

levels of government.” This final rule directly regulates growers, food processors, food handlers, and food retailers, not States. This action does not alter the relationships or distribution of power and responsibilities established by Congress in the preemption provisions of section 408(n)(4) of the FFDCA. For these same reasons, the Agency has determined that this rule does not have any “tribal implications” as described in Executive Order 13175, entitled *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* (65 FR 67249, November 6, 2000). Executive Order 13175, requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.” “Policies that have tribal implications” is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have “substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and the Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.” This

rule will not have substantial direct effects on tribal governments, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, as specified in Executive Order 13175. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this rule.

IX. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of this final rule in the **Federal Register**. This final rule is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

Dated: July 28, 2003.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

■ Therefore, 40 CFR chapter I is amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321(q), 346(a) and 371.

■ 2. Section 180.495 is amended by alphabetically adding the following commodity to the table in paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 180.495 Spinosad; tolerances for residues.

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(b)	*	*	*	*

Commodity	Parts per million	Expiration/Revocation date
Onion, dry bulb	0.10	12/31/06

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 69

[CC Docket No. 01-174; FCC 03-151]

2000 Biennial Review—Requirement Governing the NECA Board of Directors

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission modifies the requirements governing how the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) conducts elections for its board of directors (Board). The Commission eliminates the requirement that NECA hold annual elections and that Board members serve one-year terms. The Commission also liberalizes its rules regarding contested elections for NECA’s non-

telecommunications industry directors (Outside Directors).

DATES: Effective September 5, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cara Voth, Attorney, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission’s Report and Order in CC Docket No. 01-174, FCC 03-151 released on July 3, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Washington, DC, 20554.

I. Introduction

1. In this Report and Order, as part of our biennial regulatory review under section 11 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), we modify the requirements governing how the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) conducts elections for its board of directors (Board). We eliminate the requirement that NECA hold annual elections and that Board

members serve one-year terms. We also liberalize our rules regarding contested elections for NECA’s non-telecommunications industry directors (Outside Directors). Under the liberalized rules, no Outside Director may serve for more than six consecutive calendar years without standing for an election in which that director is opposed by at least one other qualified candidate. By modifying our election requirements for the Board, we reduce the regulatory burdens that the current election requirements impose on NECA, while furthering our goal of ensuring that NECA fulfills certain Commission-specified functions.

II. Discussion

2. We find that the current election process imposes several unnecessary administrative burdens on NECA and therefore we eliminate certain election requirements for NECA’s Board. We also find, however, that because NECA continues to perform certain functions pursuant to Commission rules, we have a continuing interest in ensuring that NECA fulfills its obligations. In retaining certain requirements, we seek

to ensure that NECA, as overseen by its Board, continues to comply with the Commission's rules. We find that the modifications to the Board requirements allow us to achieve our goals, yet impose minimal burdens on NECA.

3. We retain the current composition of NECA's Board positions, which consists of five Outside Directors, two directors representing Subset I, two directors representing Subset II, and six directors representing Subset III. NECA is a unique organization that performs several functions pursuant to the Commission's rules, including the administration of the common line and traffic sensitive access tariff pools. The access rates established by these pools have a direct impact on interstate telephone rates and pursuant to section 201 of the Act, interstate telephone rates must be just and reasonable. We believe that a Board that consists of directors representing all classes of carriers helps to ensure that NECA prepares accurate and reasonable tariffs, which in turn helps to further the Commission's implementation of the statutory requirement that rates be just and reasonable.

4. Although we retain our rules regarding the composition of the Board, we find that it is appropriate to eliminate our rule that requires that NECA elect its directors annually for one-year terms. As NECA notes, Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) does not require non-stock corporations like NECA to hold annual elections. We find it is no longer in the public interest to retain such requirements in our rules because we accept NECA's claim that the election requirements are overly burdensome without a concomitant benefit. Our primary policy goal is to ensure that NECA, as overseen by its Board, fulfills its Commission-specified functions. In this regard, we believe that the composition of the Board positions, and not how often elections are held or the terms of the directors, best achieves this goal. We find that the presence on the Board of five Outside Directors is particularly important to achieving our goals, including providing effective governance of NECA consistent with our rules. As described in more detail, we amend the contested election requirement for Outside Directors to provide NECA greater flexibility in how it elects these Outside Directors. With regard to the Board generally, we conclude that safeguards exist to ensure that NECA will adopt an appropriate election process, even absent specific Commission direction, because NECA must continue to comply with all applicable DGCL rules and regulations.

5. We believe that it is in the public interest, as NECA proposes, to modify the contested election rules so that instead of every three years as the current rules require, Outside Directors may not serve for more than six consecutive calendar years without standing for an election in which that director is opposed by at least one other qualified candidate. The Commission instituted contested elections for Outside Directors to "assure NECA's members an opportunity to choose among a range of candidates for each outside director position." Also, the overarching goal of the *NECA Board Order*, 60 FR 19528, April 19, 1995, was to add Outside Directors to NECA's Board to bring independent perspectives to NECA's deliberations and ensure that NECA complies with the Commission rules. While our goals remain the same, we recognize the burdens associated with contested elections, and believe that this rule can be liberalized without impairing our achievement of those fundamental goals. We believe it appropriate to amend our rules so that contested elections for Outside Directors will occur at least every six years. We note that, although we are relaxing the contested election requirement for Outside Directors, this will not preclude contested elections from taking place more frequently than every six years. If it so chooses, NECA may allow independent parties to challenge an incumbent Outside Director's seat whenever that seat is subject to an election.

6. The rule amendments adopted herein will be effective thirty days after publication in the **Federal Register**. We also direct NECA to revise its by-laws and articles of incorporation as required by Delaware state law and in accordance with this order, and to submit its revised by-laws to the Commission as soon as practicable. Finally, we note that NECA lists its current Board of directors on its Internet website. We strongly encourage NECA to continue to post this listing and revise it each time there is a change to the Board.

III. Procedural Issues

7. *Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification*. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended, (RFA), requires that a regulatory flexibility analysis be prepared for notice and comment rule making proceedings, unless the agency certifies that "the rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." The RFA generally defines "small entity" as having the same meaning as the terms "small business," "small

organization," and "small governmental jurisdiction." In addition, the term "small business" has the same meaning as the term "small business concern" under the Small Business Act. A small business concern is one which: (1) Is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

8. In this Report and Order, we amend certain of our rules pertaining to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), which operates pooling mechanisms to collect and distribute revenues among its participating carriers. In particular, we eliminate the requirement that NECA hold annual elections and the requirement that NECA's board of directors serve one-year terms. We also modify the rule requiring NECA to hold contested elections for its non-telecommunications industry directors (Outside Directors) at least every three years. Under the modified rule, Outside Directors may not serve more than six consecutive calendar years without standing for a contested election. In the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Certification in the *Notice*, we stated that the proposed rules, if adopted, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. No comments were received concerning that initial certification.

9. We conclude that this regulatory flexibility certification is appropriate for the amended rules adopted herein. NECA is a non-profit association created to administer the Commission's interstate access tariff and revenue distribution processes. Because the proposed rule amendments affect only NECA directly, we find that the amendments will not affect a substantial number of small entities. In addition, any economic effect that might result is positive (de-regulatory) and not significant. Therefore, we certify that the amended rules adopted in this Report and Order will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Commission will send a copy of the Report and Order, including a copy of this Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification, in a report to Congress pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. In addition, the Report and Order and this final certification will be sent to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the SBA, and it will be published in the **Federal Register**.

IV. Ordering Clauses

10. Pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 4(i), 11, 201-

205, 218–220, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 161, 201–205, 218–220, and 403, and 5 U.S.C. 553(d), that part 69 of the Commission’s rules, is amended, and is effective September 5, 2003.

11. The National Exchange Carrier Association’s Petition for Waiver, filed January 31, 2003, is dismissed without prejudice.

12. The Commission’s Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this Report and Order, including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 69

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

Final Rules

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 69 as follows:

PART 69—ACCESS CHARGES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 69 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 201, 202, 203, 205, 218, 220, 254, 403.

■ 2. Section 69.602 is amended by revising paragraphs (c), (e), and (f), and by removing paragraph (i) to read as follows:

§ 69.602 Board of directors.

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(c) Two directors shall represent the first subset, two directors shall represent the second subset, six directors shall represent the third subset, and five directors shall represent all three subsets.

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(e) Each subset of the association membership shall select the directors who will represent it through elections in which each member of the subset shall be entitled to one vote for each director position within that subset.

(f) The association membership shall select the directors who will represent all three subsets through an election in which each member of the association shall be entitled to one vote for each director position. No director representing all three subsets may serve for more than six consecutive calendar

years without standing for an election in which that director is opposed by at least one other candidate meeting the qualifications in paragraph (d) of this section.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03–2479, MB Docket No. 02–363, RM–10604]

Analog and Digital Television Broadcast Service; Asheville, NC and Greenville, SC

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Meredith Corporation, licensee of Station WHNS(TV), channel 21 and paired digital channel 57, Asheville, North Carolina, reallots channel 21 and paired digital channel 57, from Asheville to Greenville, South Carolina, and modifies station WHNS(TV)’s license accordingly.

With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective September 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Lerner, Media Bureau, (202) 418–1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MB Docket No.02–363, adopted July 24, 2003, and released August 1, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC. This document may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY–B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202–863–2893, facsimile 202–863–2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Digital television broadcasting, Television.

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

§ 73.606 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 73.606, the Table of Television Allotments under North Carolina, is amended by removing channel 21 at Asheville and under South Carolina, is amended by adding channel 21 at Greenville.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

■ 3. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under North Carolina, is amended by removing DTV Channel 21 at Asheville and under South Carolina, is amended by adding DTV channel 57 at Greenville.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,
Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 021122286–3036-02; I.D. 073003E]

Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using hook-and-line gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), except for demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast Outside District or sablefish. This action is necessary because the second seasonal bycatch mortality allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to hook-and-line gear targeting groundfish other than demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast Outside District or sablefish has been reached.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), August 1, 2003, until 1200 hrs, A.l.t., September 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 907–586–7228