

substantial number of small entities. Therefore, EPA provides the following certification under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act: Pursuant to the provision at 5 U.S.C. 605(b), I hereby certify that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. It does not impose any new burdens on small entities. This proposed rule, therefore, does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

H. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Pub. L. 104-113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards. There are no voluntary consensus technical standards directly applicable to metal contaminants in hazardous waste that exhibit the toxicity characteristic for metals. Therefore, EPA did not consider the use of any voluntary standards in this proposal.

I. Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA) provides, with limited exceptions, that no rule promulgated on or after March 29, 1996 may take effect until it is submitted to Congress and the Comptroller General along with specified supporting documentation. However, this requirement does not apply to "any rule of particular applicability." * * * 5 U.S.C. 804(3). The proposed rule is of particular applicability, applying only to a particular waste at one facility under particular (and, as noted, exceptional) circumstances. Consequently, the Congressional review provisions of SBREFA are not applicable and this rule, if accepted, can take effect without submittal to Congress.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 268

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste.

Matthew Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-6176-4]

Hazardous Waste Management Program: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve Louisiana Department of Environment Quality's (LDEQ) Clusters V and VI Hazardous Waste Program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. In the rule section of this **Federal Register** (FR), the EPA is approving the State's request as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second FR document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments referring to Docket Number LA98-1 may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by LDEQ may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at

Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, H.B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, Phone number (504) 765-0617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alima Patterson, (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Jerry Clifford,

Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-6166-4]

North Carolina; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to grant final authorization to the hazardous waste program revisions submitted by North Carolina. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the authorization is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received, the immediate final rule will become effective and no further activity will occur in relation to this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, EPA will withdraw the immediate final rule before its effective date by publishing a withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. EPA will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. EPA may not provide further opportunity for comment. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Narindar Kumar, Chief, RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center,

61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104; (404) 562-8440. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by North Carolina during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 4 Library, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104; (404) 562-8190, and North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 29201, (919) 733-2178.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Narindar Kumar, Chief RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104; (404) 562-8440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Chapter I

[CC Docket No. 96-61; FCC 98-258]

Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking examines restrictions that limit a common carrier's ability to bundle certain goods and services together and offer such bundles to the public. The goods and services at issue include telecommunications services, enhanced services, and customer premises equipment (CPE). Our rules currently prohibit telecommunications carriers from bundling telecommunications services with CPE, and place restrictions on the bundling of telecommunications services with enhanced services. Our current restrictions not only prevent carriers from offering distinct goods and/or services only on a bundled basis, but also prohibit carriers from offering "package discounts," which enable customers to purchase an array of products in a package at a lower price than the individual products could be purchased separately. In this

proceeding, we examine whether market conditions have changed sufficient to warrant lifting our restrictions on the bundling of CPE and enhanced services with basic telecommunications services.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 23, 1998 and reply comments are due on or before December 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and reply comments should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Room 222, Washington, DC 20554, with a copy to Janice Myles of the Common Carrier Bureau, 1919 M Street, NW, Room 544, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Pryor, Deputy Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1580. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Common Carrier Bureau's TTY number: 202-418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted October 1, 1998 and released October 9, 1998 (FCC 98-258). The full text of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 1919 M St., NW, Room 239, Washington, DC. The complete text also may be obtained through the World Wide Web, at <http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/CommonCarrier/Orders/fcc9735.wp>, or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis: Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), the Commission has prepared an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the possible significant economic impact on small entities of the policies and rules in this Further NPRM of Proposed Rulemaking (Further NPRM). Written public comments are requested on the IRFA. These comments must be filed in accordance with the same filing deadlines as comments on the rest of the Further NPRM, and should have a separate and distinct heading designating them as responses to the IRFA. The Commission shall send a copy of this Further NPRM, including the IRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business

Administration in accordance with the RFA, 5 U.S.C. 603(a).

Synopsis of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

I. Introduction

1. In this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Further NPRM), we examine restrictions that limit a common carrier's ability to bundle certain goods and services together and offer such bundles to the public. The goods and services at issue include telecommunications services, enhanced services, and customer premises equipment (CPE). Bundling means selling different goods and/or services together in a single package. Our rules currently prohibit telecommunications carriers from bundling telecommunications services with CPE, and place restrictions on the bundling of telecommunications services with enhanced services. Our current restrictions not only prevent carriers from offering distinct goods and/or services only on a bundled basis, but also prohibit carriers from offering "package discounts," which enable "customers [to] purchase an array of products in a package at a lower price than the individual products could be purchased separately."

2. In this proceeding, we examine whether market conditions have changed sufficiently to warrant lifting our restrictions on the bundling of CPE and enhanced services with basic telecommunications services. At the time the Commission adopted the CPE and enhanced services bundling restrictions, the Commission recognized, "[i]f the markets for components of [a] commodity bundle are workably competitive, bundling may present no major societal problems so long as the consumer is not deceived concerning the content and quality of the bundle."

3. This review is consistent with our overall effort to reduce regulation wherever conditions warrant. The review we take in this notice is also consistent with our statutory obligation, as part of our biennial review of regulations, to eliminate or modify regulations that "are no longer necessary in the public interest as the result of meaningful economic competition."

II. Background

4. In light of changes in the interexchange market over the past decade and the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act), the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 61 FR 14717,