

be costly, there will be no mandated date for achieving these changes. Agency implementation plans will be required to address the issue of when their data systems may be expected to reflect the new policy. Agency implementation plans will be posted in the RBM website no later than February 2008. Each agency's implementation plan will include the following elements:

(1) Statement of What Constitutes a Principal Investigator

Each agency will describe if its definition of PI differs in any way from the Federal-wide definition either routinely or in special solicitations.

(2) Designation of Contact PI or Project Coordinator

Each project with multiple PIs will have a Contact PI, or Project Coordinator, to whom agency program officials will direct all communications related to scientific, technical, and budgetary aspects of the project. By recognizing a person as a Contact PI or Project Coordinator, a Federal agency will not confer any difference in scientific stature to that person. Some agencies may designate a specific term for this role in their agency-specific implementation procedures, which may differ by solicitation or type of award mechanism, for example Project Coordinator, PI and Co-PIs, or Coordinating PI.

(3) Application Instructions

Each agency will specify how its standard application procedures will be modified, if necessary, to reflect the overall policy accommodating multiple PIs.

(4) PIs at Different Institutions

Agencies will use the full range of award mechanisms currently used by each agency, and institutions will have great latitude in proposing arrangements that will work best for the particular project and institutions involved.

(5) Access to Review and Award Information

Agencies will make review and award information available to all named PIs, to the extent that they provide this information to single PIs.

(6) Identification of All PIs in Public Data Systems

Agency data systems will eventually list all PIs on multiple PI projects. Agency implementation plans will address the issue of when their data

systems may be expected to reflect the new policy on listing all PIs.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee (SAAC) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank)

SUMMARY: The Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee was established by Public Law 105-121, November 26, 1997, to advise the Board of Directors on the development and implementation of policies and programs designed to support the expansion of the Bank's financial commitments in Sub-Saharan Africa under the loan, guarantee and insurance programs of the Bank. Further, the committee shall make recommendations on how the Bank can facilitate greater support by U.S. commercial banks for trade with Sub-Saharan Africa.

Time and Place: October 10, at 2 to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

Agenda: Following a panel presentation on China's development strategy and its impact on U.S. commercial interests generally and in Africa specifically, the meeting agenda shall include a status report on the 2006 SAAC recommendations to Congress; discussion on the 2007 SAAC recommendations to Congress; an update on the Competitiveness Working Group; the upcoming Africa focused international business development initiatives; and special recognition of the service by SAAC members to the Board.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to October 10, 2007, Barbara Ransom, Room 1241, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3525 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

Further Information: For further information, contact Barbara Ransom,

Room 707, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3525.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

September 14, 2007.

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 of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current 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 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 PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 23, 2007. 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 Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C216, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to PRA@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at PRA@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rule Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-up; and Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-195 *et al.*, FCC 07-150.

Form Number: N/A

Type of Review: New information collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.0 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 1.0 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

Respondents may request that information be withheld from disclosure. Requests for confidentiality are processed in accordance with FCC rules under 47 CFR § 0.459.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: On August 29, 2007, the FCC released a *Report and Order* (“*R&O*”), *Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rule Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-up; and Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, WC Docket No. 05-195, *et al.*, FCC 07-150. In this *R&O*, the FCC has adopted new and revised information collection requirements that include timely filing for Telecommunications Reporting Worksheets, a reminder that USF contributors must file FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q on a periodic basis, document retention and recordkeeping requirements and administrative limitation periods for the high-cost, low-income, and rural health care universal service programs, and various other performance measures and reporting requirements for the universal service programs and for the Universal Service Fund (“USF”) Administrator. These recordkeeping and reporting requirements are part of the FCC’s continuing process to deter misconduct and inappropriate uses of the universal service funds. It is the FCC’s intention that these requirements will both safeguard the USF from waste, fraud,

and abuse and improve the management, administration, and oversight of the USF. These information collection requirements are as follows:

Timely filing for Worksheets. At present, Universal Service Fund contributors must file FCC Form 499-Q, “Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet” (“Worksheet”), on a timely filing basis and must not submit inaccurate or untruthful information. In addition, the *R&O* will require the USF Administrator to add information, *e.g.*, a notification requirement, to the monthly invoice sent to contributors. Each monthly invoice must now also include language pertaining to the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, substantially as follows:

A failure to submit payment may result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, the initiation of proceedings to recover the outstanding debt, together with any applicable administrative charges, penalties, and interest pursuant to the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-365) and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, (Pub. L. 104-134) as amended (the “DCIA”), as set forth below.

