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Mary Bohman,

Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of a Public Meeting of the Wyoming Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a planning meeting of the Wyoming Advisory Committee to the Commission (Committee) will convene by conference call at 10 a.m. (MDT) on Monday, December 19, 2011. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss next steps after project selection.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: (800) 516-9896, conference ID: 8334. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by dialing 711 for relay services and 1-(800) 516-9896, followed by Conference ID: 8334.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by January 19, 2012. Comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 999 - 18th Street, Suite 1380 South, Denver, CO 80202, faxed to (303) 866-1050, or emailed to ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office by email at ebohor@usccr.gov or by phone at (303) 866-1040.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of the Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above email or street address.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of telephone lines for the public, persons

are asked to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office 10 days before the meeting date either by email at ebohor@usccr.gov, or by phone at (303) 866-1040.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, November 28, 2011.

Peter Minarik,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2012 Survey of Income and Program Participation Computer Audio Recorded Interviewing Field Test.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): SIPP-CARI 2012 DR 105(L)—Director's Letter English; SIPP-CARI 2012 DR 105(L)(SP) 2012—Director's Letter Spanish; SIPP-EHC 4006A Brochure "SIPP You Represent Your Nation;" SIPP/CARI Automated Instrument.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 1,890.

Number of Respondents: 1,890.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a Computer Audio Recorded Interviewing (CARI) technology field test using the 2012 Survey of Income and Program Participation Event History Calendar (SIPP-EHC) Field Test questionnaire.

Computer Audio Recorded Interviewing is a data collection method that captures audio along with response data during computer-assisted personal and telephone interviews (CAPI & CATI). A portion of each interview is recorded unobtrusively, with the respondent's consent, and the sound file is returned with the response data to a central location. By reviewing the recorded portions of the interview, quality assurance (QA) analysts can evaluate the likelihood that the exchange between the field representative (FR) and respondent is

authentic and follows critical survey protocol as defined by the sponsor and based on best practices.

The Census Bureau will conduct the SIPP CARI test using the 2012 SIPP-EHC automated instrument and computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) in 6 of the 12 Regional Offices. The SIPP CARI questionnaire will have the recording capability in use during the interview. The only content change to the instrument is the addition of a consent question which will record the respondent's permission to audio record responses. Additionally, approximately 25 specific questions are programmed for recording for each person's interview.

This is the second CARI field test conducted by the Census Bureau. The first CARI field test was used to conduct behavior coding for the 2010 American Community Survey Content Test in late 2010. The Census Bureau is conducting this test to determine if the deployment of CARI will have any significant impact on response rates and item level responses. Previous tests for CARI have proven the capability of the technology. Other tests have also been conducted on non-voluntary surveys and proved promising. However, it is important for the Census Bureau to obtain information on the impact of this technology on data quality indicators for voluntary demographic surveys. If the test proves successful, this technology would be a major asset for all programs using computer assisted personal and telephone modes of data collection to assist in meeting quality objectives.

The 2012 SIPP CARI test will be conducted between May and June 2012. We will implement the CARI technology on a portion of the 2012 SIPP-EHC data collection instrument. This test will be conducted on a separate sample than that of the 2012 SIPP-EHC field test.

In addition to the actual recording capability, the CARI Interactive Data Access System has been developed as a monitoring system that allows for the analysis of audio and image files to be conducted immediately after completion and transmission of the interview. The system is an innovative, integrated, multifaceted monitoring system that features a configurable web-based interface for behavior-coding, quality assurance and coaching. The system assists in coding interviews for measuring question and interviewer performance and the interaction between interviewers and respondents.

The 2012 SIPP CARI field test instrument will be evaluated in several domains including field implementation issues and data quality vis-à-vis the SIPP 2011 and 2012 field test results.

