

CC:LR:T (LR-31-83), Washington, D.C. 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: B. Faye Easley of the Legislation and Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20224, Attn: CC:LR:T, telephone 202-566-3935 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the *Federal Register* for Tuesday, November 6, 1984 (49 FR 44300), comments with respect to the proposed rules were to be delivered or mailed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attn: CC:LR:T (LR-31-83), Washington, D.C. 20224, by December 6, 1984. Some members of the public have requested that an extension on the deadline for filing comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking be established. The date by which comments must be delivered or mailed is hereby extended to January 7, 1985, except for comments concerning the proposed rules relating to proof of payment for state registration purposes.

This document in no way affects the details of the notice of public hearing on the proposed regulations appearing in the *Federal Register* for Tuesday, November 6, 1984 (49 FR 44310).

George H. Jelly,
Director, Legislation and Regulations
Division.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 10

Proposed Express Mail International Service to Finland and Saudi Arabia

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to agreements with the postal administrations of Finland and Saudi Arabia, the Postal Service proposes to begin Express Mail International Service with Finland and Saudi Arabia at postage rates indicated in the tables below. The proposed service is scheduled to begin on February 1, 1985.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before January 2, 1985.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon W. Perlman, (202) 245-4414.

ADDRESS: Written comments should be directed to the General Manager, Rate Development Division, Office of Rates, Rates and Classification Department, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C.

20260-5350. Copies of all written comments will be available for public inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in room 8620, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, SW., Washington, DC 20260-5350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Mail Manual is incorporated by reference in the *Federal Register*, 39 CFR 10.1. Additions to the manual concerning the proposed new service, including the rate tables reproduced below, will be made in due course. Accordingly, although 39 U.S.C. 407 does not require advance notice and the opportunity for submission of comments on international service, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act regarding proposed rulemaking (5 U.S.C. 553) do not apply (39 U.S.C. 410(a)), the Postal Service invites interested persons to submit written data, views or arguments concerning the proposed International Express Mail Service to Finland and Saudi Arabia at the rates indicated in the tables below.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 10

Postal Service, Foreign relations.

FINLAND—INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS MAIL

Custom Designed Service ^{1, 2}		On Demand Service ²	
Up to and including		Up to and including	
Pounds	Rate	Pounds	Rate
1.....	\$28.00	1.....	\$20.00
2.....	31.70	2.....	23.70
3.....	35.40	3.....	27.40
4.....	39.10	4.....	31.10
5.....	42.80	5.....	34.80
6.....	46.50	6.....	38.50
7.....	50.20	7.....	42.20
8.....	53.90	8.....	45.90
9.....	57.60	9.....	49.60
10.....	61.30	10.....	53.30
11.....	65.00	11.....	57.00
12.....	68.70	12.....	60.70
13.....	72.40	13.....	64.40
14.....	76.10	14.....	68.10
15.....	79.80	15.....	71.80
16.....	83.50	16.....	75.50
17.....	87.20	17.....	79.20
18.....	90.90	18.....	82.90
19.....	94.60	19.....	86.60
20.....	98.30	20.....	90.30
21.....	102.00	21.....	94.00
22.....	105.70	22.....	97.70
23.....	109.40	23.....	101.40
24.....	113.10	24.....	105.10
25.....	116.80	25.....	108.80
26.....	120.50	26.....	112.50
27.....	124.20	27.....	116.20
28.....	127.90	28.....	119.90
29.....	131.60	29.....	123.60
30.....	135.30	30.....	127.30
31.....	139.00	31.....	131.00
32.....	142.70	32.....	134.70
33.....	146.40	33.....	138.40
34.....	150.10	34.....	142.10
35.....	153.80	35.....	145.80
36.....	157.50	36.....	149.50
37.....	161.20	37.....	153.20
38.....	164.90	38.....	156.90
39.....	168.60	39.....	160.60
40.....	172.30	40.....	164.30
41.....	176.00	41.....	168.00
42.....	179.70	42.....	171.70
43.....	183.40	43.....	175.40

FINLAND—INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS MAIL—Continued

Custom Designed Service ^{1, 2}		On Demand Service ²	
Up to and including		Up to and including	
Pounds	Rate	Pounds	Rate
44.....	187.10	44.....	179.10

¹ Rates in this table are applicable to each piece of International Custom Designed Express Mail shipped under a Service Agreement providing for tender by the customer at a designated Post Office.

