

submit comments March 31, 2008. 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 Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), (202) 395-5887, or via fax at 202-395-5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your comments by e-mail send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

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, and (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB Control Number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR Reference Number to view detailed information about this ICR."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection(s) send an e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov or contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0537.

Title: Section 13.217, COLEM Records.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 9 respondents; 9 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 9 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

There is no need for confidentiality.

Needs and Uses: This collection will be submitted as an extension (no change in reporting or recordkeeping requirements) after this 60 day comment

period to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three year clearance.

Section 13.217 states that each Commercial Operator License Examination Manager (COLEM) recovering fees from examinees must maintain records of expenses and revenues, frequency of examinations administered, and examination pass rates. Records must cover the period from January 1 to December 31 of the preceding year and must be submitted as direct by the Commission. Each COLEM must retain records for one year and the records must be made available to the FCC upon request.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested

January 25, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to (PRA) of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Subject to the PRA, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information 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 March 31, 2008. 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: You may submit all PRA comments by e-mail or U.S. post mail. To submit your comments by e-mail, send them to PRA@fcc.gov. To submit your comments by U.S. mail, mark them to the attention of Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection(s), contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918 or send an e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0386.

Title: Section 73.1635, Special Temporary Authorizations (STAs).

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,550.

Estimated Time per Response: 1-4 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Nature of Response: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Confidentiality: No need for confidentiality required.

Total Annual Burden: 2,000.

Total Annual Costs: \$939,950.

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

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 73.1635 allows licensees/permittees of broadcast stations to file for special temporary authority to operate broadcast stations at specified variances from station authorization not to exceed 180 days. Data is used by FCC staff to ensure that such operations will not cause interference to other stations.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

January 25, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection(s) pursuant to the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520. 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:

Leslie F. Smith, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418–0217 or via the Internet at Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–1112.

Title: Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight.

OMB Approval Date: 01/23/2008.

Expiration Date: 01/31/2011.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1 respondent; 1 response.

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.

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. 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 at the annual rate equal to the U.S. prime rate as of the date of delinquency plus 3.5 percent from the date the contribution was due. This interest rate incorporates administrative charges of collection pursuant to 47 CFR 54.713. If the debt remains unpaid more than 90 days, 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. If the debt remains unpaid, the full amount of the outstanding debt may be transferred to the United States Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) for debt collection, and you will be required to pay the administrative costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim as set by the Treasury (currently 28 percent of the debt). 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. Section 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. 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 of 6 percent per year. 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

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.

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 document retention requirements. Participating service providers must 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

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

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review to the Office of Management and Budget

January 25, 2008.

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, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it

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.

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 (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 Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before March 3, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

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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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Control Number: 3060-0057.
Title: Application for Equipment Authorization.