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, which have been assigned FCC-created EA numbers 173–175, respectively, and MEA numbers 49–51, respectively.

(3) The 51 MEAs are composed of one or more EAs as defined in the following table:

MEAs	EAs
1 (Boston)	1–3.
2 (New York City)	4–7, 10.

MEAs	EAs
3 (Buffalo)	8.
4 (Philadelphia)	11–12.
5 (Washington)	13–14.
6 (Richmond)	15–17, 20.
7 (Charlotte-Greensboro-Greenville-Raleigh)	18–19, 21–26, 41–42, 46.
8 (Atlanta)	27–28, 37–40, 43.
9 (Jacksonville)	29, 35.
10 (Tampa-St. Petersburg-Orlando)	30, 33–34.
11 (Miami)	31–32.
12 (Pittsburgh)	9, 52–53.
13 (Cincinnati-Dayton)	48–50.
14 (Columbus)	51.
15 (Cleveland)	54–55.
16 (Detroit)	56–58, 61–62.
17 (Milwaukee)	59–60, 63, 104–105, 108.
18 (Chicago)	64–66, 68, 97, 101.
19 (Indianapolis)	67.
20 (Minneapolis-St. Paul)	106–107, 109–114, 116.
21 (Des Moines-Quad Cities)	100, 102–103, 117.
22 (Knoxville)	44–45.
23 (Louisville-Lexington-Evansville)	47, 69–70, 72.
24 (Birmingham)	36, 74, 78–79.
25 (Nashville)	71.
26 (Memphis-Jackson)	73, 75–77.
27 (New Orleans-Baton Rouge)	80–85.
28 (Little Rock)	90–92, 95.
29 (Kansas City)	93, 99, 123.
30 (St. Louis)	94, 96, 98.
31 (Houston)	86–87, 131.
32 (Dallas-Fort Worth)	88–89, 127–130, 135, 137–138.
33 (Denver)	115, 140–143.
34 (Omaha)	118–121.
35 (Wichita)	122.
36 (Tulsa)	124.
37 (Oklahoma City)	125–126.
38 (San Antonio)	132–134.
39 (El Paso-Albuquerque)	136, 139, 155–157.
40 (Phoenix)	154, 158–159.
41 (Spokane-Billings)	144–147, 168.
42 (Salt Lake City)	148–150, 152.
43 (San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose)	151, 162–165.
44 (Los Angeles-San Diego)	153, 160–161.
45 (Portland)	166–167.
46 (Seattle)	169–170.
47 (Alaska)	171.
48 (Hawaii)	172.
49 (Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands)	173.
50 (Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands)	174.
51 (American Samoa)	175.

(c) *Availability.* The FCC may determine whether to issue a paging geographic area authorization for any specific channel or channel pair in any specific paging geographic area. The FCC may replace existing site specific authorizations for facilities on a channel or channel pair located in a paging geographic area with a paging geographic area authorization for that channel or channel pair, if in its sole discretion, the FCC determines that