² Pickup is available under a Service Agreement for an added charge of \$5.60 for each pickup stop, regardless of the number of pieces picked up. Domestic and International Express Mail picked up together under the same Service Agreement incurs only one pickup charge.

SAUDI ARABIA—INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS MAIL

Custom Designed Service ^{1, 2}		On Demand Service ²	
Up to and including		Up to and including	
Pounds	Rate	Pounds	Rate
1.....	\$28.00	1.....	\$20.00
2.....	31.70	2.....	23.70
3.....	35.40	3.....	27.40
4.....	39.10	4.....	31.10
5.....	42.80	5.....	34.80
6.....	46.50	6.....	38.50
7.....	50.20	7.....	42.20
8.....	53.90	8.....	45.90
9.....	57.60	9.....	49.60
10.....	61.30	10.....	53.30
11.....	65.00	11.....	57.00
12.....	68.70	12.....	60.70
13.....	72.40	13.....	64.40
14.....	76.10	14.....	68.10
15.....	79.80	15.....	71.80
16.....	83.50	16.....	75.50
17.....	87.20	17.....	79.20
18.....	90.90	18.....	82.90
19.....	94.60	19.....	86.60
20.....	98.30	20.....	90.30
21.....	102.00	21.....	94.00
22.....	105.70	22.....	97.70

¹ Rates in this table are applicable to each piece of International Custom Designed Express Mail shipped under a Service Agreement providing for tender by the customer at a designated Post Office.

² Pickup is available under a Service Agreement for an added charge of \$5.60 for each pickup stop, regardless of the number of pieces picked up. Domestic and International Express Mail picked up together under the same Service Agreement incurs only one pickup charge.

An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 10.3 to reflect these changes will be published when the final rule is adopted.

(39 U.S.C. 401, 404 407)

W. Allen Sanders,

Associate General Counsel, Office of General Law and Administration.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Ch. I

[CC Docket No. 84-800]

Authorized Rates of Return for the Interstate Services of AT&T Communications and Exchange Telephone Carriers; Order Extending Time for Filing Reply Comments

AGENCY: Federal Communication Commissions.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of reply comment-period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the period for filing Reply Comments in the Matter of Authorized Rates of Return for the Interstate Services of AT&T Communications and Exchange Telephone Carriers, CC Docket No. 84-800. This action is taken in response to a petition filed by Ameritech.

DATES: Reply comments are now due by January 22, 1985.

ADDRESS: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Goodman, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 632-0745.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Rule was published on August 17, 1984 (49 FR 32871).

In the Matter of Authorized Rates of Return for the Interstate Services of AT&T Communications and Exchange Telephone Carriers; CC Docket No. 84-800.

Adopted: November 26, 1984.

Released: November 28, 1984.

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau.

1. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, we invited interested parties to file comments on factors for our examination of authorized rates of return for AT&T and exchange telephone carriers. FCC 84-395, released August 13, 1984. After an extension of the filing dates, comments were filed on November 9. On November 20, the Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech) filed a motion to extend the time for filing reply comments from December 10, 1984, to February 4, 1985.

2. Ameritech bases its request for an extension of time on the tremendous volume of comments as well as the complex nature of the proceeding. According to Ameritech, over 6000 pages of comments and appendices were filed on November 9. In order to respond properly, it states that it will be necessary to coordinate and consult with expert witnesses, and to collect relevant data and information. Ameritech claims that two months is the minimum additional time needed to file reply comments. Moreover, Ameritech asserts that the far-reaching and permanent changes potentially resulting from this proceeding preclude an urgent need to rush to a decision.

3. We agree that the public interest would be served by allowing additional time for preparing reply comments. We are mindful of both the approaching holiday season as well as the complex and important nature of the proceeding. We are not convinced, however, that an extension of two months is fully warranted. Accordingly, the date for

filing reply comments in this proceeding is extended until January 22, 1985.

4. So ordered.

Federal Communications Commission.

