

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

December 3, 2009.

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, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520. 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 (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: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments on or before February 12, 2010. 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), via fax at (202) 395–5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your PRA comments by e-mail send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No: 3060–1096.

Title: Prepaid Calling Card Service Provider Certification, WC Docket No. 05–68.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 158 respondents; 1,896 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2.5 – 20 hours.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. Sections 151, 152, 154(i), 201, 202 and 254.

Total Annual Burden: 15,800 hours.

Total Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission does not anticipate providing confidentiality of the information submitted by prepaid calling card providers. Particularly, the prepaid calling card providers must send reports to their transport providers. Additionally, the quarterly certifications sent to the Commission will be made public through the ECFS process. These certifications will be filed in the Commission's docket associated with this proceeding. If the respondents submit information they believe to be confidential, they may request confidential treatment of such information under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Need and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection as an extension (no change in the reporting, recordkeeping and/or third party disclosure requirements) after this 60 day comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. The Commission has adjusted the total burden hour estimate by –62,900 hours which is due fewer respondents.

Prepaid calling card providers are to report on a quarterly basis the percentage of interstate, intrastate and international traffic and call volumes to carriers from which they purchase transport services. Prepaid calling card providers must also file certifications with the Commission quarterly that include the above information and a statement that they are contributing to the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) based on all interstate and international revenue, except for revenue from the sale of prepaid calling cards by, to, or pursuant to contract

with the Department of Defense (DoD) or a DoD entity.

The Commission has found that prepaid calling card providers are telecommunications service providers and therefore are subject to all of the regulations imposed on telecommunications service providers, including contributing to the USF. See FCC 06–79.

In the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), Congress directed the Commission to implement measure necessary to promote the advancement of universal service. In furtherance of this goal, section 254(d) of the Act states that “every telecommunications carrier that provides interstate telecommunications services shall contribute, on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis, to the specific, predictable, and sufficient mechanisms established by the Commission to preserve and advance universal service.” In addition, telecommunications carriers are required to pay intrastate and interstate access charges. The reporting and certification requirement will allow the Commission to ensure that prepaid calling card providers are complying with these requirements.

The Commission adopted reporting and certification requirements to obtain information necessary to evaluate whether all prepaid calling card providers are properly contributing to the USF, pursuant to section 254 of the Act. All prepaid calling card providers will now have to maintain records and report quarterly the percentage of interstate, intrastate and international traffic and call volumes to carriers from which they purchase transport services.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting; Open Commission Meeting; December 16, 2009

Date: December 9, 2009.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, which is scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. in Room TW–C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, D.C.

The meeting will feature a presentation on the status of the National Broadband Plan. The