The date of payment on the invoice is the due date. If full payment is not received by the date due, the debt is delinquent and the full amount of the outstanding debt may be transferred to the United States Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) for debt collection. Because the unpaid amount is a debt owed to the United States, we are required by the DCIA to impose interest and to inform you what may happen if you do not pay the full outstanding debt. Under the DCIA, the United States will charge interest from the date the contribution was due, you will be required to pay the administrative costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim as set by the Treasury (currently 18 percent of the debt), and you will be charged an additional penalty of 6 percent a year for any part of the debt that is more than 90 days past due. Interest on the outstanding debt (“DCIA Interest”) will be assessed at the published investment rate for the Treasury tax and loan accounts (“Treasury Current Value of Funds Rate”). However, if you pay the full amount of the outstanding debt and associated administrative fees and penalties within 30 days of the due date, the DCIA Interest will be waived. These requirements are set out at 31 U.S.C. 3717. In addition to the language in the invoice, the *R&O* has specified that USF Administrator’s invoice shall state clearly that the invoiced amount is due on a specific date and that the debt is delinquent if not paid in full by that

date. The USF Administrator’s invoices and any letters shall also explain the applicable sanction and administrative changes for late payments, *i.e.*, under 31 U.S.C. section 3717, a delinquent debt that is not paid in full within 30 days from the date due will incur interest, and if not paid in full within 90 days from the due date, will also incur a penalty. In addition, the delinquent contributor will be assessed the administrative costs of collection, pursuant to 47 CFR 54.713 of FCC rules. Finally, an invoice sent after partial payment should show clearly that the payment was applied to outstanding penalties, administrative costs, accrued interest, and then to the oldest outstanding principal (“American Rule”).

Document retention requirements. Having concluded in the *R&O* that document retention and recordkeeping requirements not only prevent waste, fraud, and abuse, but also protect applicants and service providers in the event of vendor disputes, the FCC has adopted or revised several of these requirements that will demonstrate compliance with FCC rules and regulations and be available to the USF Administrator, auditors, and the FCC, as follows:

High-cost program. Recipients of universal service support for high-cost providers must retain all records that they may require to demonstrate to auditors that the support they received was consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and FCC rules, assuming that the audits are conducted within five years of disbursement of such support. This *R&O* clarifies that beneficiaries must make available all such documents and records that pertain to them, including those of NECA, contractors, and consultants working on behalf of the beneficiaries to the Commission’s Office of Inspector General (“OIG”), to the USF Administrator, and to their auditors. See 47 CFR 54.202(e).¹

Low-income program. With respect to the two low-income universal service programs—Lifeline and Link-Up, the FCC has concluded that it should maintain the current two-tiered

¹ 47 CFR § 54.202(e): All eligible telecommunications carriers shall retain all records required to demonstrate to auditors that the support received was consistent with the universal service high-cost program rules. These rules should include the following: Data supporting line count filings; historical customer records; fixed asset property accounting records; general ledgers; invoice copies for the purchase and maintenance of equipment; maintenance contracts for the upgrade or equipment; and any other relevant documentation. This documentation must be maintained for at least five years from the receipt of funding.

document retention requirements—that participating service providers should retain a record verifying the eligibility of a recipient of the program for as long as the recipient continues to receive supported service and three years more, and to make it available in conjunction with any audit to which it may be relevant. However, the *R&O* removes the clause that waives the requirement to retain documentation of eligibility once an audit is completed. The FCC also clarifies that beneficiaries must make available all documentation and records that pertain to them, including those of contractors and consultants working on their behalf, to the Commission's OIG, to the USF Administrator, and to auditors working on their behalf. See 47 CFR 54.417(a).²

Rural health care and schools and libraries programs. The FCC maintains the current requirement that rural health care providers and schools and libraries must retain their records, which evidence that the funding they receive was proper, for five years. In addition, this requirement will now also apply to those service providers that receive support for serving rural health care providers. Furthermore, the FCC clarifies that beneficiaries must make available all documents and records that pertain to them, including those of contractors and consultants, working on their behalf, to the Commission's OIG, to the USF Administrator, and to their auditors, as required by 47 CFR 54.516(a)³ and 47 CFR 54.619(a).⁴

