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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget**

August 28, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

#### **Federal Communications Commission**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0842.

*Expiration Date:* 02/28/99.

*Title:* Revenue Benchmark Data Request.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 16 respondents; 250 hours per response (avg.); 4000 total annual burden hours for all collections.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time requirement.

*Description:* Pursuant to Congress's directive in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that the Commission establish support mechanisms to ensure the delivery of affordable telecommunication service to all Americans, the Commission determined on May 8, 1997 that universal service support for rural, insular, and high cost areas should be based on forward-looking economic costs. As part of the forward-looking economic cost methodology, the Commission determined that it would select two revenue benchmarks to calculate the amount of federal universal service support that eligible non-rural carriers should receive. The data request solicits

information from non-rural local exchange carriers to calculate the revenue benchmarks that will determine the level of universal service support. The data request solicits information on annual data for 1996 through first Quarter 1998; interstate switched access revenues for July 1998; Intrastate Switched Access Revenues for July 1998; Residential, single-Line business, and Multi-Line Business Local Service Revenues for July 1998; and Residential, Single-Line Business, and Multi-Line Business Local Service and IntraLATA Toll Revenues for July 1998. The data request was issued in CC Dockets 96-45 and 97-160; DA 98-1576. The data request will be used to assist the Commission in implementing the forward-looking economic cost methodology used to estimate the amount of universal service support that will be provided to eligible non-rural carriers beginning July 1, 1999. Obligation to respond: Mandatory.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0843.

*Expiration Date:* 2/28/99.

*Title:* Carrier Identification Codes Blocking Data Request.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 6 respondents; 8 hours per response (avg.); 48 total annual burden hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time requirement.

*Description:* The five regional Bell Operating Companies and GTE are required to submit reports to the Common Carrier Bureau describing their progress in phasing out three-digit Carrier Identification Codes (CICs). This data is critical to the general and specific implementation and oversight responsibilities that the Commission bears under the Communications Act to evaluate the status and development of competition in the provision of local exchange telecommunications services. The data request will be used to evaluate the status of developing competition in the long distance telecommunications markets. The information will be used by the Commission to determine whether the phase-out of three-digit CICs is being implement. Statutory authority for information collection from carriers and other entities is set out in the following sections of the Communications Act: Sections 4(i), 215, and 218. Obligation to respond: Mandatory.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0816.

*Expiration Date:* 02/28/99.

*Title:* Local Competition in the Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Report.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 20 respondents; 900 hours per response (avg.); 18,000 total annual burden hours for all collections.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion; quarterly.

*Description:* The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed the Commission to undertake various initiatives to implement new statutory directives concerning the development of local exchange competition. Central to these directives are new Section 251, governing incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) provision of interconnection to competitors, and new Section 271 which provides a means whereby Bell Operating Companies (BOCs)—long prohibited from entering various telecommunications market—may now do so upon submission of qualifying applications. Pursuant to its new statutory obligations and in its general capacity as chief federal regulatory agency tasked with implementing the 1996 Communications Act amendments, the Commission must evaluate the status and development—nationwide—of local competition, i.e., competition in the provision of local exchange telecommunications services.

Approximately twenty telecommunications companies including Bell Operating Companies are asked to voluntarily submit information to the Commission to evaluate the status and development of developing competition in the local exchange telecommunications markets. The request is limited to technical queries about the nature and extent of carrier-provided access facilities; switch ports and non-switched service lines; number of customers purchasing specific services; state operations data; total carrier-handled switched local, intrastate toll, and interstate toll minutes; and number of local telephone numbers ported as of end-of-year 1997. The information will be used by Commission economists and carrier analysts to advise the Commission about the efficacy of Commission rules and policies adopted to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Obligation to respond: Voluntary.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0774.

*Expiration Date:* 11/30/98.

*Title:* Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service—CC Docket No. 96-

45, 47 CFR 36.611–36.612 and 47 CFR Part 54.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; state, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,565,451 respondents; .32 hours per response (avg.); 1,801,570 total annual burden hours for all collections.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, annually, one-time requirements.

