

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT****Office of Administration; Notice of Meeting of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction ("Commission") will meet in closed session on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, and Wednesday, August 25, 2004, in its offices in Arlington, Virginia.

Executive Order 13328 established the Commission for the purpose of assessing whether the Intelligence Community is sufficiently authorized, organized, equipped, trained, and resourced to identify and warn in a timely manner of, and to support the United States Government's efforts to respond to, the development of Weapons of Mass Destruction, related means of delivery, and other related threats of the 21st Century. This meeting will consist of briefings and discussions involving classified matters of national security, including classified briefings from representatives of agencies within the Intelligence Community; Commission discussions based upon the content of classified intelligence documents the Commission has received from agencies within the Intelligence Community; and presentations concerning the United States' intelligence capabilities that are based upon classified information.

While the Commission does not concede that it is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 United States Code Appendix 2, it has been determined that the August 24–25 meeting would fall within the scope of exceptions (c)(1) and (c)(9)(B) of the Sunshine Act, 5 United States Code, Sections 552b(c)(1) and (c)(9)(B), and thus could be closed to the public if FACA did apply to the Commission.

**DATES:** Tuesday, August 24, 2004 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Wednesday, August 25, 2004. (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public who wish to submit a written statement to the Commission are invited to do so by facsimile at (703) 414–1203, or by mail at the following address: Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, Washington, DC, 20503. Comments also may be sent to the Commission by e-mail at [comments@wmd.gov](mailto:comments@wmd.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brett C. Gerry, Associate General Counsel, Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, by facsimile, or by telephone at (703) 414–1200.

**Victor E. Bernson, Jr.,**

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**BILLING CODE 3130–W4–P****FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****Public Information Collection Approved by 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 the following public information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before September 8, 2004. 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:** Kristy L. LaLonde, Office of Management and Budget Desk Officer, Room 10234 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–3087, via the Internet to [Kristy.L.LaLonde@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kristy.L.LaLonde@omb.eop.gov), via fax at (202) 395–5167; or Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, Room 1–A804, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418–0217 or [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

**Paperwork Reduction**

*OMB Control No:* 3060–1033.

*Expiration Date:* July 31, 2007.

*Title:* Multi-channel Video Program Distributor EEO Program Annual Report, FCC Form 396–C.

*Form No:* 396–C.

*Respondents:* Operators of cable/television units.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,200.

*Total Annual Burden:* 3,188 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* 0.

*Terms of Clearance:* None.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,***Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 04–18144 Filed 8–6–04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6712–01–P****FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested**

August 3, 2004.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13. An agency 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 Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a valid control number. 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; and (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.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before October 8, 2004. 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 Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith

B. Herman at (202) 418-0214 or via the Internet at [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0370.  
*Title:* Part 32, Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies.

*Form Number:* N/A.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 239.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 104-26,195 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement; recordkeeping requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,516,702 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

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

*Needs and Uses:* The Uniform System of Accounts is a historical financial accounting system which reports the results of operational and financial events in a manner which enables both management and regulators to assess these results within a specified accounting period. Subject respondents are telecommunications companies. In the Report and Order, FCC 04-149, the Commission adopted the Joint Conference's recommendations to reinstate Part 32, Class A accounts which includes: Account 5230, Directory Revenue; Account 6621, Call Completion Services; Account 6622, Number Services; Account 6623, Customer Services; Account 6561, Depreciation Expense-Telecommunications Plant In Service; Account 6562, Depreciation Expense-Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use; Account 6563, Amortization Expense-Tangible; Account 6564, Amortization Expense-Intangible; Account 6565, Amortization Expense-Other. These accounting changes are mandatory only for non-mid-sized Class A Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs). The reinstatement of these accounts, however, will not impose any additional burden on non-mid-sized Class A ILECs because the Commission's prior action to aggregate the accounts has been suspended. Similarly, the Commission's reinstatement of the sheath kilometer reporting requirement in the ARMIS 43-07 will not impose any additional burden on non-mid-sized Class A ILECs. Entities having annual revenues from regulatory telecommunications operations of less than \$123 million are designated as Class B and are subject to a less detailed accounting system than those designated as Class A companies.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 04-125]

**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission asks the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service to review the Commission's rules relating to the high-cost universal service support mechanisms for rural carriers and to determine the appropriate rural mechanism to succeed the five-year plan adopted in the *Rural Task Force Order*.

**DATES:** Effective September 8, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Theodore Burmeister, Attorney, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Order in CC Docket No. 96-45 released on June 28, 2004. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20554.

**I. Introduction**

1. In this Order, we ask the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) to review the Commission's rules relating to the high-cost universal service support mechanisms for rural carriers and to determine the appropriate rural mechanism to succeed the five-year plan adopted in the *Rural Task Force Order*, (*RTF Order*). In particular, we ask the Joint Board to make recommendations to the Commission on a long-term universal service plan that ensures that support is specific, predictable, and sufficient to preserve and advance universal service. We ask the Joint Board to ensure that its recommendations are consistent with the goal of ensuring that consumers in rural, insular, and high-cost areas have access to telecommunications and information services at rates that are affordable and reasonably comparable to

rates charged for similar services in urban areas. We also ask the Joint Board to consider how support can be effectively targeted to rural telephone companies serving the highest cost areas, while protecting against excessive fund growth. In conducting its review, the Joint Board should take into account the significant distinctions among rural carriers, and between rural and non-rural carriers. We expect that the Joint Board will consider all options for determining appropriate support levels for rural carriers. We anticipate that the Joint Board will seek public comment on the issues described below.

**II. Discussion**

2. On June 30, 2006, the *RTF Order* will have been in place for five years. It therefore is time to undertake a review of what measures should succeed the RTF plan and, more generally, how the rural and non-rural high-cost support mechanisms function together. Fundamental changes are occurring in the industry, necessitating a thorough review of how to preserve and advance universal service. We are committed to maintaining predictable and sufficient universal service support in this dynamic marketplace.

3. We ask the Joint Board to consider what form of universal service support for rural telephone companies serves the goals of the Act most efficiently and effectively. Specifically, we ask the Joint Board to consider whether a universal service mechanism for rural carriers based on forward-looking economic cost estimates or embedded costs would most efficiently and effectively achieve the Act's goals. In making its recommendations, the Joint Board should consider which mechanism would best ensure that services in rural areas, including both the quality and the rates for those services, are reasonably comparable to services available in urban areas. Moreover, the Joint Board should consider both the benefits of maintaining distinct support mechanisms for rural and non-rural carriers and the extent to which this creates administrative burdens, incentives for arbitrage, or other inefficiencies. In the event that the Joint Board recommends retaining a separate support mechanism for rural carriers, we ask the Joint Board to consider how to ensure that the distinct mechanisms for rural and non-rural carriers operate efficiently and in a coordinated fashion.

4. If the Joint Board recommends that rural carriers should move to a support mechanism based on forward-looking costs, we ask the Joint Board to provide recommendations on how that goal should be achieved. The Joint Board