

Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Section 804, however, exempts from section 801 the following types of rules: Rules of particular applicability; rules relating to agency management or personnel; and rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. 5 U.S.C. 804(3). Because this is a rule of particular applicability, EPA is not required to submit a rule report regarding this action under section 801.

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the

appropriate circuit by February 16, 2018. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2).)

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Regional haze, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: December 6, 2017.

Ken Moraff,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

Part 52 of chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 52—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

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

Subpart UU—Vermont

■ 2. In § 52.2370, the table in paragraph (e) is amended by adding an entry for “Vermont Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report” at the end of the table to read as follows:

§ 52.2370 Identification of plan.

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VERMONT NON-REGULATORY

Name of non-regulatory SIP provision	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	State submittal date/effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
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Vermont Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report.	Statewide	Submitted 2/29/2016	12/18/2017, [Insert Federal Register citation].	

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1 and 32

[WC Docket No. 14-130, CC Docket No. 80-286; FCC 17-15]

Comprehensive Review of the Uniform System of Accounts, Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of three years, information requirements associated with the Commission's Order, FCC 17-15. In this Order, the Commission minimized the compliance burdens imposed by the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) on price cap and rate-of-return telephone companies, while

ensuring that the Commission retains access to the information it needs to fulfill its regulatory duties. This document is consistent with the Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of the rules.

DATES: The amendments to 47 CFR 1.1409(g) and 32.1, published on May 4, 2017 at 82 FR 20833, are effective January 1, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that, on December 3, 2017 OMB approved, for a period of three years, the information collection requirements contained in the Commission's *Part 32 Order*, WC Docket No. 14-130, CC Docket No. 80-286, FCC 17-15. The OMB Number is 3060-1247. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of the rules. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed below, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce

any burdens caused thereby, please contact Nicole Ongele, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A620, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060-1247, in your correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via email at PRA@fcc.gov.

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Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on December 3, 2017, for the information collection requirements contained in the Commission's rules at 47 CFR 1.791; 1.1409(g); 32.1; 32.3; 32.11; 32.26; 32.101(c); 32.103; 32.2000(a)(4), (b)(1), (b)(2)(iii), (c)(2)(x), (e)(8), (f)(2)(iii), and (j); 32.2110; 32.2210; 32.2230; 32.2310; 32.2410; 32.2680; 32.2682(c); 32.2690(b); 32.3000; 32.3400(a);

32.3999; 32.4999(f) and (n); 32.5000; 32.5200; 32.5999(g); 32.6110; 32.6120; 32.6230; 32.6310; 32.6410; 32.6510; 32.6530; 32.6560; 32.6610; 32.6620; 32.6999; 32.7200; 32.9000; 65.810; and 65.820(d).

Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number.

No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1247.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

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

OMB Control Number: 3060–1247.
OMB Approval Date: December 3, 2017.

OMB Expiration Date: December 31, 2020.

Title: Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts.

Form Number: N/A. Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,176 respondents; 2,458 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 20–40 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time, on occasion, and annual reporting requirements; recordkeeping requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 10, 201, 219 through 220, 224, 254(k), 272(e)(3), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 160, 201, 219–220, 224, 254(k), 272(e)(3), and 403.

Total Annual Burden: 103,240 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Respondents are not being asked to submit confidential information to the Commission. If the Commission requests respondents to submit information which respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: On February 24, 2017, the Commission released the *Part 32 Order*, WC Docket No. 14–130, CC Docket No. 80–286, FCC 17–15, which minimized the compliance burdens

imposed by Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) on price cap and rate-of-return companies, while ensuring that the Commission retains access to the information it needs to fulfill its regulatory duties.

The Commission consolidated Class A and Class B accounts by eliminating the current classification of carriers, which divides incumbent LECs into two classes for accounting purposes based on annual revenues. Carriers subject to part 32's USOA will now only be required to keep Class B accounts.

Pursuant to the *Part 32 Order*, price cap carriers may elect to use generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for all regulatory purposes if they: (1) Establish an "Implementation Rate Difference" (IRD), which is the difference between pole attachment rates calculated under part 32 and under GAAP as of the last full year preceding the carrier's initial opting out of part 32 accounting requirements; and (2) adjust their annually-computed GAAP-based pole attachment rates by the IRD for a period of 12 years after the election. Alternatively, price cap carriers may elect to use GAAP accounting for all purposes other than those associated with pole attachment rates and continue to use the part 32 accounts and procedures applicable to pole attachment rates for up to 12 years.

A price cap carrier may be required to submit pole attachment accounting data to the Commission for three years following the effective date of the rule permitting a price cap carrier to elect GAAP accounting. If a pole attacher informs the Commission of a suspected problem with pole attachment rates, the Commission will require the price cap carrier to file its pole attachment data for the state in question. This requirement may be extended for an additional three years, if necessary.

The Commission reduced the accounting requirements for telephone companies with a continuing obligation to comply with part 32 in a number of areas. Telephone companies may: (1) Carry an asset at its purchase price when it was acquired, even if its value has increased or declined when it goes into regulated service; (2) reprice an asset at market value after a merger or acquisition consistent with GAAP; (3) use GAAP principles to determine Allowance-for-Funds-Used-During Construction; and (4) employ the GAAP standard of materiality for price cap carriers. Rate-of-return carriers receiving cost-based support must determine materiality consistent with the general materiality guidelines promulgated by the Auditing Standards Board.

Price cap carriers with a continuing part 32 accounting obligation must maintain continuing property records necessary to track substantial assets and investments in an accurate, auditable manner. The carriers must make such property information available to the Commission upon request. Carriers subject to part 32 must continue to comply with the USOA's depreciation procedures and its rules for cost of removal-and-salvage accounting.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 2 and 25

[IB Docket No. 16–408; FCC 17–122]

Updates Concerning Non-Geostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems and Related Matters

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopts a regulatory framework to facilitate the delivery of broadband services through satellite constellation networks. The Commission updates, clarifies and streamlines the current rules governing non-geostationary satellite orbit, fixed-satellite service systems to better reflect current technology and promote additional operational flexibility.

DATES: Effective January 17, 2018, except the amendments to §§ 25.114, 25.115, 25.146, and 25.164, which contain information collection requirements that have not been approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing such OMB approval and the effective date of these rule amendments. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the **Federal Register** as of January 17, 2018 except for the material contained in § 25.146. The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the approval date of this material.

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