

(2) A professional development strategy to ensure that the staff understands how to use these new technologies to improve education or library services;

(3) An assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services;

(4) A budget sufficient to acquire and support the non-discounted elements of the plan: the hardware, software, professional development, and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy; and

(5) An evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

(b) *Relevance of approval under Enhancing Education through Technology.* Technology plans that meet the standards of the Department of Education's Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT), 20 U.S.C. 6764, are sufficient for satisfying paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(5) of this section, but applicants must supplement such plans with an analysis demonstrating that they meet the budgetary requirement described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section. Furthermore, to the extent that the Department of Education adopts future technology plan requirements that require one or more of the five elements described in paragraph (a) of this section, such plans will be acceptable for satisfying those elements of paragraph (a) of this section. Applicants with such plans will only need to supplement such plans with the analysis needed to satisfy those elements of paragraph (a) of this section not covered by the future Department of Education technology plan requirements.

(c) *Timing of certification.* As required under 54.504(b)(2)(vii) and (c)(1)(v), applicants must certify that they have prepared any required technology plans. They must also confirm, in FCC Form 486, that their plan was approved before they began receiving services pursuant to it.

(d) *Parties qualified to approve technology plans required in this subpart.* Applicants required to prepare and obtain approval of technology plans under this subpart must obtain such approval from either their state, the Administrator, or an independent entity approved by the Commission or certified by the Administrator as qualified to provide such approval. All parties who will provide such approval

must apply the standards set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

■ 10. Revise § 54.516 to read as follows:

§ 54.516 Auditing.

(a) *Recordkeeping requirements—(1) Schools and libraries.* Schools and libraries shall retain all documents related to the application for, receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services for at least 5 years after the last day of service delivered in a particular Funding Year. Any other document that demonstrates compliance with the statutory or regulatory requirements for the schools and libraries mechanism shall be retained as well. Schools and libraries shall maintain asset and inventory records of equipment purchased as components of supported internal connections services sufficient to verify the actual location of such equipment for a period of five years after purchase.

(2) *Service providers.* Service providers shall retain documents related to the delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services for at least 5 years after the last day of the delivery of discounted services. Any other document that demonstrates compliance with the statutory or regulatory requirements for the schools and libraries mechanism shall be retained as well.

(b) *Production of records.* Schools, libraries, and service providers shall produce such records at the request of any representative (including any auditor) appointed by a state education department, the Administrator, the FCC, or any local, state or federal agency with jurisdiction over the entity.

(c) *Audits.* Schools, libraries, and service providers shall be subject to audits and other investigations to evaluate their compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements for the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism, including those requirements pertaining to what services and products are purchased, what services and products are delivered, and how services and products are being used. Schools and libraries receiving discounted services must provide consent before a service provider releases confidential information to the auditor, reviewer, or other representative.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 51

[WC Docket No. 04-313, CC Docket No. 01-338; FCC 04-179]

Unbundled Access to Network Elements; Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Interim requirements.

SUMMARY: The Commission establishes interim requirements and details a 12-month transition plan governing competing carriers' unbundled access to incumbent local exchange carriers' (LECs') network elements. These requirements extend for an interim period the effectiveness of existing contracts between carriers to avoid disruption in the telecommunications industry while new rules are being written pursuant to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking simultaneously issued by the Commission.

DATES: Effective September 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further filing instructions.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Order* in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338, adopted July 21, 2004, and released August 20, 2004 (*Order*). The complete text of this *Order* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160. It is also available on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

Synopsis of the Order

1. *Interim Requirements.* The pressing need for market certainty as the Commission works to issue final unbundling rules warrants the implementation of a plan to ensure stability in the interim. This *Order*

therefore requires incumbent LECs to continue providing unbundled access to switching, enterprise market loops, and dedicated transport under the same rates, terms and conditions that applied under their interconnection agreements as of June 15, 2004. These rates, terms, and conditions shall remain in place until the earlier of the effective date of final unbundling rules promulgated by the Commission or six months after **Federal Register** publication of the Order, except to the extent that they are or have been superseded by (1) voluntarily negotiated agreements, (2) an intervening Commission order affecting specific unbundling obligations (e.g., an order addressing a pending petition for reconsideration), or (3) (with respect to rates only) a State public utility commission order raising the rates for network elements.

2. **Transition Plan.** As mentioned above, the document also sets forth a transition plan to govern the six months following the initial period described above, in the absence of a Commission ruling that switching, enterprise market loops and/or dedicated transport must be made available pursuant to section 251(c)(3) in any particular case. First, in the absence of a Commission ruling that switching is subject to unbundling, an incumbent LEC shall only be required to lease the switching element to a requesting carrier in combination with shared transport and loops (i.e., as a component of the "UNE platform") at a rate equal to the higher of (1) the rate at which the requesting carrier leased that combination of elements on June 15, 2004, plus one dollar, or (2) the rate the State public utility commission establishes, if any, between June 16, 2004, and six months after **Federal Register** publication of this Order, for this combination of elements, plus one dollar. Second, in the absence of a Commission ruling that enterprise market loops and/or dedicated transport are subject to section 251(c)(3) unbundling in any particular case, an incumbent LEC shall only be required to lease the element at issue to a requesting carrier at a rate equal to the higher of (1) 115% of the rate the requesting carrier paid for that element on June 15, 2004, or (2) 115% of the rate the State public utility commission establishes, if any, between June 16, 2004, and six months after **Federal Register** publication of this Order, for that element. With respect to all elements at issue here, this transition period shall apply only to the embedded customer base, and does not permit competitive LECs to add new customers at these rates. As during the interim period, carriers shall remain free to

negotiate alternative arrangements (including rates) superseding our requirements (and State public utility commission rates) during the transition period. Subject to the comments requested in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, released simultaneously but summarized separately, we intend to incorporate this second phase of the plan into our final rules.

Congressional Review Act

3. The Commission will not send a copy of this Order pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). This Order does not promulgate new rules, but rather extends for an interim period the effectiveness of existing contracts between carriers, which are based on vacated Commission rules, until the Commission develops final rules. This Order does not contain a major rule. See 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Paperwork Reduction Act

4. This Order does not contain new or modified information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified "information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

Ordering Clause

5. Accordingly, it is ordered that the interim requirements set forth in the Order in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 shall be effective immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 04-1420; MM Docket No. 02-23; RM-10359]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Keeseville, NY, Hartford and White River Junction, VT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document allots Channel 231A at Keeseville, New York in response to a counterproposal filed by Hall Communications, Inc. It also denies the initiating proposal filed by Great Northern Radio, LLC, licensee of Station WSSH(FM), Channel 237A, White River Junction, Vermont, and Family Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of WWOD(FM), Channel 282C3, Hartford, Vermont to reallocate Channel 282C3 from Hartford, Vermont to Keeseville, New York and Channel 237A from White River Junction to Hartford, and modify the licenses of Stations WWOD(FM) and WSSH(FM), respectively, to reflect the changes. Channel 231A can be allotted to Keeseville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at a site 5.0 kilometers (3.1 miles) northwest of the community. The coordinates for Channel 231A at Keeseville are 344-31-45 NL and 73-32-00 WL.

DATES: Effective October 12, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 02-23, adopted August 25, 2004, and released August 27, 2004. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20054, telephone 1-800-378-3160 or <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. The Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the General Accounting Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Radio broadcasting.

■ Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended 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.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under New York, is amended by adding Keeseville, Channel 231A.