

AMENDMENT TO SUBTITLE L
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3____. ENABLING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
4 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
5 gress” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
7 merce of the House of Representatives;

8 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
9 of the House of Representatives;

10 (C) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
11 and Transportation of the Senate; and

12 (D) the Committee on Environment and
13 Public Works of the Senate.

14 (2) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term
15 “communications facility” includes—

16 (A) any infrastructure, including any
17 transmitting device, tower, or support structure,
18 and any equipment, switch, wiring, cabling,
19 power source, shelter, or cabinet, associated
20 with the licensed or permitted unlicensed wire-

1 less or wireline transmission of any writing,
2 sign, signal, data, image, picture, and sound of
3 any kind; and

4 (B) any antenna or apparatus that—

5 (i) is designed for the purpose of
6 emitting radio frequency;

7 (ii) is designed to be operated, or is
8 operating, from a fixed location pursuant
9 to authorization by the Commission or is
10 using a duly authorized device that does
11 not require an individual license; and

12 (iii) is added to a tower, building, or
13 other structure.

14 (3) COMMUNICATIONS SITE.—The term “com-
15 munications site” means an area of covered land
16 designated for communications uses.

17 (4) COMMUNICATIONS USE.—The term “com-
18 munications use” means the placement and oper-
19 ation of communications facility.

20 (5) COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.—
21 The term “communications use authorization”
22 means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or
23 other authorization to locate or modify a commu-
24 nications facility on covered land by the Department
25 concerned for the primary purpose of authorizing

1 the occupancy and use of the covered land for com-
2 munications use.

3 (6) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
4 means—

5 (A) public land administered by the Sec-
6 retary of the Interior; and

7 (B) National Forest System land.

8 (7) DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.—The term
9 “Department concerned” means the Department of
10 the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

11 (8) ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT.—The term “orga-
12 nizational unit” means—

13 (A) with respect to public land adminis-
14 tered by the Secretary of the Interior—

15 (i) a State office;

16 (ii) a district office; or

17 (iii) a field office; and

18 (B) within the Forest Service—

19 (i) a regional office;

20 (ii) the headquarters;

21 (iii) a management unit; or

22 (iv) a ranger district office.

23 (9) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
24 retary concerned” means—

1 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
2 spect to public land; and

3 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
4 spect to National Forest System land.

5 (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned
7 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
8 a report that—

9 (1) provides an assessment on programmatic or
10 administrative barriers to reviewing communications
11 use authorizations by the Department concerned or
12 organizational units of the Department concerned;

13 (2) provides an assessment whether there are
14 rules or regulations of the Department concerned
15 that could be revised to improve the efficiency of re-
16 viewing a communications use authorization;

17 (3) describes the process for prioritizing the re-
18 view of a communications use authorization; and

19 (4) provides a plan to ensure adequate staffing
20 throughout organizational units of the Department
21 concerned to review communications use authoriza-
22 tions in a timely manner.

