

EEO-4 data are used by the EEOC to investigate charges of discrimination against state and local governments. In addition, the data are used to support EEOC decisions and conciliations, and for research. The data are shared with several other Federal government agencies. Pursuant to section 709(d) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, EEO-4 data are also shared with 86 State and Local Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPAs). Aggregated data are used by researchers and the general public.

Burden Statement: The estimated number of respondents included in the EEO-4 survey is 5,000 state and local governments. The estimated number of responses per respondent is approximately 2 EEO-4 reports and the reporting burden averages between 1 and 5 hours per response, including the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data, and complete and review the collection of information. The total number of responses is thus 10,000 reports while the total burden is estimated to be 40,000 hours, including recordkeeping burden. In order to help reduce burden, respondents are encouraged to report data on electronic media such as magnetic tapes and interactive diskettes.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

For the Commission.

Ida L. Castro,
Chairwoman.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 98-146; FCC 00-57]

Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps To Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission begins its second inquiry into whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 20, 2000. Reply Comments are due on or before April 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Information:* John Berresford, Senior Antitrust Attorney, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Inquiry released February 18, 2000 (FCC 00-57). The full text of the Inquiry is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. Additionally, the complete item is available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/2000>.

Synopsis of the Inquiry

1. In the document summarized here, the Federal Communications Commission begins its second inquiry into whether advanced telecommunications capability, commonly known as "broadband," is being deployed to all Americans. Congress charged the FCC with monitoring the deployment advanced telecommunications capability and gave the FCC authority, if necessary, to accelerate deployment if the FCC determined that deployment was not occurring in a reasonable and timely fashion. In order to make an informed judgment about whether deployment is reasonable and timely, the Inquiry seeks from various groups objective, empirical data about the current state of broadband deployment.

2. Specifically, the Inquiry seeks comment on four areas: (1) Definitional issues of "advanced telecommunications capability" (2) information about the present deployment of advanced telecommunications capability to various groups; (3) long-term economic analysis of the market forces bringing advanced telecommunications capability to the residential market and other historically underserved areas; (4) actions available to the FCC and state authorities if it is determined that advanced telecommunications capability is not being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion. Once the FCC has gathered this information, it will release a Report within 180 days detailing its findings.

Ordering Clauses

Accordingly, It is ordered that, pursuant to sections 706 of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Notice of Inquiry is adopted.

Federal Communications Commission.

Peyton Wynns,

Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FCC 00-60]

Federal Communications Commission Announces Change to the Election Date for 218-219 MHz Service

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is changing the election date for 218-219 MHz service in order to address the issues raised in the various petitions for reconsideration received sufficiently in advance of the deadline for mailing. A Public Notice announcing the new election date will be issued after the Order addressing the petitions is released.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Freeman or Nicole Oden, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

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1. On September 7, 1999, the Commission adopted the *218-219 MHz Order*, 64 FR 59656 (November 3, 1999), which, among other things, modified service and technical rules for the band and extended the license term from five to ten years. The Commission also adopted a restructuring plan for existing licensees that:

(i) Were current on installment payments as of March 16, 1998;