

dates of the rules and amendments in the Access Charge Reform Order and the X-Factor Order. We also correct the Access Charge Reform Order and the Access Charge Reform Correction to clarify the deletion and replacement of Subpart C.

These documents are corrected as follows:

#### Access Charge Reform First Report and Order

The publication on June 11, 1997 of the Access Charge Reform First and Order summary (62 FR 31868), which was the subject of FR Doc. 97-14628, is clarified as follows:

On June 12, 1997, OMB granted approval for the information collections resulting from several rule amendments and changes in the Access Charge Reform First Report and Order. On page 31868, in the first column, under DATES:, the following sections were to be effective upon approval of OMB, but no earlier than June 15, 1997: 47 CFR 61.45, 61.47, 69.104, 69.126, 69.151, 69.152, and 69.410. Because of the OMB approval granted on June 12, 1997, the following sections were therefore effective June 15, 1997: 47 CFR 61.45, 61.47, 69.104, 69.126, 69.151, 69.152, and 69.410. Similarly, the following sections were to be effective upon approval of OMB, but no earlier than January 1, 1998: 47 CFR 61.42, 61.48, 69.4, 69.106, 69.111, 69.153, and 69.156. Because of the OMB approval granted on June 12, 1997, the following sections are therefore effective January 1, 1998: 47 CFR 61.42, 61.48, 69.4, 69.106, 69.111, 69.153, and 69.156.

The publication on June 11, 1997 of the Access Charge Reform First and Order summary (62 FR 31868), which was the subject of FR Doc. 97-14628, is corrected as follows:

On page 31868, in the first column under DATES:, line 20, insert the following sentence after "69.611.":

"The removal of 47 CFR 69.201, 69.203, 69.204, 69.205 and 69.209 is effective January 1, 1998."

On page 31935, in the third column, add amendment paragraph #22.a. that reads as follows:

"Sections 69.201, 69.203, 69.204, 69.205 and 69.209 are removed."

On page 31935, in the third column, paragraph #23, line 1, insert

"by adding sections 69.151, 69.152, 69.153, 69.154, 69.155, 69.156 and 69.157"

after the phrase "is revised".

#### X-Factor Order

The publication on June 11, 1997 of the Price Cap Performance Review for

Local Exchange Carriers Fourth Report and Order summary (62 FR 31939), which was the subject of FR Doc. 97-14746, is clarified as follows:

On June 12, 1997, OMB granted approval of information collections pursuant to rule amendments and additions in the Access Charge Reform First Report and Order, making those amendments to 47 CFR 61.45 effective June 15, 1997. Therefore, the subsequent amendments to 47 CFR 61.45 contained in the Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers Fourth Report and Order were effective June 16, 1997 as stated in the summary published at 62 FR 31939, because OMB approval was effective prior to June 15, 1997.

#### Access Charge Reform Correction

The publication on July 29, 1997 of the Access Charge Reform First and Order Correction (62 FR 40460), which was the subject of FR Doc. 97-19911, is corrected as follows:

On page 40460, second column, delete correction #2.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 25

[IB Docket No. 95-117; FCC 96-425]

#### Streamlining Rules and Regulations for Satellite Application and Licensing Procedures

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; establishment of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The modifications to the Commission's rules and regulations on application and licensing requirements for satellite space and earth stations adopted in the *Part 25 Streamlining Order*, including the new FCC Form 312, became effective April 21, 1997. These modifications, which contained modified information collection requirements, were published in the **Federal Register** of February 10, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The modifications to 47 CFR part 25 published at 62 FR 5924 (February 10, 1997) and the new FCC Form 312 became effective April 21, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Campbell, International Bureau, (202) 418-0753.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 10, 1997, the Commission published the **Federal Register** summary of the *Part 25 Streamlining Order* (FCC 96-425, 62 FR 5924 (February 10, 1997)). The *Part 25 Streamlining Order* streamlined the existing application and licensing procedures, reduced reporting requirements for a number of services, and consolidated various forms to make data collection more efficient. Specifically, the FCC (1) waived the construction permit requirement for satellite space stations; (2) extended the construction period for Very Small Aperture Terminals ("VSATs"); (3) eliminated the annual reporting requirement for VSATs; (4) increased the license term for temporary fixed earth stations operating in the C-band from one year to ten years; (5) reduced reporting requirements for earth and space stations; (6) reviewed and consolidated FCC Forms 430, 493, 704 and 702 into a new Form 312 with specific schedules; (7) expedited the processing of satellite inclined orbit authorizations; (8) streamlined the earth station modification process; (9) updated Part 25 rules in accordance with ITU Radio Regulations; and (10) eliminated burdensome space station application provisions.

