

Dated: March 15, 2002.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,

Acting Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 02-570]

Commission Seeks Comment on BT North America, Inc.'s Expedited Petition for Clarification of the Contribution Obligations of Video Distribution Service Providers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: This document seeks comments on BT North America, Inc. Petition for Clarification of the universal service contribution obligations of non-common carrier video distribution service providers. Specifically, BT North America asks the Commission to clarify that similarly situated entities transmitting video programming on a non-common carrier basis, that do not compete with common carriers, should be exempted from contributing on the basis of revenues derived from these services.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 9, 2002. Reply comments are due on or before April 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for where and how to file comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Garnett, Attorney, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-7400, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 6, 2002, BT North America, Inc. (BT North America) filed a Petition for Clarification of the universal service contribution obligations of non-common carrier video distribution service providers. Specifically, BT North America asks the Commission to clarify that similarly situated entities transmitting video programming on a non-common carrier basis, that do not compete with common carriers, should be exempted from contributing on the basis of revenues derived from these services. Universal service contributions are based on a contributor's interstate and international revenues derived from domestic end users for telecommunications or telecommunications services. The

Commission has previously stated that, consistent with section 254(d) of the Act, open video systems, cable leased access, and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers must contribute to universal service for revenues derived from the provision of interstate telecommunications services, but are not required to contribute for revenues derived from interstate telecommunications. We also note that broadcasters are not required to contribute to universal service.

BT North America asserts that the Commission's rationale for these exemptions should apply equally to its operations as well as other similarly situated entities. BT North America's Broadcast Division provides "occasional use" and "full time" broadcast services, including uplink, downlink, and transport portions of video transmission services. BT North America asserts that it does not compete with common carriers. Rather, BT North America argues that its competitors include other providers of satellite video transmission, broadcasters, DBS operators, and cable operators. We seek comment on this petition.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments are due on or before April 9, 2002 and reply comments are due on or before April 19, 2002. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, (63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must submit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this

proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Acting Secretary, William Caton, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Room 5-A422, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554.

Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

Dated: March 13, 2002.

Katherine L. Schroder,

Chief, Accounting Policy Division.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1401-DR]

Oklahoma; Amendment No. 5 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 declaration for the State of Oklahoma, (FEMA-1401-DR), dated February 1, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery and Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or madge.dale@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma 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 the President in his declaration of February 1, 2002:

Harmon County for Public Assistance.
Payne and Woodward Counties for Categories C through G under Public

Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance and debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal Assistance at 75 percent Federal funding under Public Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,
Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1405-DR]

Oregon; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Oregon (FEMA-1405-DR), dated March 12, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or madge.dale@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated March 12, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Oregon, resulting from a severe winter storm with high winds on February 7-8, 2002, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Oregon.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Thomas Davies of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Oregon to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Linn Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Oregon are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-02-04]

Fiscal Year 2002 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging announces that under the National Family Caregiver Support Program it will hold a competition to fund grant awards for up to seven (7) projects at a

federal share of approximately \$150,000-\$200,000 per year for a project period of up to two (2) years.

Purpose of Grant Awards: The purpose of these projects is to develop services and systems to sustain the efforts of families and other informal caregivers of older individuals, and grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers of children.

Eligibility for Grant Awards and Other Requirements: Applications for funding under this program announcement are limited to organizations with demonstrated expertise in aging and caregiving and the ability to provide the proposed assistance nationwide. Public and private non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, are eligible to apply for these grant awards.

Grantees are required to provide a 25% non-federal match.

DATES: The deadline date for the submission of applications is May 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Application kits are available by writing to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office for Community-Based Services, 330 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, by calling 202/619-2575, or online at www.aoa.gov/egrants/. Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of Grants Management at the same address, or submitted online at www.aoa.gov/egrants/.

Dated: March 13, 2002.

Josefina G. Carbonell,
Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-02-03]

Fiscal Year 2002 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for "Senior Medicare Patrol Projects" for up to 33 projects at a federal share of approximately \$160,000 per year for a period of three years.