

Tutorial on the Amendment of Certain Part 1 and Part 0 Rules GC Docket No. 10-44



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GC Docket No. 10-44 streamlines document management

- In GC No. 10-44, the Commission has adopted new docket management procedures designed to increase the efficiency of the Commission's decision-making, modernize procedures to employ current technologies and enhance the openness and transparency of the Commission's proceedings, for both the public and staff.



Major changes and approach for implementation of each:

- Expanding use of docketed proceedings.
 - Often, information in non-docketed proceedings is not electronically available, making it difficult for interested parties to follow the Commission's work and participate; to increase participation, the Commission is increasing the use of docket numbers.
 - In addition to the types of proceedings identified in GC Docket No. 10-44, CGB has received recommendations from each B/O for increasing the use of docketing and improving document workflow.



Major changes and approach for implementation of each:

- Expanding use of docketed proceedings (cont.)
 - CGB will work with each B/O to develop the appropriate procedures for each type of document to be docketed and will coordinate the release of the appropriate guidance to the public via public notices and/or public workshops.

Major changes and approach for implementation of each:

- Expanding electronic filing and reducing the number of paper copies filed.
 - In conjunction with our expansion of the use of docketing, Section 1.49 was amended to require the use electronic filing for: newly filed Section 208 formal common carrier complaints and newly filed Section 224 pole attachment complaints before the Enforcement Bureau, CPNI proceedings, cable special relief petitions, proceedings involving over-the-air reception devices, and certain certifications by common carriers.



Major changes and approach for implementation of each:

- Expanding electronic filing and reducing the number of paper copies filed (cont.)
 - Additionally, consistent with our goal of minimizing paper submissions, Sections 1.51 and 1.419 were amended to require that parties file only an original and one copy of each paper submission, unless another Commission rule specifically requires otherwise.

Major changes and approach for implementing each:

- **Electronic Notification in Certain Proceedings:**
 - Section 1.47 (a) was amended to provide that documents that must be served by the Commission in agency proceedings may be served in electronic format, such as e-mail or RSS feed, rather than by mail. In proceedings involving large numbers of parties (generally 20 or more), the Commission may satisfy its service obligation by issuing a public notice that identifies the documents required to be served and that explains how parties can obtain copies of them.

Major changes and approach for implementing each:

- Electronic Notification in Certain Proceedings (Cont.):
 - Upon these rules becoming effective, the Reference Information Center will release a Public Notice stating that Commission service of orders, pleadings and other documents on parties in certain types of proceedings will be made electronically.
 - RIC will mail the Public Notice to all parties currently on our mailing list receiving paper copies of such documents.
 - Customers can set up RSS feeds to receive electronic copies of documents.



Major changes and approach for implementation of each:

➤ Termination of dormant proceedings

- Section 0.141(h) was amended, delegating authority to the Chief, CGB to periodically review open dockets and, in consultation with the relevant bureau and office staffs, issue a public notice listing the proceedings under consideration for termination. Interested parties will then be given an opportunity to comment.
- Upon completion of the comment and reply comment cycle, CGB will close any docket in which no further action is required.



Next Steps

- Establish a long-term plan for the integration of related systems to improve the customer experience and to eliminate paper processing and filing. The objective is that all information will be available via the web.

