

that each individual LATA association request be the subject of a separate petition. Third, we request that each petition be labeled "ITC Request for LATA Relief Between the [ITC exchange name(s)] and the [LATA name]."

Finally, we request that each petition include the following information, under separately numbered and labeled categories, as indicated below:

(1) *Type of request* (e.g., new association, disassociation, change of existing association);

(2) *Exchange information* (provide name of the independent exchanges, LATAs and carriers involved; indicate the LATA, if any, with which the independent exchange is currently associated);

(3) *Number of access lines or customers* (for each independent exchange);

(4) *Public interest statement* (provide a detailed statement explaining why granting the association request would serve the public interest. Include a description of any planned network changes that will require routing ITC traffic through BOC facilities in a different LATA);

(5) *Map* (showing the exchanges and LATA boundaries involved and including a scale showing distance);

(6) *ELCS Routes* (if the request is for a disassociation or change in LATA association, indicate whether there are any local calling routes between the independent exchange and the LATA with which it is currently associated; if there are such routes, list each of them and indicate whether they should be grandfathered);

(7) *BOC supplement* (attach a supplement to the petition from the BOC(s) serving the affected LATA(s) requesting a modification of the LATA boundary, pursuant to Section 3(25) of the Act, to permit the association change).

A carrier will be deemed to have made a *prima facie* case supporting grant of a proposed association change if the petition: (1) States that the association change is necessary because of planned upgrades to the ITC's network or service that will require routing traffic through a different BOC LATA; (2) involves a limited number of access lines;⁴⁶ and (3) includes a statement from the affected BOC(s) requesting a LATA modification, pursuant to Section 3(25) of the Act, to permit this change in association.

16. We request that any LATA association requests filed with the Commission, but not addressed in this order, be re-filed so that they comply

with these guidelines. Each petition will be assigned a LATA modification (association) (LM(A)) file number and placed on public notice.

VI. Conclusion

17. For the reasons set forth above, we grant Petitioners' requests for a change in the LATA association of certain independent exchanges and modify the Lubbock LATA to permit this change. We also provide guidelines for future LATA association requests. These actions serve the public interest because they will allow ITCs to provide upgraded services to consumers in an efficient manner.

VII. Ordering Clauses

18. Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to Sections 3(25) and 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 153(25), 154(i), that the requests of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Plains), File No. NSD-LM(A)-97-27, and Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cap Rock), File No. NSD-LM(A)-97-28, for LATA association changes are granted.

19. It is further ordered, pursuant to Sections 3(25) and 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 153(25), 154(i), that the requests of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) for LATA modifications for the purpose of permitting these changes in association are approved.

20. It is further ordered, pursuant to Sections 3(25) and 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 153(25), 154(i), that the association of the Silverton, Turkey, and Quitaque exchanges is changed from the Amarillo, Texas LATA to the Lubbock, Texas LATA. The Lubbock LATA is modified to permit these changes in association. The Silverton, Turkey, and Quitaque exchanges are now associated with the Lubbock LATA and SWBT may provide the same services to these exchanges through the Lubbock LATA as it was previously authorized to provide through the Amarillo LATA. The association between the Silverton, Turkey, and Quitaque exchanges and the Amarillo LATA is terminated and service between these exchanges and the Amarillo LATA will now be considered interLATA.

21. It is further ordered that pursuant to section 416(a) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 416(a), the Secretary shall serve a copy of this order upon the parties to this proceeding.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

August 5, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0785.

Expiration Date: 01/31/98.

Title: Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

Form No.: FCC Form 457, Universal Service Worksheet.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 respondents; 4.31 hours per response (avg.); 86,250 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$7,580,500.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; semi-annual; quarterly; monthly.

Description: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed the Commission to initiate a rulemaking to reform our system of universal service so that universal service is preserved and advanced as markets move toward competition. To fulfill that mandate, based on the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45 on May 8, 1997 to implement the Congressional directives set out in section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the 1996 Act. In Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and*

⁴⁶ See *supra* para. 7.

Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, the Commission further clarifies reporting requirements necessary to calculate contributions to universal service. Section 254(d) requires all telecommunications carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services to make equitable and nondiscriminatory contributions towards the preservation and advancement of universal service. Section 254(d) also permits the Commission to require providers of interstate telecommunications to contribute to universal service if it would serve the public interest. Pursuant to section 54.703 of the Commission's rules, all contributors must contribute to the support mechanisms based on their end-user telecommunications revenues. End-user telecommunications revenues are those revenues derived from end users for telecommunications or telecommunications services. End-user telecommunications revenues also include revenues from subscriber line charges. Support for programs for schools, libraries, and rural health care providers will be based on interstate, intrastate and international end-user telecommunications revenues. Support for programs for high cost areas and low-income consumers will be based on interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenues.

In order to compute contributions, contributors must submit semi-annually information regarding their end-user telecommunications revenues. Section 54.711 of the Commission's rules requires contributing entities to submit a semi-annual Universal Service Worksheet, FCC Form 457 (the Worksheet) and quarterly contributions to universal service. See 47 CFR Section 54.711. The Worksheet requires entities to submit information regarding their end-user telecommunications revenues. It will require entities to list their revenues by several categories and to specify what portion of their revenues are attributable to interstate services. The Worksheet will be used by the Administrator or Temporary Administrator to calculate total end-user telecommunications revenues. This information shall be used to calculate the quarterly contribution factors which shall be applied to individual end-user telecommunications revenues to calculate individual contributions. Universal service contribution factors shall be based on the ratio of projected costs of the support mechanisms for the funding year, including administrative expenses, to the revenue base,

calculated from information contained in the Worksheets. The 1998 universal service funding year will begin January 1, 1998 and end December 31, 1998. The Administrator or Temporary Administrator will adjust the contribution factor every quarter based on projected demand for services, administrative costs, etc. The Report and Order set forth a partial listing of the types of interstate services for which contributions must be made. Carriers that provide interstate services, including, but not limited to: cellular telephone and paging services; mobile radio services; operator services; PCS; access to interexchange service; special access; WATS; toll-free services; 900 services; MTS; private line; telex; telegraph; video services; satellite services; and resale services must contribute to the universal service support mechanisms. See 47 CFR Section 54.703. The Administrator or Temporary Administrator will bill contributors and the contributor will then submit its quarterly payment to the Administrator or Temporary Administrator. Contributors that provide services to schools, libraries, and health care providers may be eligible to receive a credit against their contributions. A contributor seeking a credit must submit information to the Administrator or Temporary Administrator regarding the services provided at less than cost. See 47 CFR Section 54.515. The Administrator or Temporary Administrator will send contributors a quarterly bill that will set out the quarterly contribution due. In addition, contributors will be allowed to submit their quarterly contribution with the information necessary to calculate any credits. The Commission exempts certain carriers from the contribution requirement. If based on the funding year's first quarter contribution percentage, a contributor's yearly contribution would be less than \$100, it will not be required to submit a Worksheet and a contribution. Failure to file the Worksheet or to submit required contributions may subject the contributors to the enforcement provisions of the Act and any other applicable law. See 47 CFR Section 54.713. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 USC §§ 154(i), 254(d), as amended. The information will be used by the Commission and the Administrator or Temporary Administrator to calculate contributions to the universal service support mechanisms. The Universal Service Worksheet can be obtained from the Commission's website (www.fcc.gov). The Worksheet is also

available through the FCC Fax-on-Demand system. Copies may be ordered via fax 24 hours a day by calling 202-418-0177 from the handset of any fax machine. The document retrieval number is 000457. The files contain both the instructions and the form. Follow the system voice prompts and enter the document retrieval number when requested. Due to the limited number of phone lines into the forms Fax-on Demand system, callers may wish to call during non-business hours. If you have difficulty with the transmission of your fax contact Ginny Simms at 202-418-0213. All entities that are required to contribute to universal service support mechanisms must complete the Worksheet by September 1, 1997. Compliance is mandatory.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0786.

Expiration Date: 01/31/98.

Title: Petitions for LATA Association Changes by Independent Telephone Companies.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20 respondents; 6 hours per response (avg.); 120 total annual burden hours.

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

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Description: In Petitions for LATA Association Changes by Independent Telephone Companies, *Memorandum Opinion and Order (Order)*, CC Docket No. 96-158, the Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requests that independent telephone companies (ITCs) and Bell Operating Companies provide certain information to the Commission regarding ITC requests for changes in local access and transport area (LATA) association and modification of LATA boundaries to permit the change in association. The Commission has provided voluntary guidelines to assist ITCs in filing petitions for changes in LATA association and connected modification of LATA boundaries. The guidelines ask that each LATA association change request include the following information: (1) Type of request; (2) exchange information; (3) number of access lines or customers; (4) public interest statement; (5) a map showing exchanges and LATA boundaries involved; (6) a list of extended local calling service (ELCS) routes between the independent exchange and the LATA with which it is currently associated; and (7) a BOC supplement requesting a modification of the LATA boundary. A carrier will be

deemed to have made a *prima facie* case supporting grant of the proposed change in association if the petition: (1) States that the association change is necessary because of planned upgrades to the ITC's network or service that will require routing traffic through a different BOC LATA; (2) involves a limited number of access lines; and (3) includes a statement from the affected BOC(s) requesting a LATA modification. The guidelines will assist the ITCs in filing LATA association petitions and the Commission in determining whether a change in LATA association should be granted. The requested information will be used by the Commission to determine whether the need for the proposed changes in LATA association outweighs the risk of potential anticompetitive effects, and thus whether requests for changes in LATA association and connected modifications of LATA boundaries should be granted.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0784.

Expiration Date: 01/31/98.

Title: USAC Board of Directors

Nomination Process, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17 respondents; 20 hours per response (avg.); 340 total annual burden hours.

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

Frequency of Response: On occasion; biennially.

Description: In Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, the Commission appoints the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) the temporary administrator of the universal service support mechanisms, subject to its creating a separate subsidiary, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), to administer the support programs. The Commission also directs NECA to create two unaffiliated corporations to administer portions of the schools and libraries and rural health care programs. USAC's Board of Directors shall consist of 17 individuals who represent a cross section of industry providers and support program beneficiaries: (1) Three directors shall represent incumbent local exchange carriers, with one director representing the Bell Operating Companies and GTE, one director representing ILECs (other than the Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in

excess of \$40 million, and one director representing ILECs (other than the Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues of \$40 million or less; (2) Two directors shall represent interexchange carriers, with one director representing interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues and one director representing interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less; (3) One director shall represent commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers; (4) One director shall represent competitive local exchange carriers; (5) One director shall represent cable operators; (6) One director shall represent information service providers; (7) Three directors shall represent schools that are eligible to receive universal service discounts; (8) One director shall represent libraries that are eligible to receive universal service discounts; (9) One director shall represent rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services; (10) One director shall represent low-income consumers; (11) One director shall represent state telecommunications regulators; and (12) One director shall represent state consumer advocates. The Commission instructs industry and non-industry groups to nominate a consensus candidate for each seat on the Board. Each of these industry and non-industry groups shall submit the name of its nominee for a seat on USAC's Board of Directors, along with relevant professional and biographical information about the nominee, to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission within 14 calendar days of the publication of the Report and Order's rules in the **Federal Register**. Only members of the industry or non-industry group that a Board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position. See 47 CFR Sections 69.614, 69.617. Members of the USAC Board will be appointed for two-year terms. Board members may be re-appointed for subsequent terms pursuant to the initial nomination and appointment process described above. The information will be used by the Commission to select USAC's Board of Directors. The information requested is not otherwise available. Without such information the Commission could not appoint a representative body to USAC's Board of Directors and, therefore, could not fulfill its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. You are required to respond.

Public reporting burden for the collection of information is as noted

above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

JFY Cargo, 12923 Cerise Avenue, Hawthorne, CA 90250, Debrah Ann Thorpe-Hebert, Sole Proprietor International Financial Resources, Inc., 510 Plaza Drive, Suite 2280, Atlanta, GA 30349, Officer: Allen R. Bornscheuer, CEO

Dated: August 6, 1997.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices