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"(3) PROCESS FOR RELOCATION.—Any person seeking to relocate a Federal Government station that has been assigned a frequency within a band allocated for mixed Federal and non-Federal use may submit a petition for such relocation to NTIA. The NTIA shall limit the Federal Government station's operating license to secondary status when the following requirements are met—

"(A) the person seeking relocation of the Federal Government station has guaranteed reimbursement through money or in-kind payment of all relocation costs incurred by the Federal entity, including all engineering, equipment, site acquisition and construction, and regulatory fee costs;

"(B) the person seeking relocation completes all activities necessary for implementing the relocation, including construction of replacement facilities (if necessary and appropriate) and identifying and obtaining on the Federal entity's behalf new frequencies for use by the relocated Federal Government station (where such station is not relocating to spectrum reserved exclusively for Federal use); and

"(C) any necessary replacement facilities, equipment modifications, or other changes have been implemented and tested to ensure that the Federal Government station is able to successfully accomplish its purpose.

"(3) RIGHT TO RECLAIM.—If within one year after the relocation the Federal Government station demonstrates to the Commission that the new facilities or spectrum are not comparable to the facilities or spectrum from which the Federal Government station was relocated, the person seeking such relocation must take reasonable steps to remedy any defects or reimburse the Federal entity for the costs of returning the Federal Government station to the spectrum from which such station was relocated.

"(g) FEDERAL ACTION TO EXPEDITE SPECTRUM TRANSFER.—Any Federal Government station which operates on electromagnetic spectrum that has been identified for reallocation for mixed Federal and non-Federal use in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report shall, to the maximum extent practicable through the use of the authority granted under subsection (f) and any other applicable provision of law, take action to relocate its spectrum use to other frequencies that are reserved for Federal use or to consolidate its spectrum use with other Federal Government stations in a manner that maximizes the spectrum available for non-Federal use. Notwithstanding the timetable contained in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report, the President shall seek to implement the reallocation of the 1710 to 1755 megahertz frequency band by January 1, 2000. Subsection (c)(4) of this section shall not apply to the extent that a non-Federal user seeks to relocate or relocates a Federal power agency under subsection (f).

"(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term 'Federal entity' means any Department, agency, or other element of the Federal government that utilizes radio frequency spectrum in the conduct of its authorized activities, including a Federal power agency.

"(2) SPECTRUM REALLOCATION FINAL REPORT.—The term 'Spectrum Reallocation Final Report' means the report submitted by the Secretary to the President and Congress in compliance with the requirements of subsection (a)."

"(d) REALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL SPECTRUM.—The Secretary of Commerce shall, within 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to the President and the Congress a report and timetable recommending the reallocation of the three frequency bands (225-400 megahertz, 3225-3850

megahertz, and 6850-6925 megahertz) that were discussed but not recommended for reallocation in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report under section 113(a) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act. The Secretary shall consult with the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies in the preparation of the report, and shall provide notice and an opportunity for public comment before submitting the report and timetable required by this section.

PRESSLER AMENDMENT NO. 1257

Mr. PRESSLER proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1256 proposed by Mr. STEVENS to the bill S. 652, supra; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

(e) BROADCAST AUXILIARY SPECTRUM REALLOCATION.—

(1) ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM FOR BROADCAST AUXILIARY USES.—Within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall allocate the 4635-4685 megahertz band transferred to the Commission under section 113(b) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923(b)) for broadcast auxiliary uses.

(2) MANDATORY RELOCATION OF BROADCAST AUXILIARY USES.—Within 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act, all licenses of broadcast auxiliary spectrum in the 2025-2075 megahertz band shall relocate into spectrum allocated by the Commission under paragraph (1). The Commission shall assign and grant licenses for use of the spectrum allocated under paragraph (1)—

(A) in a manner sufficient to permit timely completion of relocation; and

(B) without using a competitive bidding process.

(3) ASSIGNING RECOVERED SPECTRUM.—Within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall allocate the spectrum recovered in the 2025-2075 megahertz band under paragraph (2) for use by new licenses for commercial mobile services or other similar services after the relocation of broadcast auxiliary licenses, and shall assign such licenses by competitive bidding.

PRESSLER (AND HOLLINGS) AMENDMENT NO. 1258

Mr. PRESSLER (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 652, supra; as follows:

On page 2, in the item relating to section 102 in the table of contents, strike "subsidiary" and insert "affiliate".

On page 2, after the item relating to section 106 in the table of contents, insert the following:

SEC. 107. Coordination for telecommunications network-level interoperability

On page 2, after the item relating to section 225 in the table of contents, insert the following:

SEC. 226. Nonapplicability of Modification of Final Judgment

On page 3, after the item relating to section 311 in the table of contents, insert the following:

SEC. 312. Direct Broadcast Satellite ...

On page 9, line 8, after "Act," insert "The Commission may modify any provision of the GTE Consent Decree or the Modification of Final Judgment that it administers."

On page 9, line 18, strike "Commission" and insert "Commission".

On page 9, line 19, strike "Modification of Final Judgment" and insert "Modification of Final Judgment".

On page 11 beginning on line 4, strike "those companies" and insert "any company".

On page 11, line 6, strike "Judgment," and insert "Judgment to the extent such company provides telephone exchange service or exchange access service."

On page 12, line 3, insert "directly" after "available".

On page 12, beginning with "The term" on line 5, strike through line 8.

On page 12, line 13, insert "only" after "shall".

On page 12, line 15, after "services" insert "for voice, data, image, graphics, or video that it does not own, control, or select, except that the Commission shall continue to determine whether the provision of fixed and mobile satellite service shall be treated as common carriage".

On page 14, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"(t) 'LATA' means a local access and transport area as defined in United States v. Western Electric Co., 569 F. Supp. 990 (U.S. District Court, District of Columbia) and subsequent judicial orders relating thereto, except that, with respect to commercial mobile services, the term 'LATA' means the geographic areas defined or used by the Commission in issuing licenses for such services."

On page 16, line 17, strike "software;" and insert "software, to the extent defined in implementing regulations by the Commission)".

On page 17, line 12, strike "carrier;" and insert "carrier at just and reasonable rates;"

On page 19, line 4, strike "of such services," and insert "of providing those services to that carrier".

On page 19, line 5, strike "services;" and insert "services in accordance with section 214(d)(5)".

On page 21, beginning on line 7, strike "within 10 days after the State receives" and insert "at the same time as it submits".

On page 21, line 17, strike "notify" and insert "provide a copy of the petition and any documentation to".

On page 21, beginning in line 17, strike "of its petition".

On page 23, line 23, insert "feasible" after "technically".

On page 28, line 5, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period.

On page 28, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

"(1) REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS.—Beginning 3 years after the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995 and every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall review the standards and requirements for interconnection established under subsection (b). The Commission shall complete each such review within 180 days and may modify or waive any requirements or standards established under subsection (b) if it determines that the modification or waiver meets the requirements of section 260."

On page 28, line 20, strike "SUBSIDIARY" and insert "AFFILIATE".

On page 28, line 21, strike "SUBSIDIARY" and insert "AFFILIATE".

On page 28, beginning on line 24, strike "its subsidiaries and affiliates" which provides telephone exchange service" and insert "any affiliate" which is a local exchange carrier that is subject to the requirements of section 251(a).

On page 29, line 2, strike "a subsidiary" and insert "one or more affiliates".

On page 29, line 3, strike "is" and insert "are".

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