

need for those benefits is most acute. By connecting to a dedicated national backbone, health care providers at the state and local levels will have the opportunity to benefit from advanced applications in continuing education and research. In addition, a ubiquitous nationwide broadband network dedicated to health care will enhance the health care community's ability to provide a rapid and coordinated response in the event of a public health crisis.

Participants in the Pilot Program are eligible to receive funding for up to 85 percent of the costs associated with: (1) The construction of a state or regional broadband network and the advanced telecommunications and information services provided over that network; (2) connecting nationwide backbones, Internet2 or National LambdaRail; and (3) connecting to the public Internet.

The Pilot Program lays the foundation for a future rulemaking proceeding that will explore permanent rules to enhance access to advanced services for public and non-profit health care providers. In particular, one of the goals of the Pilot Program is to provide the Commission with useful information as to the feasibility of revising the Commission's current rural health care mechanism rules in a manner that best achieves the objectives set forth by Congress. If successful, increasing broadband connectivity among health care providers at the national, state and local levels would also provide vital links for disaster preparedness and emergency response and would likely facilitate the President's goal of implementing electronic medical records nationwide.

In response to the Pilot Program, the Commission received 81 applications representing approximately 6,800 health care facilities from 43 states and three United States territories. In the Pilot Program Selection Order, the Commission selected 69 of the applicants that demonstrated the overall qualification consistent with the goals of the Pilot Program. As a result of the merger of certain projects, there are currently 62 participants in the Pilot Program. To minimize the burden on Pilot Program participants and to streamline the process, the Commission requires Pilot Program participants to follow the normal procedures and currently approved information collection requirements for participants in the existing rural health care support mechanism program. In the 2011 Pilot Program Extension Order, on delegated authority, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) extended by one year, to June 30, 2012, the deadline for participants in the Pilot Program to

choose a vendor and request funding commitments from USAC. The Bureau also extended by one year the invoice deadline date for Pilot Program participants.

Under the current programs, to obtain discounted telecommunications services, entities seeking funding must file FCC Forms 465, 466 and/or 466-A, and 467. First, eligible entities file FCC Form 465 with USAC to make a bona fide request for supported services. Next, after a 28-day waiting period, an entity seeking funding submits FCC Form 466 and/or 466-A to indicate the type(s) and cost(s) of services ordered, information about the service provider, and the terms of the service agreement. Eligible entities must also certify on the FCC Forms 466 and 466-A that the entity has selected the most cost-effective method of providing the selected service(s). The final form eligible entities submit is FCC Form 467, which is used by the entity to notify USAC that the service provider has begun providing supported services.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) 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 (e) ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before September 20, 2011. 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 contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to the Federal Communications Commission via e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov and Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0106.

Title: Part 43 Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services and Affiliates; 47 CFR 43.61.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Responses and

Respondents: 1,255 respondents and 1,255 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours-220 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 1, 4(i), 4(j) 11, 201-205, 211, 214, 219, 220, 303(r), 309, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 161, 201-205, 211, 214, 219, 220, 303(r), 309 and 403.

Total Annual Burden: 19,530 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$339,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

In general there is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

Needs and Uses: On May 12, 2011, the Federal Communications

Commission adopted a First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 11–76) in Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services, Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules, IB Docket No. 04–112 (rel. May 13, 2011). In the First Report and Order portion of that document (First Report and Order), the Commission amended the international reporting requirements in Section 43.61 of the Commission's rules. The Commission retained the annual traffic and revenue report contained in Section 43.61(a) but eliminated the quarterly large carrier report in Section 43.61(b) and the quarterly report of switched resellers affiliated with foreign telecommunications entities in Section 43.61(c). The Commission also retained the requirement from the current Section 43.61(a) traffic and revenue report that filing entities report their international message telephone service (IMTS) and international private line services on a for each overseas route they serve. The Commission also retained the current requirement in Section 43.61(a) that filing entities report their IMTS resale (*i.e.*, where an entity purchases IMTS calls from another provider and resells them to its customers) on a world-total basis.

The First Report and Order simplified the annual Section 43.61(a) report by amending subpart (a) of the rule to eliminate the current requirement that filing entities separately report IMTS and private line traffic between the conterminous 48 states and offshore U.S. points such as Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and traffic between such offshore U.S. points and foreign points. The Commission did not amend subparts (1), (2), or (3) of Section 43.61(a).

OMB Control No.: 3060–0169.

Title: Section 43.51, Reports and Records of Communications Common Carriers and Affiliates.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Responses and Respondents: 55 respondents and 1,210 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 6 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, annual reporting requirement, recordkeeping requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in sections: 1–4, 10, 11, 201–205, 211,

218, 220, 226, 303(g), 303(r) and 332 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 160, 161, 201–205, 211, 218, 220, 226, 303(g), 303(r) and 332.

Total Annual Burden: 5,047 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: In general there is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

Needs and Uses: On May 13, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission released a First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 11–76) in Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services, Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules, IB Docket No. 04–112 (rel. May 13, 2011) (Part 43 Review Order). In the First Report and Order portion of the Part 43 Review Order (First Report and Order), the Commission removed section 43.53 as no longer being required in the public interest. It did not alter section 43.51.

OMB Control No.: 3060–0572.

Title: International Circuit Status Reports, 47 CFR 43.82.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Responses and Respondents: 75 respondents and 75 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour–50 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The Commission has authority for this information collection pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934 Sections 4, 48, 48 Stat. 1066, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154 unless otherwise noted. Interpret or apply Sections 211, 219, 48 Stat. 1073, 1077, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 211, 219 and 220.

Total Annual Burden: 736 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: In general there is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

Needs and Uses: On May 12, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 11–76) in Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications

Services, Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules, IB Docket No. 04–112 (rel. May 13, 2011). In the First Report and Order portion of that document (First Report and Order), the Commission amended the international reporting requirements in Section 43.82 that requires carriers annually to report the status of the international transmission circuits they owned or leased on December 31st of the preceding year. In the First Report and Order, the Commission also eliminated the circuit-addition report in Section 63.23(e) of the Commission's rules.

In the First Report and Order, the Commission retained the annual circuit-status report contained in Section 43.82, but eliminated the requirement that filing entities separately report circuits between the conterminous 48 states and offshore U.S. points such as Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and circuits between such offshore U.S. points and foreign points.

In the First Report and Order, the Commission also removed the requirement that filing entities file the circuit-addition report in section 63.23(e) of the rules. The Commission found that the section 43.82 annual circuit-status report provides enough information so that the circuit-addition report is no longer necessary. Section 63.23(e) required carriers that have been certified to resell international private lines for the provision of telecommunications services to file each year the number of private line circuits they added and the service for which they were used. The Commission required this report because such service provider did not file the annual circuit-status report. The underlying carriers that provide the private lines that the resellers are using are required to report those circuits in their annual circuit-status report. As a result, we have a record that the circuits are used and do not need for the resellers also to report the same circuits.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That Are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the