

carriers (number of respondents from 40 to 47) from the last time this information collection was submitted to the OMB for review and approval in 2006.

Certain local exchange carriers are required to submit a biennial or annual Tariff Review Plan in partial fulfillment of cost support material required by 47 CFR Part 61. Sections 201, 202, and 203 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended require common carriers to establish just and reasonable charges, practices and regulations for their interstate telecommunications services provided. For services that are still covered under Section 203, tariff schedules containing charges, rates, rules, and regulations must be filed with the Commission. If the FCC takes no action within the notice period, then the filing becomes effective. The Commission is granted broad authority to require the submission of data showing the value of the property used to provide the services, some of which are automatically required by its rules and some of which can be required through individual requests. All filings that become effective are considered legal but only those filed pursuant to Section 204(a)(3) of the Act are deemed lawful.

For services that are detariffed, no tariffs are filed at the FCC and determination of reasonableness and any unreasonable discrimination is generally addressed through the complaint process.

Incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) can make a voluntary tariff filing at anytime, but are required to update rates annually or biennially. See 47 CFR Section 69.3. To minimize the regulatory burdens on reporting ILECs, as well as reviewers, the Commission has undertaken many reforms as described in the following: (1) The Commission has developed a standardized Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) which set forth the summary material ILECs file to support revisions to the rates in their interstate access service tariffs. (2) Incentive-based regulation (price caps) was developed by the Commission to simplify the process of determining the reasonableness of rates or rate restructures for ILECs subject to price caps. Supporting material requirements for price cap ILECs qualifying for pricing flexibility have been eliminated. In addition, ILECs having 50,000 or fewer access lines do not have to file any supporting material unless requested to do so. (3) Price cap ILECs can elect to be subject to Title I versus Title II of the Act for certain forms of internet access in order to offer their internet access services on a

detariffed basis pursuant to private contracts. Rate-of-return ILECs can choose to change from tariffed to detariffed for the same internet services, but are still subject to Title II regulation. (4) Through forbearance, the Commission has allowed those ILECs whose petition has been granted to choose mandatory detariffing of certain broadband and packet services.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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First Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the initial meeting of the WRC-11 Advisory Committee will be held on January 13, 2009, at the Federal Communications Commission. The purpose of the meeting is to begin preparations for the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference.

DATES: January 13, 2009; 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Roytbat, Designated Federal Official, WRC-11 Advisory Committee, FCC International Bureau, Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division, at (202) 418-7501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As it initiates preparations for the next World Radiocommunication Conference that has been preliminarily scheduled for the year 2011 (WRC-11), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has amended the charter of its Advisory Committee for the 2007 Radiocommunication Conference. The Advisory Committee has been renamed the Advisory Committee for the 2011 Radiocommunication Conference (or simply, WRC-11 Advisory Committee), and its scope of activities have been amended to address issues contained in the agenda for WRC-11. The Federal

Communications Commission (FCC) established the WRC-11 Advisory Committee to provide advice, technical support and recommendations relating to the preparation of United States proposals and positions for the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-11).

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the first meeting of the WRC-11 Advisory Committee. The WRC-11 Advisory Committee has an open membership. All interested parties are invited to participate in the Advisory Committee and to attend its meetings. The proposed agenda for the first meeting is as follows:

Agenda

First Meeting of the WRC-11 Advisory Committee, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554, January 13, 2009; 11 am. to 12 noon.

1. Opening Remarks.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Advisory Committee Structure.
4. Report on Recent WRC-11 Preparatory Meetings.
5. WRC-11 Preparatory Process Timeline.
6. Other Business.

Federal Communications Commission.

Helen Domenici,

Chief, International Bureau.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Meetings; Sunshine Act

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Federal Maritime Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 73 FR 75435.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 10 a.m. on December 17, 2008.

CHANGE: 1. The withdrawal of Item 2 to the Closed Session of the Meeting.

Item 2—Staff Briefing Regarding Global Economic Downturn and Potential Impact on Stakeholders—Possible Update.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Karen V. Gregory, Secretary, (202) 523-5725.

Karen V. Gregory,
Secretary.

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