

designations have not yet occurred for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

**Response:** Comments regarding the 2015 ozone NAAQS are outside the scope of this action. The petition requested the EPA to expand the OTR on the basis of alleged air quality problems associated with attaining and maintaining the 2008 ozone NAAQS. The December 2013 petition was submitted prior to the EPA strengthening the ozone NAAQS in 2015. Consequently, the EPA's proposal focused on the appropriate mechanism to address interstate transport issues relative to the 2008 ozone NAAQS—not the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The EPA is, therefore, limiting this final action to the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Comments on any determinations made in prior rulemaking actions to identify downwind air quality problems relative to the 2015 ozone NAAQS or to quantify upwind state emission reduction obligations relative to those air quality problems, including the EPA's decision to focus on certain precursor emissions or sources, are not within the scope of this action.

#### VI. Final Action To Deny the CAA Section 176A Petition

Based on the considerations outlined at proposal, after considering all comments, and for the reasons described in this action, the EPA is denying the CAA section 176A petition submitted by nine petitioning states in December 2013. The EPA continues to believe an expansion of the OTR is unnecessary at this time and would not be the most efficient or effective way to address the remaining interstate transport issues for the 2008 ozone NAAQS in states currently included in the OTR. Additional local and regional ozone precursor emissions reductions are expected in the coming years from already on-the-books rules. The EPA believes its authority and the states' authority under other CAA provisions (including CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I)) will allow the agency and states to develop a more effective remedy for addressing any remaining air quality problems for the 2008 ozone NAAQS identified by the petitioners.

#### VII. Judicial Review and Determinations Under Section 307(b)(1) of the CAA

Section 307(b)(1) of the CAA indicates which Federal Courts of Appeal have venue for petitions of review of final actions by the EPA. This section provides, in part, that petitions for review must be filed in the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit if (i) the agency action consists

of "nationally applicable regulations promulgated, or final action taken, by the Administrator," or (ii) such action is locally or regionally applicable, if "such action is based on a determination of nationwide scope or effect and if in taking such action the Administrator finds and publishes that such action is based on such a determination."

This final action is "nationally applicable." Additionally, the EPA finds that this action is based on a determination of "nationwide scope and effect." This action makes a determination on a petition from nine states in the Northeast, which would impact another nine states in the Mid-Atlantic, Southern, and Midwestern areas of the U.S. These 18 states span five regional federal judicial circuits as well as the District of Columbia. The determinations on which this action is based rest in part on the scope and effect of certain other nationally applicable rulemakings under the CAA, including the CSAPR and the CSAPR Update. For these reasons, this final action is "nationally applicable," and the Administrator also finds that this action is based on a determination of nationwide scope and effect for purposes of CAA section 307(b)(1).

Pursuant to CAA section 307(b)(1), any petitions for review of this final action should be filed in the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit within 60 days from the date this action is published in the **Federal Register**.

#### VIII. Statutory Authority

42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: October 27, 2017.

**E. Scott Pruitt,**  
*Administrator.*

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1166]

#### Information Collection Approved by the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a revision of a currently approved public information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number, and no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Comments concerning the accuracy of the burden estimates and any suggestions for reducing the burden should be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Williams, Office of the Managing Director, at (202) 418-2918, or email: [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-1166.

*OMB Approval Date:* October 23, 2017.

*OMB Expiration Date:* October 31, 2020.

*Title:* Section 1.21001, Participation in Competitive Bidding for Support; Section 1.21002, Prohibition of Certain Communications During the Competitive Bidding Process.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 750 respondents and 750 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,125 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Obligation To Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection 47 U.S.C. 154, 254 and 303(r).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no need for confidentiality. Information collected in each application for universal service support will be made available for public inspection, and the Commission is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information to the Commission as part of the pre-auction application process. Respondents seeking to have information collected on an application for universal service support withheld from public inspection may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Section 0.459.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will use the information collected under this collection to determine whether applicants are eligible to participate in auctions for Universal Service Fund support. On November 18, 2011, the Commission released an order

comprehensively reforming and modernizing the universal service and intercarrier compensation systems, creating the Connect America Fund (CAF), the Connect America Mobility Fund (MF), including the Tribal Mobility Fund (TMF), and the Remote Areas Fund (RAF). To implement these reforms and conduct competitive bidding for CAF, MF, TMF, and RAF support, the Commission adopted new rules containing information collection requirements that would be used to determine whether an applicant is generally qualified to bid for universal service support. The Commission also adopted rules containing information collection requirements that would be used to determine whether an applicant is specifically qualified to bid for Phase I of the Mobility Fund and Tribal Mobility Fund.

The revised collection removes the information collection requirements that apply specifically to applicants seeking to participate in competitive bidding for Mobility Fund Phase I (MF-I) and Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I (TMF-I) support, and the associated FCC Form 180 used by entities applying to participate in the MF-I and TMF-I auctions, because support under MF-I and TMF-I has been awarded. The revised collection retains the information collection requirements that apply generally to all applicants seeking to participate in competitive bidding for universal service support. The revised collection also amends the title of the information collection to "Section 1.21001, Participation in Competitive Bidding for Support; Section 1.21002, Prohibition of Certain Communications During the Competitive Bidding Process" to reflect the revised information collection.

The Commission will use the information collected under the revised information collection to determine whether applicants are legally, technically, and financially qualified to participate in a Commission auction for universal service support. The information collection requirements retained under this collection are designed to limit the competitive bidding to qualified applicants; to deter possible abuse of the bidding process; and to enhance the use of competitive bidding to distribute Universal Service Fund (USF) support in furtherance of the public interest. Commission staff reviews the information collected as part of the pre-auction process, prior to the auction being held, and determines whether each applicant satisfies the Commission's requirements to participate in the auction. Thus, the information is being collected to meet the objectives of the USF program.

The Commission received approval from OMB for the revised information collection requirements contained in OMB 3060-1166 on October 23, 2017.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**[OMB 3060-0855]**

### Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before December 4, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov); and to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0855.

**Title:** Telecommunications Reporting Worksheets and Related Collections, FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q.

**Form Number(s):** FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.