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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**PLEADING CYCLES ESTABLISHED FOR
COMMENTS ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
AND PETITION FOR WAIVER CONCERNING
COMPOSITION OF NECA'S BOARD**

The HB National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed a petition for rulemaking on May 24, 1991, and a petition for waiver on May 28, 1991, to permit the addition of two directors from outside the telephone industry to NECA's Board of Directors. Section 69.602 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 69.602, presently requires that the NECA Board consist of fifteen directors. Section 69.602 also specifies that three of these directors are to be selected by and represent the Bell Operating Companies, three are to be selected by and represent other telephone companies having annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million, and nine are to be selected by and represent telephone companies having annual operating revenues of less than \$40 million.

In its petition for rulemaking, NECA asks that Section 69.602 be amended to add two outside directors to the NECA Board, effective January 1, 1992. NECA indicates that the addition of these directors would increase public confidence in NECA's overall management and processes. NECA proposes that its members select the outside directors from a list of nominees to be prepared by the NECA Board's Election Committee. NECA also states that the Election Committee would solicit qualified candidates from the business, professional, financial, and academic communities, and that the nominees would exclude current or former officers or employees of NECA or of NECA member companies, relations of such officers or employees, and persons having a business relationship or other interest that could interfere with the exercise of independent judgment as a director.

In its petition for waiver, NECA asks that Section 69.602 be waived to permit NECA to include two outside directors in the directors to be elected for calendar year 1992. NECA states that its annual Board election is presently scheduled for November 6, 1991, and that the requested waiver would ensure that the outside directors would be added expeditiously and without the expense of a special election.

Interested parties may file comments on NECA's petitions no later than **July 10, 1991**. Replies should be filed no later than **July 25, 1991**. Comments and replies regarding the petition for rulemaking should not be combined in the same document as comments and replies regarding the petition for waiver. Comments and replies regarding the petition for rulemaking should reference **RM 7736**. Comments and replies regarding the petition for waiver should reference file number **AAD 91-28**. All comments and replies in these proceedings should be filed with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC