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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

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Acting, Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 96-678]

Carrier Identification Codes

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On April 30, 1996, the Commission released a public notice seeking further comments to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Administration of the North American Numbering Plan), CC Docket No. 92-237 specifically on the issue of the appropriate length of the transition period for the expansion of carrier identification codes (CICs) from three to four digits. The intended effect of this action is to seek further comments because the record on the NPRM is two years old, and significant events have occurred since the record closed.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 21, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Ward, (202) 418-2336, Elizabeth Nightingale, (202) 418-2352, or Mary DeLuca, (202) 418-2334, all of the Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Released: April 30, 1996.

1. On April 4, 1994, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CC Docket No. 92-237)

addressing various issues relating to administration of the North American Numbering Plan and tentatively concluding, regarding carrier identification codes (CICs), that the industry's plan to expand Feature Group D (FGD) CICs from three to four digits, in the event of exhaust of the three digit codes, was reasonable to ensure that the demand for CICs could be met. Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 9 FCC Rcd 2068 (1994) (NPRM) (59 FR 24103 (05/10/94)). The NPRM also tentatively concluded that the transition or permissive dialing period for the expansion, during which both three and four digit CICs would be recognized, should last six years. The pleading cycle in response to the NPRM closed on June 30, 1994.

2. The record on the NPRM is two years old, and significant events have occurred since the record closed: (1) The assignment of exclusively four digit FGD CICs has begun, and in turn the transition period has begun; (2) there has been an unexpected increase in the demand for CICs, due to new uses for the codes recently discovered by the industry; (3) we now expect an even greater demand for CICs, with the anticipated increase in carriers entering the market as a result of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (1996 Act); and (4) the local exchange carriers are now obligated to provide dialing parity under Section 251 of the 1996 Act, see 47 U.S.C. 251(b)(3).

3. We seek, therefore, to refresh the record in CC Docket No. 92-237 specifically on the issue of the appropriate length of the transition period. Commenters should limit their comments to updated factual information in light of the recent events described above. We ask that parties neither simply reiterate their previous comments nor raise any new issues, but confine their discussion to how the length of the transition period has been affected, if at all.

4. Comments and reply comments in response to this Notice should be no more than 10 pages, and otherwise in compliance with Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules. Comments must be filed on or before May 21, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before May 28, 1996. Comments and reply comments must be sent to the Office of the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 235, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. One copy should also be

sent to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS at (202) 857-3800.

5. We will continue to treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 CFR §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact, David Ward (202/418-2336), Elizabeth Nightingale (202/418-2352), or Mary DeLuca (202/418-2334) of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

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[MM Docket No. 96-100; RM-8789]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Amherst and Lynchburg, VA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Greater Lynchburg Stereo Broadcasters proposing the allotment of Channel 294A to Amherst, Virginia, and the allotment Channel 229A to Lynchburg, Virginia. Channels 294A and 229A can be allotted to Amherst and Lynchburg, respectively, in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. Channel 294A can be allotted to Amherst with a site restriction of 12.8 kilometers (8.0 miles) northeast to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed site of Station WLQE(FM), Channel 295A, Bedford, Virginia, and with Station WPXX(FM)'s construction permit for Channel 294A at Semora, North Carolina. The coordinates for Channel 294A are 37-40-36 and 78-57-19. Channel 229A can be allotted to Lynchburg without a site restriction. The coordinates for Channel 229A at Lynchburg are 37-24-49 and 79-08-33.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before June 24, 1996, and reply comments on or before July 9, 1996.