

which represent payment on the required support obligation for previous months.

(2) \* \* \*

(3)(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, amounts collected through Federal income tax refund offset must be distributed as arrearages in accordance with § 303.72 of this chapter, and section 457 of the Act;

(ii) Effective October 1, 2009, or up to a year earlier at State option, amounts collected through Federal income tax refund offset shall be distributed in accordance with § 303.72 of this chapter and the option selected under section 454(34) of the Act.

(4) \* \* \*

(5) The State must pay to a family that has never received assistance under a state program funded or approved under title IV-A or foster care under title IV-E of the Act the portion of the amount collected that remains after withholding any annual \$25 fee that the State imposes under § 302.33(e) of this part.

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5. In § 302.70, revise paragraph (a)(10) in its entirety to read as follows:

**§ 302.70 Required State laws.**

(a) \* \* \*

(10) Procedures for the review and adjustment of child support orders in accordance with § 303.8(b) of this chapter.

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**PART 303—STANDARDS FOR PROGRAM OPERATIONS**

1. The authority citation for part 303 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 651 through 658, 659, 659A, 660, 663, 664, 666, 667, 1302, 1396a(a)(25), 1396b(d)(2), 1396b(o), 1396b(p), and 1396k.

2. In § 303.7, add new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**§ 303.7 Provision of services in interstate cases.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(e) Imposition and reporting of annual \$25 fee in interstate cases. The title IV-D agency in the initiating State must impose and report the annual \$25 fee in accordance with § 302.33(e) of this chapter.

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3. In § 303.8, revise paragraphs (b) introductory text and (b)(1) introductory text to read as follows:

**§ 303.8 Review and adjustment of child support orders.**

(a) \* \* \*

(b) Required procedures. Pursuant to section 466(a)(10) of the Act, effective

October 1, 2007, when providing services under this chapter:

(1) The State must have procedures under which, every three years (or such shorter cycle as the State may determine), if there is an assignment under part A, or upon the request of either parent, the State shall, with respect to a support order being enforced under this part, taking into account the best interests of the child involved:

\* \* \* \* \*

4. In § 303.72 revise paragraphs (a)(3) introductory text, (a)(3)(i), and (h)(1) and (h)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 303.72 Requests for collection of past-due support by Federal tax refund offset.**

(a) \* \* \*

(1) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \*

(3) For support owed in cases where the title IV-D agency is providing title IV-D services under § 302.33 of this chapter:

(i) The support is owed to or on behalf of a child, or a child and the parent with whom the child is living if the same support order includes support for the child and the parent.

\* \* \* \* \*

(h) *Distribution of collections.*

(1) Collections received by the IV-D agency as a result of refund offset to satisfy title IV-A or non-IV-A past-due support shall be distributed as required in accordance with section 457 and, effective October 1, 2009, or up to a year earlier at State option, in accordance with the option selected under section 454(34) of the Act.

\* \* \* \* \*

(3)(i) Through September 30, 2009, or up to a year earlier at State option, the IV-D agency must inform individuals receiving services under § 302.33 of this chapter in advance that amounts offset will be applied to satisfy any past-due support which has been assigned to the State and submitted for Federal tax refund offset.

(ii) Effective October 1, 2009, or up to a year earlier at State option, the IV-D agency must inform individuals receiving services under § 302.33 of this chapter in advance when the State has opted, under section 454(34) of the Act, to continue to apply amounts offset first to satisfy any past-due support which has been assigned to the State and submitted for Federal tax refund offset.

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**PART 304—FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION**

1. The authority citation for part 304 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 651 through 655, 657, 1302, 1396a(a)(25), 1396b(d)(2), 1396b(o), 1396b(p), and 1396k.

**§ 304.20 [Amended]**

2. In § 304.20, revise paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 304.20 Availability and rate of Federal financial participation.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) Federal financial participation at the 90 percent rate is available for laboratory costs incurred in determining paternity on or after October 1, 1988, and until September 30, 2006, including the costs of obtaining and transporting blood and other samples of genetic material, repeated testing when necessary, analysis of test results, and the costs for expert witnesses in a paternity determination proceeding, but only if the expert witness costs are included as part of the genetic testing contract.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 25**

[IB Docket 06-160; DA 07-25]

**Processing Applications in the Direct Broadcast Satellite Service; Feasibility of Reduced Orbital Spacing for Provision of Direct Broadcast Satellite Service in the United States**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of reply comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On August 18, 2006, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (71 FR 56923, September 28, 2006) (NPRM) in the proceeding captioned above. The NPRM seeks comment from the public on proposed licensing procedures and service rules for satellites providing Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) service. The NPRM also seeks comment on licensing non-nine-degree-spaced DBS applications.

On December 22, 2006, SES Americom, Inc. filed a Motion for Extension of Time, requesting the Commission to extend the reply comment filing deadline in this proceeding. SES Americom, Inc. stated that an extension would enable the parties to the proceeding to provide a more complete record for review, considering the important policy and

technical issues raised in the proceeding.

The Commission concurred that the issues raised in the proceeding are complex, technical, and of great importance to the DBS service and to direct-to-home satellite consumers throughout the United States. Thus, the Commission granted SES Americom, Inc.'s request, and extended the reply comment pleading deadline to January 25, 2007. The Commission stated that the public interest will be served by the extension to enable the filing of a more complete record in this proceeding.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.46, the request of SES Americom, Inc. is granted.

The deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding is extended to January 25, 2007.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to sections 0.51 and 0.261 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.51, 0.261.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Robert G. Nelson,**

Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-07-26833]

### Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Systems Child Restraint Anchorage Systems

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NHTSA is having a public meeting to bring together a roundtable of child restraint and vehicle manufacturers, retailers, technicians, researchers and consumer groups to discuss ways to improve child safety through improving the design and increasing the use of child restraint systems. Through a combination of presentations by invited speakers and group discussions among roundtable attendees, the group will focus on the following topics at this meeting: improving Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) system designs, improving child side impact safety, and

educating the public about LATCH. This notice announces the date, time and location of the meeting.

**DATES:** *Public Meeting:* The public meeting will be held on February 8, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC.

*Comments:* Written comments may be submitted to the agency and must be received no later than April 9, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Debbie Ascone, Office of Vehicle Safety, NHTSA, telephone 202-366-4383, e-mail [Debbie.Ascone@dot.gov](mailto:Debbie.Ascone@dot.gov), or Ms. Deirdre Fujita, Chief Counsel's Office, NHTSA, telephone 202-366-2992, e-mail [Dee.Fujita@dot.gov](mailto:Dee.Fujita@dot.gov). Both officials may also be reached at 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**ADDRESSES:** *Public meeting:* The public meeting will be held at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024, telephone 202-484-1000.

*Written comments:* Written comments must refer to the docket number of this notice and be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. DOT, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

You may call Docket Management at 202-366-9324 and visit the Docket from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act discussion under the heading "How do I prepare and submit comments?" at the end of this notice. Please see also the discussion there of confidential business information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In March 1999, NHTSA issued a final rule that established Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 225, "Child restraint anchorage systems," which requires motor vehicle manufacturers to

provide motorists with a new means of installing child restraints (64 FR 10786; March 5, 1999) in nearly all new passenger vehicles. The new means, named the "LATCH"<sup>1</sup> system by industry, is a standardized child restraint anchorage system designed to be used exclusively for securing child restraints. Each vehicle LATCH system consists of an upper anchor point (top tether anchor) and two lower anchor points. Each lower anchor point includes a six millimeter (mm) diameter straight rod, or "bar," that is located near the intersection of the seat cushion and seat back ("seat bight") in a recessed position where they will not be felt by seated adult occupants.

Each vehicle with at least two seating positions behind the front seat must have full LATCH systems (consisting of the two rigid lower bars and the top tether anchor) in at least two rear seating positions. If the vehicle has a third rear seating position, the vehicle must also have a top tether anchor at a third rear seating position.

The rule also required child restraint systems manufactured on or after September 1, 2002 to have components capable of attaching to the LATCH system. In addition, the rule required child restraints manufactured after that date to continue to be capable of being attached to a vehicle by way of the vehicle's belt system.

The LATCH system was phased into new vehicles from 1999 to 2002, beginning with the tether anchor in passenger cars in 1999 and ending with full implementation of the LATCH system for passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles (including sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and vans), and light trucks and buses in September 2002.<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

##### Implementing LATCH

The agency recognized early on that educating consumers about the new LATCH system would be crucial to the success of the system. After issuing the LATCH final rule, NHTSA met regularly with vehicle and child restraint manufacturers, retailers, and consumer groups on developing public information and marketing strategies to educate consumers about the new LATCH products becoming available on the market, including the correct use of the products. The groups last met in

<sup>1</sup> Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) system.

<sup>2</sup> NHTSA estimated the benefits of the rule to be 36 to 50 lives saved per year, and 1,231 to 2,929 injuries prevented. Based on an estimated average total annual cost of \$152 million, the cost per equivalent life saved was estimated to be from \$2.1 to \$3.7 million.