

On November 19, 2015, the Commission adopted final rules in a Fourth Report and Order, FCC 15–155 (Fourth Report and Order), that, among other changes, expanded the scope of the Commission's hearing aid compatibility provisions to cover handsets used with any digital terrestrial mobile service that enables two-way real-time voice communications among members of the public or a substantial portion of the public, including through the use of pre-installed software applications. Prior to 2018, the hearing aid compatibility provisions were limited only to handsets used with two-way switched voice or data services classified as Commercial Mobile Radio Service, and only to the extent they were provided over networks meeting certain architectural requirements that enable frequency reuse and seamless handoff. As a result of the Fourth Report and Order, beginning January 1, 2018, all device manufacturers and Tier I carriers that offer handsets falling under the expanded scope of covered handsets are required to comply with the Commission's hearing aid compatibility provisions, including annual reporting requirements on FCC Form 655. For other service providers that are not Tier I carriers, the expanded scope of the Commission's hearing aid compatibility provisions applies beginning April 1, 2018.

Following release of the Fourth Report and Order, the Commission was required to amend FCC Form 655 to reflect the newly expanded scope of handsets covered by the hearing aid compatibility provisions, as well as to capture information regarding existing disclosure requirements clarified by the Commission in the Fourth Report and Order. As a consequence of the Fourth Report and Order, FCC Form 655 filing and other requirements will apply to those newly-covered handsets offered by device manufacturers and service providers that have already been reporting annually on their compliance with the Commission's hearing aid compatibility provisions, as well as to any device manufacturers and service providers that were previously exempt because they did not offer any covered handsets or services prior to 2018.

As a result, the Commission requested a revision of this collection in order to implement the final rules promulgated in the Fourth Report and Order, which expanded the scope of the rules due to a shift from Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) to digital mobile service. We estimate that the expanded scope will increase the potential number of respondents subject to this

collection and correspondingly increase the responses and burden hours. The minor language changes to the instructions to FCC Form 655 and to the form itself clarifying this expanded scope will help the Commission compile data and monitor compliance with the current version of the hearing aid compatibility rules while making more complete and accessible information available to consumers.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**[OMB 3060–0819]**

### 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 July 12, 2018. 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*; and to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *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:** 3060–0819.  
**Title:** Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, Connect America Fund.

**Form Numbers:** FCC Form 555, FCC Form 481, FCC Form 497, FCC Form 5629, FCC Form 5630, FCC Form 5631.

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

**Respondents:** Individuals or households and business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 17,547,843 respondents; 20,317,788 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** .0167 hours–253 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** Annual, biennial, monthly, daily and on occasion reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority is contained in Sections 1, 4(i), 5, 201, 205, 214, 219, 220, 254, 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 706 of the Communications Act of 1996, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 155, 201, 205, 214, 219, 220, 254, 303(r), 403, and 1302.

**Total Annual Burden:** 10,972,641 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$937,500.

**Privacy Act Impact Assessment:** Yes. The Commission completed a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for some of the information collection requirements contained in this collection. The PIA was published in the **Federal Register** at 82 FR 38686 on August 15, 2017. The PIA may be reviewed at: [http://www.fcc.gov/omd/privacyact/Privacy\\_Impact\\_Assessment.html](http://www.fcc.gov/omd/privacyact/Privacy_Impact_Assessment.html).

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** Some of the requirements contained in this information collection affect individuals or households, and thus, there are impacts under the Privacy Act. The FCC's system of records notice (SORN) associated with this collection is FCC/WCB–1, "Lifeline Program."

The Commission will use the information contained in FCC/WCB–1 to cover the personally identifiable information (PII) that is required as part of the Lifeline Program ("Lifeline"). As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commission published FCC/WCB–1 "Lifeline Program" in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2017 (82 FR 38686).

Also, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission or to the Universal

Service Administrative Company (USAC or Administrator) be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the FCC's rules. We note that USAC must preserve the confidentiality of all data obtained from respondents; must not use the data except for purposes of administering the universal service programs; and must not disclose data in company-specific form unless directed to do so by the Commission.

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission will submit this information collection after this 60-day comment period to obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of revisions to this information collection.

On November 16, 2017, the Commission adopted the *Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers*, WC Docket Nos. 17–287, 11–42, 09–197, Fourth Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 17–155 (2017) (*Lifeline Fourth Report and Order*), which limited enhanced Tribal Lifeline support to facilities-based carriers on Tribal lands to more efficiently utilize Universal Service funds. This revision implements the requirement that ETCs provide written notice to their customers who are currently receiving enhanced support who will no longer be eligible for enhanced Tribal support. In addition, the Commission seeks to update the number of respondents for most of the existing information collection requirements, thus increasing the total burden hours for some requirements and decreasing the total burden hours for other requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

### Interagency Coordination of Formal Corrective Action by the Federal Bank Regulatory Agencies; Rescission of Policy Statement

**AGENCY:** Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC).

**ACTION:** Rescission of policy statement.

**SUMMARY:** The FFIEC is rescinding its policy statement titled "Interagency Coordination of Formal Corrective Action by the Federal Bank Regulatory Agencies" that was issued on February 20, 1997 (the "1997 Policy Statement").

This action is being coordinated with the publication of a new policy statement in the **Federal Register** by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), which reflects the current practices of the federal banking agencies with respect to the coordination of formal enforcement actions against federally regulated financial institutions and institution-affiliated parties.

**DATES:** The policy is rescinded as of June 12, 2018.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB):** Jason Gonzalez, Special Counsel, Legal Division, (202) 452–3275; Jodi Remer, Senior Counsel (202) 452–6403, Legal Division, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551. For the hearing impaired or users of Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TDD) only, call (202) 263–4869.

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC):** Sam Ozeck, Supervisory Counsel, Legal Division, [SOzeck@FDIC.gov](mailto:SOzeck@FDIC.gov), (202) 898–6736; George Parkerson, Acting Chief, Division of Risk Management Supervision, [GParkerson@FDIC.gov](mailto:GParkerson@FDIC.gov), (202) 898–3648.

**Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC):** Jessica Burrell, Counsel, Enforcement and Compliance, (202–649–6200); William Jauquet, Assistant Director, Enforcement and Compliance, (202–649–6200). For persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, TTY (202) 649–5597.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1997 Policy Statement principally addressed the requirement for each federal banking agency that proposed to take a formal enforcement action against a federally regulated financial institution, or institution-affiliated party, to provide written notice of such action to the other federal and state banking agencies.<sup>1</sup> Such notice was to be provided prior to or at the initiation of any such formal enforcement action. In the event that a complementary action (such as an action involving a bank and its parent holding company) was considered appropriate by two or more federal banking agencies, the 1997 Policy Statement also encouraged coordination between the involved agencies regarding preparation, processing, presentation, service, and follow-up of the related enforcement

<sup>1</sup> 62 FR 7782, 7783 (Feb. 20, 1997).