

that do not involve a waiver and are uncontested) at 60 days or less from the date of filing.

- By June 30, dispose of all non-routine assignment and transfer applications (*i.e.*, applications that are contested or involve a waiver) that have been pending for over 180 days, except for cases that are blocked because of circumstances beyond the Bureau's control.

- By July 31, dispose of all petitions for reconsideration of staff action on sales applications in cases where the petition has been pending for over 180 days; submit for Commission consideration draft decisions on all applications for review of staff action on sales applications in cases where the application for review has been pending for over 180 days.

- With regard to newly filed assignment and transfer applications, dispose of all non-routine applications in no more than 180 days from the date of filing, respond to all petitions for reconsideration of those decisions in no more than 180 days from the filing of the petition, and submit for Commission review draft documents responding to applications for review of such decisions in no more than 180 days from the filing of the application for review. The 180 day time-frame for initial action on a non-routine assignment and transfer application represents a worst-case scenario. The Bureau will act on most newly filed non-routine assignment and transfer applications in no more than 120 days. Frivolous petitions to deny will be acted on within 30 days of the close of the pleading cycle and frivolous informal objections will be acted on within 30 days of the close of the period established by the public notice announcing acceptance of the application. Applications will be approved simultaneously if otherwise grantable.

To achieve its backlog reduction plan, the Bureau has recently detailed several attorneys from other parts of the Bureau to the Audio Services Division, which receives the highest percentage of assignment and transfer applications. That Division is also reorganizing to permit its attorneys to focus on the more difficult legal issues raised in sales applications and to reduce the levels of internal review. These changes, coupled with certain procedural improvements, have within the last three months permitted the Division to reduce the number of non-routine sales cases over six months old by 65%, from 144 to 50, and the appeals of such cases by 20%, from 53 to 42. In the Video Services Division, the backlog of pending sales

cases over six months old is currently 20 and, with the exception of a few complex cases, will be reduced according to the schedule above. On a separate matter, the Video Services Division, since June of 1994 when it assumed responsibility for processing MMDS applications, has reduced the number of applications for new or improved facilities by approximately 2200, or 33%, and has reduced the backlog of MMDS petitions for reconsideration from 5523 to 207, or 96%.

In addition to reallocating resources, the Bureau is applying improved procedural techniques to expedite review of all assignment and transfer applications filed with it and is exploring additional ways to facilitate timely processing:

- The Bureau will screen receipt all incoming pleadings to determine whether they conform to procedural rules and to assess the seriousness of the allegations. Petitions to deny, petitions for reconsideration, and applications for review that fail to comply with relevant procedural requirements including, for example, requirements concerning standing, jurisdiction, and supporting affidavits, will be summarily dismissed unless the staff determines that consideration of the document despite its procedural flaws is in the public interest. The Bureau urges attorneys to state with specificity, and to support with facts and legal authority, how each pleading filed complies with procedural requirements in the Commission's rules.

- Though all issues raised in pleadings will be carefully and thoroughly considered, staff decisions denying petitions to deny and petitions for reconsideration will generally contain a concise statement of reasons disposing of all substantial issues raised by the petition rather than a detailed issue-by-issue analysis. Decisions denying informal objections will generally indicate only that the objection failed to present a public interest reason for denying the application. Parties may submit draft decision documents to the staff together with their authorized pleadings.

- The Bureau plans to request expansion of its delegated authority to permit waivers of the multiple ownership rules and resolution of routine EEO complaints without full Commission review.

Action by the Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Blair or Stuart Bedell at 202-418-2788 or Clay Pendarvis at 202-418-1630.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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#### [Report No. 2080]

#### Petition for Reconsideration of Actions in Rulemaking Proceedings

Petition for reconsideration have been filed in the Commission rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of this document are available for viewing and copying in Room 329, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Opposition to this petition must be filed July 11, 1995. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Amendments of Parts 15 and 90 of the Commission's Rules Provide Additional Frequencies for Cordless Telephone. (ET Docket No. 93-235)  
Number of Petition Filed: 1

Federal Communications Commission

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#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1050-DR]

#### North Dakota; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of North Dakota, (FEMA-1050-DR), dated May 16, 1995, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 20, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pauline C. Campbell, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3606.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of North Dakota dated May 16, 1995, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by