Kenneth A. Levy,

Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Door Locks and Door Retention Components

AGENCY: National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Denial of petition for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice denies a petition for rulemaking, submitted by Mr. William Poehl, to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 206, *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, to require an inside trunk lock release lever on all new automobiles. In his petition, Mr. Poehl listed various possible circumstances in which people could be trapped inside the trunk of an automobile and requested the standard to require an operable lever or handle inside of the trunk. After reviewing the petition along with previous actions in this area, the agency has concluded that the likelihood of an internal hood latch lever being utilized is remote. The agency will, however, continue to gather data in this subject area and will institute rulemaking action at some future date, if appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Smith, Office of Rulemaking, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. (202-426-2242).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In May 1984, Mr. William Poehl submitted a petition to the NHTSA concerning Standard No. 206, *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*. Mr. Poehl's petition requested that every new car be equipped with a trunk release lever that can be easily operated from inside a vehicle's trunk. The petition listed various possible circumstances of accidental and intentional entrapment in the trunk of a vehicle. Mr. Poehl believed that persons such as alarm and stereo installers, mechanics, playful children, pranksters, and crime victims

may be trapped in the trunk. The petitioner also believed that an elderly person might fall into the trunk and thereby become entrapped. He petitioned the agency to require an inside trunk release on all new cars in order to ensure the release of these victims.

After reviewing the petition and previous actions in this area, the agency has concluded that the likelihood of an internal trunk release lever ever being utilized is remote. The agency is not aware of any accident data indicating that there is much likelihood of occurrence of accidental entrapment in a vehicle's trunk. Trunk lids are spring-loaded in the open position and, therefore, not likely to close by themselves with someone inside. Because the lids are spring loaded, it is difficult to close the trunk from any position except standing behind the vehicle and pushing down on the outer surface of the trunk lid. From that position, a person has a full view of the trunk interior. It would be extremely unlikely that that person would accidentally close the lid with someone inside. Concerning an elderly person falling into the trunk, Mr. Poehl suggested that entrapment could occur if snow on the trunk closed the lid when the person fell. It is unclear to the agency how the trunk would entrap the person in this circumstance, since it is unlikely that the individual would fall in such a way that more than his or her upper torso is inside the trunk. Again, in this situation, an internal trunk release lever would not likely need to be utilized.

The agency is aware that victims of crime or pranks are, on occasion, purposely locked in the trunk of a vehicle. However, the petitioner did not provide any data supporting the benefits of an internal release mechanism in these circumstances. The agency does not know, for example, how often a victim of a crime or prank who is purposely locked in a vehicle's trunk might also be secured so that an internal release mechanism could not be operated.

Although at this time NHTSA has concluded it would be inappropriate to require an internal trunk release mechanism for automobile trunks, the agency will continue to gather information in this subject area and will institute rulemaking action at a future date, if appropriate.

(Secs. 103, 119, Pub. L. 89-563, 80 Stat. 718 (15 U.S.C. 1392, 1407, 1410a); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 49 CFR 501.8)

Issued on November 27, 1984.

Barry Felrice,
Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

49 CFR Part 1063

[Ex Parte No. MC-95 (Sub-3)]

Regulations Governing the Adequacy of Intercity Motor Common Carrier Passenger Service (Modification of Regulations)

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce
Commission.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of
proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The notice of proposed rulemaking in this proceeding [44 FR 53092 (1979)] proposed amending the Commission's rules at 49 CFR Part 1063 concerning the adequacy of service, equipment, and facilities provided by motor passenger carriers operating over regular routes. The Commission has considered the merits of the modifications to its regulations that were originally proposed in this proceeding and has concluded that some of the proposals should not be adopted, while others require further consideration in the light of the provisions of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982. Further comments are solicited with regard to the proposals concerning: (1) Notice of schedule changes, (2) temperature control equipment on buses providing commuter services, (3) transportation of handicapped passengers, and (4) expanding the current restroom exemption to cover somewhat larger vehicles.

DATE: Comments must be filed by
January 2, 1985.

ADDRESS: Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to T.S. InfoSystems, Inc., Room 2227, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, or call 289-4357 (D.C. Metropolitan area) or toll free (800) 424-5403. Send comments to Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 12th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James L. Brown, (202) 275-7898
Howell I. Sporn, (202) 275-7891

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Energy and Environment

This decision will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

This proceeding was instituted before we were required to consider specifically the impact of the proposals on small businesses. Nevertheless, we have considered this issue at this time and certify that the regulation changes under consideration in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because, if adopted, they would only change commuter practices in minor ways.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1063

Buses.

This decision is issued pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 and 559, and 49 U.S.C. 10102, 10321, 10703, 10762, 10730, 10922, 11145, and 11702.

Decided: November 16, 1984.