Household non-response rates and item non-response rates will be compared to the 2011 and 2012 SIPP tests. The primary focus will be to examine the impact recording has on the quality of data. In general, we will use the following methodology to evaluate the impact on data quality:

We will compare overall and item non response rates to parallel sample areas from the 2011 and 2012 SIPP evaluations. We will also recalculate and compare key estimates such as participation in Food Stamps, TANF, SSI, WIC, and Medicaid to parallel sample areas from the 2011 and 2012 SIPP evaluations. Tests of significance will be conducted for the differences in response rates and estimates and patterns of significance will be identified and analyzed further. In addition, paradata related to interview performance (length and non-response) by region, interviewer and household characteristics, and training performance will be measured to assist in the interpretation of the impact on data quality.

Results from the 2012 field test will be used to inform and make final decisions regarding the implementation of CARI as a part of the quality assurance strategy for the SIPP instrument for production beginning in 2014 as well as other reimbursable demographic surveys.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax ((202) 395-7245) or email (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: November 29, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Vessel Monitoring Systems; Approved Mobile Transmitting Units and Communications Service Providers for Use in Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of vessel monitoring systems; type approval.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that three mobile transmitting unit (MTU) vessel monitoring systems (VMS) that were previously approved for use in Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries are no longer approved for use. This document also provides a list and describes relevant features of the enhanced mobile transmitting unit (E-MTU) VMS and communications service providers that are currently approved by NMFS for use by vessels participating in Atlantic HMS fisheries.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the list of NMFS-approved VMS mobile transmitting units and NMFS-approved VMS communications service providers (including specifications), please contact the VMS Support Center at phone (888) 219-9228, fax (301) 427-0049, or write to NMFS Office for Law Enforcement (OLE), VMS Support Center, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 415, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For more addresses regarding approved VMS, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, under the heading VMS Provider Addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The public may acquire this notice and relevant updates by calling the VMS support center, email:

ole.helpdesk@noaa.gov, phone (888) 219-9228, fax (301) 427-0049. For questions regarding the status of VMS provider evaluations, contact Kelly Spalding, VMS Management Analyst, phone (301) 427-2300; fax (301) 427-0049. For questions regarding Atlantic HMS fisheries VMS requirements, contact Pat O'Shaughnessy, Southeast Division VMS Program Manager, at phone (727) 824-5358; fax (727) 824-5318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Prior to January 2008, NMFS Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) approved for use several MTU VMS for use in fisheries

nationwide, including HMS fisheries (68 FR 11534; March 11, 2003). On January 31, 2008, NMFS published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 5813) a type approval notice listing the specifications for approved E-MTU VMS, including a requirement for two-way communication. An E-MTU is "a transceiver or communications device, including antennae, dedicated message terminal and display, and an input device such as a keyboard installed on fishing vessels participating in the VMS requirement" (subject to any future superseding authority) (January 31, 2008; 73 FR 5813).

In the notice at 73 FR 5813, OLE stated that "previously installed MTUs approved under prior notices will continue to be approved for the remainder of their service life" and that new installations "must comply with all of the requirements" of the notice, including the requirement to have two-way communication capability. In this issue of the **Federal Register**, NMFS published a final rule that requires fishermen to replace their previously installed MTU VMS with E-MTU VMS in Atlantic HMS fisheries by March 1, 2012. As a result of the final rule, on March 1, 2012, the following MTU VMS will no longer be approved for use in Atlantic HMS fisheries: Are Trimble Galaxy 7001 and 7005 and Thrane & Thrane Sailor VMS Silver.

Approved E-MTU VMS and Communications Service Providers

The following type-approved E-MTU VMS are approved for use in Atlantic HMS Fisheries. The list of approved E-MTU VMS and communications service providers may be updated in the future through publication of a notice in the **Federal Register**.

A. Faria WatchDog 750VMS With VTERM

The Faria WatchDog 750VMS with VTERM Features a transceiver consisting of an integrated dual model GPS/GSM/GPRS/Iridium Satellite Communicator or a single mode GPS/Iridium Satellite Communicator mounted in the wheelhouse and antennas mounted atop the vessel. The Faria VTERM is a 7 inch color touch screen display and provides the capability (if so configured) to process electronic forms, declarations, and to send email. The unit is pre-configured and tested for NOAA Fisheries Service VMS Operations.

Automatic GPS position reporting starts after transceiver installation and power activation onboard the vessel. The unit is a car-radio-sized transceiver powered by a 9.5 to 36 VDC power