

Advocacy Encourages FCC to Address Small Business Comments in Response to Section 610 Review

On October 27, 2005, the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed a letter with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in response to the FCC's public notice asking for comment on a review of rules adopted by the agency in 1993 through 1995 and whether they should be continued without change, amended, or rescinded, consistent with Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A complete copy of Advocacy's letter may be accessed at <http://www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments/>.

- The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 13272 require government agencies to analyze the impact of proposed and final rules on small entities and to consider less burdensome alternatives. Section 610 of the RFA requires Federal agencies to review within ten years of promulgation each rule that has or will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.
- Advocacy commended the FCC for the steps it has taken to comply with Section 610 and encouraged the FCC to consider the comments presented and respond to the recommendations made by small businesses. Advocacy found several of the comments of particular note because of the potential significant impact on small businesses.
- The FCC provided no electronic means of filing comments. Advocacy encouraged the FCC to allow small businesses to file comments electronically in response to future Section 610 reviews.

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