By the Commission, Chairman Taylor, Vice Chairman Andre, Commissioners Sterrett, Gradison, Simmons, Lamboley, and Strenio. Commissioner Gradison, joined by Vice Chairman Andre, dissented with a separate expression. Commissioner Lamboley did not participate.

James H. Bayne,

Secretary.

PART 1063—[AMENDED]

Appendix

Further comments are solicited with regard to the following proposed amendments. Part 1063 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations would be amended as follows:

§ 1063.6 [Amended]

(1) In § 1063.6, paragraph (b) would be revised to read as follows:

§ 1063.6 Service responsibility.

(b) *Continuity of service.* Except as provided in 49 CFR 1042.2(c)(6), no carrier shall make any change in an existing regular-route schedule without first filing a written notice with the Regional Office of the Interstate Commerce Commission in all regions affected by the schedule change. A copy of the notice shall be displayed by the carrier continuously in a conspicuous place in each facility affected and on each bus providing the affected services. The notice shall be displayed for at least 15 days before it becomes effective, and shall contain the carrier's name, a description of the schedule change, the date the change will be effective, the

reasons for the change, and the name and address of the responsible carrier official or representative to whom passengers may address comments and seek information. Unless the schedule change is due to the conversion to or from daylight savings time or otherwise reflects a normal, seasonal schedule change, the description of the change shall be specific and the notice shall also describe available alternate services.

§ 1063.7 [Amended]

(2) In § 1063.7, paragraphs (a) and (b) would be revised to read as follows:

§ 1063.7 Equipment.

(a) *Temperature control.* All buses shall be equipped with operable temperature control equipment capable of maintaining reasonable temperatures.

(b) *Restrooms.* Each bus used to provide service subject to this part with seating for more than 25 passengers (not including the driver), except those in commuter service, shall have a restroom. Such on-board restrooms shall be clean, sanitary, and free of offensive odor, and regularly maintained. A bus may be operated without a restroom if reasonable rest stops are made.

§ 1063.8 [Amended]

(3) In § 1063.8, paragraphs (a) and (b) would be revised to read as follows:

§ 1063.8 Accommodations for handicapped, disabled, blind and elderly.

(a) *Transportation.* No carrier shall deny transportation to any person on the basis of a handicap, physical disability, or blindness, or because that person cannot board a bus without assistance, except as provided in this section. A guide or a seeing-eye dog, hearing-guide dog, or other guide dog specially trained for that purpose shall be provided free passage when accompanied by a blind or deaf person.

(b) *Assistance.* All carriers shall, whenever possible, provide assistance to handicapped, disabled, blind, and elderly passengers, in boarding buses; such assistance when requested shall include advance boarding and seating. Carriers shall provide assistance to such passengers on request in the use of terminal accommodations and baggage service. At all terminals there shall be prominently displayed a notice stating where and from whom such assistance may be obtained. Handicapped persons who require the assistance of an attendant shall not be denied transportation so long as they are

accompanied by an attendant. Handicapped persons who require the service of an attendant, but who are unaccompanied, are not required to be transported by a carrier under this regulation. Handicapped persons requiring the assistance of an attendant are those who cannot take care of their fundamental personal needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 652

Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries

AGENCY: Notice of availability of an amendment and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA issues this notice that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has submitted an amendment to

the fishery management plan (FMP) for the Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries for review by the Secretary of Commerce. Comments are invited from the public on the amendment and any other documents made available.

DATE: Comments will be accepted until February 8, 1985.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Richard Schaefer, Acting Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Copies of the amendment; the environmental assessment, and draft regulatory impact review/initial regulatory flexibility analysis are available upon request from John C. Bryson, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115 Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Seamans, Jr., 617-281-3600, ext. 262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This FMP was prepared under the provisions

of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Amendment 5 proposes measures for managing the Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries in the fishery conservation zone (FCZ). The rule provides a mechanism for adjustments to the minimum size limit for surf clams and revises the method of inspecting surf clams for compliance. The rule also adds a requirement that surf clams cages be tagged and adds a presumption that surf clams landed on an authorized fishing day were caught in the FCZ and are subject to the Federal minimum size limit. The receipt date for this amendment is November 26, 1984. Proposed regulations for this amendment will be published within 30 days.

(16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: November 28, 1984.

Carmen J. Blodin,

Deputy Assistant Administrator For Fisheries Resource Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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