² 47 CFR § 54.417(a): Eligible telecommunications carriers must maintain records to document compliance with all Commission and state requirements governing the Lifeline/Link Up programs for the three full years preceding calendar years and requiring carriers to retain documentation for as long as the customer receives Lifeline service from the ETC or until audited by the Administrator and provide that documentation to the Commission or Administrator upon request. * * *

³ 47 CFR § 54.516(a) *Recordkeeping requirements*—(1) *Schools and libraries.* Schools and libraries shall retain all documents related to the application for, receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services for at least 5 years after the last day of the service delivered in a particular Funding Year. Any other document that demonstrates compliance with the statutory or regulatory requirements for the schools and libraries mechanism shall be retained as well. Schools and libraries shall maintain asset and inventory records of equipment purchased as components of supported internal connections services sufficient to verify the actual location of such equipment for a period of five years after purchase.

⁴ 47 CFR 54.619(d) *Service providers.* Service providers shall retain documents related to the delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services for at least five years after the last day of the delivery of discounted services. Any documentation that demonstrates compliance with the statutory or regulatory requirements for the rural health care mechanism shall be retained as well.

Contributors. The *R&O* also requires contributors to the Universal Service Fund to retain all documents and records, e.g., financial statements and supporting documentation, etc., that they may require to demonstrate to auditors that their contributions were made in compliance with the program rules, assuming that audits are conducted within five years. The FCC clarifies that contributors must make available all documents and records that pertain to them, including those of contractors and consultants working on their behalf, to the Commission's OIG, to the USF Administrator, and to their auditors.

Connectivity. The FCC will require the USF Administrator to work with the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau to modify the relevant FCC Forms or to create additional questions for USF program participants to determine more accurately how schools and libraries connect to the Internet and their precise levels of connectivity.

These new and revised information collection requirements, which include document retention and recordkeeping requirements, etc., will affect numerous information collections that the FCC currently maintains. Once OMB approves these requirements, the FCC will begin to update these information collections as required by the rules adopted in this *R&O*.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

September 18, 2007.

SUMMARY: 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, Public Law 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: Thomas Butler, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1492 or via the Internet at Thomas.butler@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0853.
OMB Approval Date: 8/10/2007.
Expiration Date: 04/30/2010.

Title: Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act; Receipt of Service Confirmation Form; and Funding Commitment (FRN) Change Request Form.

Form No.: 486, 479, 500.

Estimated Annual Burden: 35 responses; 1,655 total annual hours; 3-65 hours per respondent.

Needs and Uses: This collection was approved as a revision to a currently approved collection by OMB. The Commission eliminated the FCC Form 486-T which was a temporary form to be used in Funding Year 2003. That date has sunset and the form has been eliminated. The Commission also updated the Privacy Act and PRA *343 burden statement notices contained on each form. Finally, the FCC Form 486 has been modified to include a new certification that certain steps have been taken prior to the commencement of service (see the *Fifth Report and Order, CC Docket No. 02-6, FCC 04-190*). The FCC Forms 479 and 500 remain unchanged since the last submission to the OMB. The purpose of this information collection is to ensure that schools and libraries that are eligible to receive discounted Internet access and internal connections have in place certain Internet safety policies. Libraries receiving Internet access and internal connection services supported by the schools and libraries support mechanism must certify, by completing the FCC Form 486 (Receipt of Service Confirmation Form), the respondents are indicating they are enforcing a policy of Internet safety and enforcing the operation of a technology prevention measure. Respondents who received a Funding Commitment Decision Letter indicating services eligible for universal service discounts must file FCC Form 486 in order to start the payment process. In addition, all members of a consortium must submit signed certifications to the Billed Entity (using a FCC Form 479, Certification by Administrative Authority to Billed Entity of Compliance with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)) of each consortium, in language consistent with that adopted on the FCC Form 486. FCC Form 500 is used in conjunction with the FCC Form 486 to adjust funding commitments and/or modify the dates for receipt of Service.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0355.
OMB Approval Date: 7/27/2007.
Expiration Date: 07/31/2010.
Title: Rate-of-Return Reports.
Form No.: 492, 492A.