

Federal Communications Commission

§ 51.331

telecommunications services or information services.

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§ 51.327 Notice of network changes: Content of notice.

(a) Public notice of planned network changes must, at a minimum, include:

- (1) The carrier's name and address;
- (2) The name and telephone number of a contact person who can supply additional information regarding the planned changes;
- (3) The implementation date of the planned changes;
- (4) The location(s) at which the changes will occur;
- (5) A description of the type of changes planned (Information provided to satisfy this requirement must include, as applicable, but is not limited to, references to technical specifications, protocols, and standards regarding transmission, signaling, routing, and facility assignment as well as references to technical standards that would be applicable to any new technologies or equipment, or that may otherwise affect interconnection); and
- (6) A description of the reasonably foreseeable impact of the planned changes.

(b) The incumbent LEC also shall follow, as necessary, procedures relating to confidential or proprietary information contained in § 51.335.

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§ 51.329 Notice of network changes: Methods for providing notice.

(a) In providing the required notice to the public of network changes, an incumbent LEC may use one of the following methods:

- (1) Filing a public notice with the Commission; or
- (2) Providing public notice through industry fora, industry publications, or the carrier's publicly accessible Internet site. If an incumbent LEC uses any of the methods specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, it also must file a certification with the Commission that includes:
 - (i) A statement that identifies the proposed changes;

(ii) A statement that public notice has been given in compliance with §§ 51.325 through 51.335; and

(iii) A statement identifying the location of the change information and describing how this information can be obtained.

(b) Until the planned change is implemented, an incumbent LEC must keep the notice available for public inspection, and amend the notice to keep the information complete, accurate and up-to-date.

(c) *Specific filing requirements.* Commission filings under this section must be made as follows:

(1) The public notice or certification must be labeled with one of the following titles, as appropriate: "Public Notice of Network Change Under Rule 51.329(a)," "Certification of Public Notice of Network Change Under Rule 51.329(a)," "Short Term Public Notice Under Rule 51.333(a)," or "Certification of Short Term Public Notice Under Rule 51.333(a)."

(2) Two paper copies of the incumbent LEC's public notice or certification, required under paragraph (a) of this section, must be sent to "Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554." The date on which this filing is received by the Secretary is considered the official filing date.

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§ 51.331 Notice of network changes: Timing of notice.

(a) An incumbent LEC shall give public notice of planned changes at the make/buy point, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, but at least 12 months before implementation, except as provided below:

(1) If the changes can be implemented within twelve months of the make/buy point, public notice must be given at the make/buy point, but at least six months before implementation.

(2) If the changes can be implemented within six months of the make/buy point, public notice may be given pursuant to the short term notice procedures provided in § 51.333.

(b) For purposes of this section, the *make/buy point* is the time at which an