

## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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#### **Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions–Spring 2013**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Twice a year, in spring and fall, the Commission publishes in the **Federal Register** a list in the Unified Agenda of those major items and other significant proceedings under development or review that pertain to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (See 5 U.S.C. 602). The Unified Agenda also provides the Code of Federal Regulations citations and legal authorities that govern these proceedings.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Unified Agenda of Major and Other Significant Proceedings**

The Commission encourages public participation in its rulemaking process. To help keep the public informed of significant rulemaking proceedings, the Commission has prepared a list of important proceedings now in progress. The General Services Administration publishes the Unified Agenda in the **Federal Register** in the spring and fall of each year.

The following terms may be helpful in understanding the status of the proceedings included in this report:

*Docket Number*--assigned to a proceeding if the Commission has issued either a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or a Notice of Inquiry concerning the matter under consideration. The Commission has used docket numbers since January 1, 1978. Docket numbers consist of the last two digits of the calendar year

in which the docket was established plus a sequential number that begins at 1 with the first docket initiated during a calendar year (e.g., Docket No. 96-1 or Docket No. 99-1). The abbreviation for the responsible bureau usually precedes the docket number, as in "MM Docket No. 96-222," which indicates that the responsible bureau is the Mass Media Bureau (now the Media Bureau). A docket number consisting of only five digits (e.g., Docket No. 29622) indicates that the docket was established before January 1, 1978.

*Notice of Inquiry (NOI)*--issued by the Commission when it is seeking information on a broad subject or trying to generate ideas on a given topic. A comment period is specified during which all interested parties may submit comments.

*Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)*--issued by the Commission when it is proposing a specific change to Commission rules and regulations. Before any changes are actually made, interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed revisions.

*Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)*--issued by the Commission when additional comment in the proceeding is sought.

*Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)*--issued by the Commission to deny a petition for rulemaking, conclude an inquiry, modify a decision, or address a petition for reconsideration of a decision.

*Rulemaking (RM) Number*--assigned to a proceeding after the appropriate bureau or office has reviewed a petition for rulemaking, but before the Commission has taken action on the petition.

*Report and Order (R&O)*--issued by the Commission to state a new or amended rule or state that the Commission rules and regulations will not be revised.

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