

63.15 is proposed to be amended to enable carriers to add circuits on private satellite or cable systems, without obtaining prior authority. The NPRM also proposes to simplify the Section 214 and cable landing license application process by reducing the detailed information now required in Sections 63.01 and 1.767. The NPRM also proposes to encourage filing of international Section 214 applications electronically and on computer disk, and to require that any information contained in an application in a foreign language be accompanied with a certified translation in English.

The NPRM further reduces filing requirements by allowing dominant carriers to automatically convey transmission capacity in submarine cables to other carriers without obtaining prior Section 214 authority. Also, the NPRM proposes to further streamline the tariff requirements for non-dominant international resale and facilities-based carriers by permitting them to file their international tariffed rates on one day's notice instead of the current 14 days' notice, and seeks comment, in general, on whether to streamline the international tariff process. However, these tariff related proposals are not subject to the PRA.

Finally, the Commission seeks comments on what, if any, Section 214 authorization requirements it should forbear from applying if given forbearance authority by Congress.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Schedule for En Banc Hearing, Advanced Television Proceeding

December 6, 1995.

The schedule for the Federal Communications Commission's December 12, 1995 *en banc* hearing on Advanced Television, MM Docket No. 87-268, is as follows:

8:30-8:45 a.m.—Opening remarks from the Commission

8:45-10:15 a.m.—Commercial Opportunities of Digital Broadcast

The transition to digital broadcast is fraught with risk and uncertainty yet promises rich rewards if successful. Panelists discuss the opportunities and challenges created by the transition to digital television. Issues to be explored include whether digital technology will allow broadcasters to compete in an increasingly challenging video marketplace, how will they finance the

transition, what is the impact on their competitors?

Richard E. Wiley, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Advanced Television Services

Steven Rattner, Managing Director, Lazard Freres & Co

Ed Grebow, President, TELETV Systems, TELETV

Neil Braun, President, NBC Television Network, NBC, Inc.

John Hendricks, Chairman and CEO, Discovery Communications, Inc./NCTA

Stanley Hubbard, Chairman and CEO of Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.

Lawrence Grossman, President, Brookside Productions & Horizons Cable

10:30 a.m.—noon—The Public Interest, Convenience and Necessity

The Commission's current public interest rules, including those mandating specific statutory requirements, were developed for broadcasters essentially limited by technology to a single, analog video programming service. Panelists discuss the potential for more flexible and dynamic use of the spectrum through digital broadcast and its impact on broadcasters' obligation to serve the public interest.

Gigi Sohn, Deputy Director, Media Access Project

Alan Braverman, Vice President and General Counsel, Cap Cities/ABC

Barry Diller, Chairman, Silver King Communications

Faye Anderson, President, Douglass Policy Institute

David Honig, Executive Director, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council

John Siegel, Sr. Vice President, Chris Craft Industries/INTV

1:30-3:00 p.m.—Digital Applications

The digital transmission system designed by the Grand Alliance would provide broadcasters with new flexibility as they embark on serving the American public with the next generation of television. Allowing some flexibility would increase the ability of broadcasters to compete in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Panelists discuss potential for new applications to complement broadcast video as well as look to the future for services made possible on recovered channels.

Ed Horowitz, Senior Vice President of Technology, Viacom

George Keyworth, Chairman, Progress and Freedom Foundation

James C. McKinney, Chairman, Advanced Television Systems Committee

Edward Reilly, President, McGraw-Hill Broadcasting/MSTV

John Major, Senior Vice President and Assistant Chief Corporate Staff Officer, Motorola

James Carnes, President and CEO, Sarnoff/Grand Alliance

Joseph A. Flaherty, Senior Vice President, Technology, CBS Inc./ATSC Broadcast Caucus

3:15-4:30 p.m.—Impact on Consumers

While a transition to digital broadcast promises many benefits, the public interest would be served by avoiding any substantial dislocation of service to existing viewers. With many competing services coming on line, greater incentives exist for broadcasters to convert rapidly to digital broadcast. Panelists discuss the expected impact on consumers as it relates to deployment of new equipment and services, the ability of broadcasters to continue to serve their audience during the transition, the opportunities for improved service and technology and the extent to which consumers' value is enhanced such that analog transmission may be terminated.

Bruce Allan, Vice President, Technology & Business Development, Thompson Consumer Electronics

Sherwin Grossman, President, Community Broadcasters Association (CBA)

John Abel, President and CEO, Datacast Partners

Ralph Gabbard, President/COO of Gray Communications/NAB

David Liroff, Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer, WGBH Educational Foundation

The hearing will take place Tuesday, December 12, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 856, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC, and is open to the public. Concurrently, digital television technology demonstrations, also open to the public, will be presented. These demonstrations will be available for viewing Tuesday, December 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Commission's Training Center located on the first floor of 2000 M St., NW., Washington, DC. The Commission may alter the schedule of demonstrations and panelists if necessary.

Scheduled demonstrations will be presented by:

The Digital HDTV Grand Alliance
CBS, Inc.

Hitachi America, Ltd.

Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.

Microsoft Corporation

Sony Corporation of America

Texas Instruments

For the hearing impaired, an ASL interpreter will translate the hearing. Video tapes, which will be closed captioned, and written transcripts of the hearing will be available for a fee.

For further information about the hearing, please contact Saul Shapiro at (202) 418-2600. The contacts for media coverage are Karen Watson, David Fiske,