

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

PUBLIC NOTICE

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**COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER GRANTING PART 68
WAIVER FOR STUTTER DIAL TONE DETECTION
DEVICES**

Comments Due: January 19, 1996

Replies Due: February 16, 1996

On October 30, 1995, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and VoiceWaves, Inc. filed a Petitions for Reconsideration of a Common Carrier Bureau Order, released on September 28, 1995, granting waivers from Section 68.312(k) of the Commission's Rules to Alameda Engineering, Inc. and seven other parties. The waivers permit these parties to register stutter dial tone detection devices. A "stutter dial tone" is a series of short separate tones produced by the telephone company's central switching office that alerts a voice mail subscriber that he or she has voice mail. A stutter dial tone detection device automatically detects the presence of stutter dial tone and causes a light to blink to visually alert the subscriber of a waiting voice mail message. In the Order, the Bureau granted waivers for these devices subject to eight conditions.

VoiceWaves Petition: VoiceWaves asks the Bureau to reconsider the condition that states that the device may make an automatic check for stutter dial tone no earlier than 4 seconds and no later than 30 seconds after a voice mail subscriber completes a call and hangs up on the line to which the device is attached. VoiceWaves also asks the Bureau to reconsider its Order by requiring that stutter dial tone detection devices not interfere with other registered devices, such as facsimile machines and modems, attached to the same line.

SWBT Petition: SWBT asks the Bureau to modify its Order to require any party seeking waiver for a stutter dial tone detection device to submit its device to an impartial testing agency for certification that the device complies with the conditions set forth in the Order prior to the Bureau's granting its waiver request.

We invite comment on VoiceWaves' and SWBT's Petitions for Reconsideration. Comments should be filed on or before **January 19, 1996**, and Reply Comments should be filed on or before **February 16, 1996**. All comments should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing Part 68 Waiver Request of Alameda Engineering, Inc., *et al*, DA 95-2443. Two copies should also be filed with Scott Shefferman, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2025 M Street, N.W., Suite 6008, Washington, D.C. 20554. The full text of the Petition is available for inspection and duplication in the Network Services Division Reference Room, 2025 M Street, N.W., Room 6220, Washington, D.C., Monday

through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Copies may also be obtained from International Transcription Service by calling (202) 857-3800.

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