Because these rule changes impose new or modified information collection requirements, they could not become effective until approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In the February 10, 1997 **Federal Register** summary, we stated that the rules, regulations and the FCC Form 312 established in the *Part 25 Streamlining Order* would become effective upon approval by OMB, but no sooner than sixty days after publication in the **Federal Register**. OMB approved these rule changes on April 21, 1997.

The **Federal Register** Summary stated that "[t]he Federal Communications Commission will publish a document at a later date announcing the effective date of these rules," see 62 FR 5924 (February 10, 1997). Therefore, the Commission announces that the rule changes adopted in the *Part 25 Streamlining Order* became effective on April 21, 1997.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 25

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Satellites.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 79

[MM Docket No. 95-176; FCC 97-279]

### Closed Captioning of Video Programming

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission adopts rules implementing Section 713 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Section 713, Video Programming Accessibility, was added to the Communications Act by section 305 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and directed the Commission to adopt rules by August 8, 1998, that generally require the closed captioning of video programming. The rules adopted by the Commission generally assign responsibility for compliance with the closed captioning requirements to the entity which delivers the programming to the consumer, establish separate transition schedules for programming first published or exhibited on or after the effective date of these rules and for programming first published or exhibited prior to the effective date of the rules, provide for a number of exemptions authorized by Congress and establish mechanisms for enforcement and compliance review. These rules are intended to increase the accessibility of video programming for persons with hearing disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These requirements and regulations become effective January 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Timothy Fain, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3561 or via Internet at [fain\\_t@al.eop.gov](mailto:fain_t@al.eop.gov), and to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcia Glauber, John Adams or Alexis Johns, Cable Services Bureau, (202) 418-7200, TTY (202) 418-7172. For additional information concerning the information collections contained in

this *Report and Order*, contact Judy Boley at (202) 418-0217, or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the *Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 95-176, FCC 97-279, adopted August 7, 1997 and released August 22, 1997. The complete text of this *Report and Order* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS") at (202) 857-3800, 1919 M Street, NW, Suite 246, Washington, DC 20554. For copies in alternative formats, such as braille, audio cassette or large print, please contact Sheila Ray at ITS.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

This rulemaking contains modified information collections. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments should address: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *OMB Approval Number:* 3060-0761.

*Title:* Closed Captioning of Video Programming.

*Type of Review:* Revision to an existing collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; business and other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents:* 100 petitions + 100 petition responses + 1,500 viewer complaints to program providers + 1,500 complaint responses from program providers + 500 instructions to refile complaints + 300 viewer complaints to the Commission + 300 complaint responses to the Commission = 4,300.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .5-5 hours estimated for both the petition and complaint processes. Estimated annual burden to petitioners and respondents for petition processes: We

estimate that program providers will annually initiate 100 petitions requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements. We estimate that the average burden to complete all aspects of each petition process, including filing any possible reply comments and associated certifications, will be 5 hours. We estimate that 50% of petitions will be prepared using in-house assistance to draft petitions and that 50% of petitions will be prepared using outside legal assistance. Petitions prepared using outside legal assistance will undergo an average burden of 2 hours for each petition to coordinate information with outside legal assistance.

50 (50% of petitions prepared in-house assistance) x 5 hours = 250 hours.

50 (50% of petitions prepared using outside legal assistance) x 2 hours = 100 hours.

We estimate that there will be an average of one response to every petition filed. The average burden to complete all aspects of the response process, including making certification, is estimated to be 5 hours. We estimate that 50% of responses will be prepared using in-house assistance and that 50% of responses will be prepared using outside legal assistance. Commenters using outside legal assistance will undergo an average burden of 2 hours for each response to coordinate information with outside legal assistance.

50 (50% of responses prepared using in-house assistance) x 5 hours = 250 hours.

50 (50% of responses prepared using outside legal assistance) x 2 hours = 100 hours.

Estimated annual burden to viewers and program providers for the complaint process: We estimate there will be 1,500 annual complaints filed by viewers at the local level. The average burden for each complaint and response is estimated to be 1 hour per viewer and 1 hour per program provider. 1,500 viewer complaints x 1 hour and 1,500 program provider responses x 1 hour = 3,000 hours. In the case of an alleged violation by a television broadcast station or other program distributor for which the programming distributor is exempt from closed captioning responsibility pursuant to § 79.1(e)(9), the complaint shall be sent directly to the station or owner of the programming. A video programming distributor receiving a complaint regarding such programming must forward the complaint within seven days of receipt to the programmer or