

filing of quarterly reports and intermediate carrier filing of quarterly reports would be used to ensure that completing carriers comply with their obligations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Comments Requested

April 19, 2011.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the following information collection. 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; (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; and (e) ways to further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB 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 OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before June 2, 2011. 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, via fax at 202-395-5167 or the Internet at *Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov*; and to the Federal Communications Commission's PRA mailbox (*e-mail address: PRA@fcc.gov*). Include in the email the OMB control number of the collection as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below, or if there is no OMB control number, include the Title as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. If you are unable to submit your comments by email, contact the person listed below to make alternate arrangements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith B. Herman, Office of Managing Director, (202) 418-0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0470.

*Title:* Section 64.901, Allocation of Cost; Section 64.903, Cost Allocation Manuals; and RAO Letters 19 and 26.

*Form No.:* N/A.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1 respondent; 2 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 200 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and annual reporting requirements.

*Obligation To Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 201-205, 215, and 218-220.

*Total Annual Burden:* 400 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* N/A.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* The information is not of a confidential nature. Respondents who believe that certain information to be of a proprietary nature may solicit confidential treatment in accordance with 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will submit this expiring information collection (IC) to the OMB during this comment period to obtain the three year clearance from them. The Commission is seeking OMB approval for a revision of this information collection.

In a Memorandum Opinion and Order in WC Docket No. 07-21 (FCC 08-120) the Commission forbore from many of its cost allocation rules as they apply to the former Bell Operating Companies (BOCs). Therefore, there are fewer respondents affected by the requirements of these rule sections.

Section 64.901 requires carriers to separate their regulated costs from nonregulated costs using the attributable cost method of cost allocation. Carriers must follow the principles described in section 64.901. Carriers subject to section 64.901 are also subject to the provisions of 47 CFR sections 32.23 and 32.27 of the Commission's rules.

Section 64.903(a) requires each local exchange carrier with annual operating revenues that equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold, as defined in 47 CFR 32.9000, to file with the Commission a manual containing information regarding its allocation of costs between regulated and non-regulated activities.

Section 64.903(b) requires that carriers update their cost allocation manuals (CAMs) at least annually; except that changes to the cost apportionment table and the description of time reporting procedures must be filed at the time of implementation. Proposed changes in the description of time reporting procedures, the statement concerning affiliate transactions, and the cost apportionment table must be accompanied by a statement quantifying the impact of each change on regulated operations. Changes in the description of time reporting procedures and the statement concerning affiliate transactions must be quantified in \$100,000 increments at the account level. Changes in the cost apportionment table must be quantified in \$100,000 increments at the cost pool level.

Moreover, filing of CAMs and occasional updates are subject to the uniform format and standard procedures specified in Responsible Accounting Officer (RAO) Letter 19. RAO Letter 26 provides guidance to carriers in revising their CAMs to reflect changes to the affiliate transactions rules pursuant to the *Accounting Safeguards Order* (FCC 96-490).

The CAM is reviewed by the Commission to ensure that all costs are properly classified between regulated and nonregulated activity. Uniformity in the CAMs helps improve the joint cost allocation process. In addition, this uniformity gives the Commission greater reliability in financial data submitted by the carriers through the Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS).

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