

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 25, 2011. 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 Paul Laurenzano, FCC, via e-mail PRA@fcc.gov and to Paul.Laurenzano@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Paul Laurenzano at (202) 418-1359.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1081.

Title: Telecommunications Carriers Eligible To Receive Universal Service Support.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1529 respondents; 1529 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.25-40 hours.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits, 47 CFR 54.202, 54.209.

Frequency of Response: One-time and annual reporting requirements; recordkeeping requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 1,356 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature of Extent of Confidentiality: If respondents submit information which respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.459.

Needs and Uses: Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) makes a telecommunications carrier eligible to participate in the Universal Service Fund's high-cost and low-income programs, which support the extension of telecommunications services to underserved rural and low-income communities. In the absence of this information collection, the Commission's ability to oversee the use of Federal universal service funds and to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in the use of Federal funds would be compromised. The Commission's rules for ETCs require the collection of the following information as stated in paragraphs a-c:

a. ETC Designation Application. Rule 54.202 requires carriers seeking

designation from the Commission to submit an application that certifies that the carrier will reasonably provide service to customers in their designated service area, 47 CFR 54.202(a)(1)(i), includes a five-year plan that describes network improvements or why such improvements are unnecessary, § 54.202(a)(1)(ii), demonstrates the carrier's ability to remain functional in emergency situations, § 54.202(a)(2), demonstrates the carrier's commitment to consumer protection and service quality standards, § 54.202(a)(3), demonstrates that carrier offers a local usage plan comparable to the one offered by the incumbent telephone company, § 54.202(a)(4), and certifies that the Commission may require the carrier to provide equal access to other long distance carriers, § 54.202(a)(5). If the carrier is seeking designation on Tribal lands, the carrier must also submit a copy of its application to the Tribal government and Tribal regulatory authority. § 54.202(d).

b. ETC Annual Reporting. Rule 54.209 requires Federally designated ETCs to submit each year an annual report on October 1 that parallels many of the requirements of an application. The annual report must include a progress report on the ETC's five-year plan, § 54.209(a)(1), detailed outage information, § 54.209(a)(2), the number of unfulfilled requests for service from potential customers within its service areas, § 54.209(a)(3), the number of complaints per 1,000 handsets or lines, § 54.209(a)(4), certification that the ETC is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules, § 54.209(a)(5), certification that the ETC is able to function in emergency situations, § 54.209(a)(6), certification that the ETC is offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the relevant service areas, § 54.209(a)(7), and certification that the Commission may require the carrier to provide equal access to other long distance carriers, § 54.209(a)(8).

c. ETC Recordkeeping. Rule 54.202(e) requires all ETCs to keep for a period of at least five years all records required to demonstrate to auditors that the support received was consistent with the universal service high-cost program rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Deputy Manager, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Managing Director.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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. 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 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 currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before July 25, 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 via e-mail to Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to the Federal Communications Commission via e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov and Paul.Laurenzano@fcc.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0989.

Title: Sections 63.01, 63.03, 63.04, Procedures for Applicants Requiring Section 214 Authorization for Domestic Interstate Transmission Lines Acquired Through Corporate Control.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents of Responses: 92 respondents; 92 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.5-12 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

Total Annual Burden: 1,031 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: \$86,275.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impacts.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

There is no need for confidentiality. The FCC is not requiring applicants to submit confidential information to the Commission. If applicants want to request confidential treatment of the documents they submit to Commission, they may do so under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: This collection will be submitted as an extension (no change in reporting requirements) after this 60 day comment period to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three year clearance. A Report and Order, FCC 02-78, adopted and released in March 2002 (Order), set forth the procedures for common carriers requiring authorization under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to acquire domestic interstate transmission lines through a transfer of control. Under section 214 of the Act, carriers must obtain FCC approval before constructing, acquiring, or operating an interstate transmission line. Acquisitions involving interstate common carriers require affirmative action by the Commission before the acquisition can occur. This information collection contains filing procedures for domestic transfer of control applications under sections 63.03 and 63.04. (a) Section 63.03 and 63.04 requires domestic section 214 applications involving domestic transfers of control, at a minimum, should specify: (1) The name, address and telephone number of each applicant; (2) the government, state, or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized; (3) the name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact point, such as legal counsel, to whom correspondence concerning the

application is to be addressed; (4) the name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten percent of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities (to the nearest one percent); (5) certification pursuant to 47 CFR 1.2001 that no party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988; (6) a description of the transaction; (7) a description of the geographic areas in which the transferor and transferee (and their affiliates) offer domestic telecommunications services, and what services are provided in each area; (8) a statement as to how the application fits into one or more of the presumptive streamlined categories in section 63.03 or why it is otherwise appropriate for streamlined treatment; (9) identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction; (10) a statement of whether the applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure; (11) identification of any separately filed waiver request being sought in conjunction with the transaction; and (12) a statement showing how grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, including any additional information that may be necessary to show the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in domestic markets. Where an applicant wishes to file a joint international section 214 transfer of control application and domestic section 214 transfer of control application, the applicant must submit information that satisfies the requirements of 47 CFR 63.18. In the attachment to the international application, the applicant must submit information described in 47 CFR 63.04(a)(6). When the Commission, acting through the Wireline Competition Bureau, determines that applicants have submitted a complete application qualifying for streamlined treatment, it shall issue a public notice commencing a 30-day review period to consider whether the transaction serves the public interest, convenience and necessity. Parties will have 14 days to file any comments on the proposed transaction, and applicants will be given 7 days to respond. (b) Applicants are not required to file post-consummation notices of pro forma transactions, except that a post transaction notice must be filed with the Commission within 30 days of a pro forma transfer to a

bankruptcy trustee or a debtor-in-possession. The notification can be in the form of a letter (in duplicate to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission). The letter or other form of notification must also contain the information listed in sections (a)(1). A single letter may be filed for more than one such transfer of control. The information will be used by the Commission to ensure that applicants comply with the requirements of 47 U.S.C. 214.

Federal Communications Commission.

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