*Description:* Congress directed the Commission to implement a new set of universal service support mechanisms that are explicit and sufficient to advance the universal service principles

enumerated in Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and such other principles as the Commission believes are necessary and appropriate for the protection of the public interest, convenience and necessity, and are consistent with the Act. In the various Orders issued in CC Docket No. 96–45, the Commission adopted rules that are designed to implement the universal service provisions of section 254. Specifically, the Orders address: (1) universal service principles; (2) services eligible for support; (3) affordability; (4) carriers eligible for universal service support; (5) support mechanisms for rural, insular, and high cost areas; (6) support for low-income consumers; (7) support for schools, libraries, and health care

providers; (8) interstate subscriber for schools, libraries, and health care providers; (8) interstate subscriber line charge and common line cost recovery; and (9) administration of support mechanisms. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in CC Docket No. 96–45 are designed to implement Section 254. The requirements are necessary to ensure the integrity of the program. All the collections are necessary to implement the congressional mandate for universal service. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to verify that the carriers and other respondents are eligible to receive universal service support. OMB extended approval for the collections. Obligation to respond: Mandatory.

Rule section/title (47 CFR)	Hours per response	Total annual burden
a. 36.611(a) & 36.612—Submission and Updating information to NECA .....	20 .....	26,800
b. 54.101(c)—Demonstration of exceptional circumstances for toll-limitation grace period .....	50 .....	100
c. 54.201(a)(2)—Submission of eligibility criteria .....	4 .....	400
d. 54.201(b)(c)—Submission of eligibility criteria .....	1 .....	3,400
e. 54.201(d)(2)—Advertisement of services & charges .....	50 .....	65,000
f. 54.205(a)—Advance notice of relinquishment of universal service .....	.5 .....	50
g. 54.207(c)(1)—Submission of proposal for redefining a rural service area .....	125 .....	6,250
h. 54.307(b)—Reporting of expenses & number of lines served .....	2.5 (avg.) .....	4,100
i. 54.401(b)(1)–(2)—Submission of disconnection waiver request .....	2 .....	100
j. 54.401(d)—Lifeline certification to the Administrator .....	1 .....	1,300
k. 54.407(c)—Lifeline recordkeeping .....	80 .....	104,000
l. 54.409(a)–(b)—Consumer qualification for Lifeline .....	5 min .....	440,000
m. 54.409(b)—Consumer notification of Lifeline discontinuance .....	5 min .....	44,000
n. 54.418(b)—Link Up recordkeeping .....	80 .....	104,000
o. 54.501(d)(4) & 54.516—Schools & Libraries recordkeeping .....	41 (avg.) .....	372,000
p. 54.504(b)–(c), 54.507(d) & 54.509(a)—Description of services requested & certification .....	2 .....	100,000
q. 54.519—State telecommunications networks .....	4 .....	200
r. 54.601(b)(4) & 54.609(b)—Calculating support for health care providers .....	100 .....	340,000
s. 54.601(b)(3) & 54.619—Shared facility record-keeping .....	21 (avg.) .....	160,000
t. 54.607(b)(1)–(2)—Submission of proposed rural rate .....	3 .....	150
u. 54.603—Streamlined application process for schools and libraries and for rural health care providers .....	1 .....	16,000
v. 54.603(b)(1), 54.615(c)–(d) & 54.623(d)—Description of services requested and certification .....	1 .....	11,000
w. 54.619(d)—Submission of rural health care report .....	40 .....	40
x. 54.701(f)(1) & (f)(2)—Submission of annual report & CAM .....	40 .....	40
y. 54.701(g)—Submission of quarterly report .....	10 .....	40
z. 54.707—Submission of state commission designation .....	.25 .....	850
aa. Obligation to notify underlying carrier .....	1 .....	1,700
bb. Demonstration of reasonable steps .....	4 .....	200
Total Annual Burden Hours .....	.....	1,801,570

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Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank

Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices