

FCC Opens Regulatory Flexibility Act Proceeding

On December 18, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission released a Public Notice calling for comments on whether it should rescind or amend any of several rules due to their economic impact on “small entities.” The proceeding, which must be conducted each year in compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 610, is slated to be resolved “during the next twelve months.”

The rules under review are too numerous to mention here. They range from rules governing forfeiture penalties to rules defining eligibility for participation in the Universal Service Schools and Libraries Program, and impact all types of communications media: wireline telephony, radio and television broadcasting, the cable industry, satellite Digital Audio Radio Service, and several wireless services.

Click [here](#) for the full Public Notice discussed in this Alert.

Comments must be filed in this proceeding within sixty (60) days of the publication of the Public Notice which has not yet occurred.

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