Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 9,995 hours.
Total Annual Cost: N/A.
Privacy Impact Assessment: N/A.
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.
Needs and Uses: This collection is being submitted as a revision to a currently approved collection. In November 2011, the Commission adopted an order reforming its high-cost universal service support mechanisms. Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establish Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 07–135, 05–337, 03–109; GN Docket No. 09–51; CC Docket Nos. 01–92, 96–45; WT Docket No. 10–208, FCC 11–161. This revision addresses several reforms adopted in the order. The Commission plans to submit additional revisions to 3060–0986 to address other substantial, non-emergency reforms adopted in the order at a later date.

The order provides that existing high-cost support for price cap incumbent local exchange carriers will be frozen at 2011 levels. In addition, the order provides for up to $300 million annually in incremental support to those carriers, to be allocated by the use of a cost equation. Carriers accepting such incremental funding will be required to meet defined broadband deployment obligations. Eligible carriers will be required to notify the Commission, the Universal Service Fund Administrative Company (the Universal Service Fund Administrator or USAC), as well as relevant state and Tribal authorities the amount, if any, of funds they accept. Carriers accepting funding will also be required to identify the areas to which they will deploy broadband to meet their deployment obligations. Specifically, carriers will be required to provide, in electronic form, the following data for each location to which they intend to deploy broadband in satisfaction of their obligation: latitude, longitude, census block, and wire state.

The order also adopts a rule to reduce, dollar-for-dollar, a carrier’s high-cost loop support (for rate-of-return carriers) or Connect America Phase I support (for price cap carriers) to the extent that the carrier’s local end user rate plus state regulated fees do not meet a specified urban rate floor. Accordingly, carriers will be required to report, on an annual basis, the local end user rates that fall below the specified urban rate floor, and the number of lines associated with each rate so that the universal service fund Administrator can calculate reductions in support.

The order also modifies section 54.307 (often called the “identical support rule”) and related rules, which provide that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers receive the same per-line level of support as received by incumbent LECs serving the same areas. As a result, the Commission will be reducing the burdens associated with a number of collections in this control number, including line count filings for competitive ETCs and incumbent LECs serving competitive areas, disaggregation plans (which permit incumbent LECs to target support for the purpose of calculating per-line support amounts), and certifications for carriers serving Tribal lands and Alaska native regions. In addition, the Commission eliminates the “own costs” exception to the interim cap for competitive ETCs. The interim cap limited the total annual amount of high-cost support competitive ETCs in any state could receive to the amount competitive ETCs in that state received in March 2008 on an annualized basis. The “own costs” exception provided that competitive ETCs that showed that they met the support threshold in the same manner as the incumbent LEC would not be subject to the cap. Eliminating the “own costs” exception does not alter the content of this information collection; it does, however, address the terms of clearance in the May 2009 Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action.

The order also revises the certifications that state commissions (or ETCs that are not subject to state jurisdiction) are required to file annually with the Commission and the universal service fund Administrator to ensure that carriers use universal service support “only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended” consistent with section 254(e) of the Act. The existing certifications are prospective only. Although the existing certifications are prospective only, the revised certification will ensure that carriers not only will use support in the next year for the intended purposes, but also have used support in the prior year for the intended purposes.

The order also eliminates eligibility for Safety Net Additive support for costs incurred after 2009. Accordingly, this collection is being revised to eliminate the requirement that carriers notify the Commission and USAC that they qualify for Safety Net Additive Support.

The order also eliminates the distinction between “rural” and “non-rural” carriers. Therefore, this collection is being revised to eliminate the reporting requirements for self-certification as a rural carrier.

The Order also moves the recordkeeping requirement from 47 CFR 54.202(e) to new 47 CFR 54.320. It also increases the required document retention period from five to ten years and makes clear that carriers are subject to random compliance audits and other investigations and must make all documents and records available to the Commission, any of its Bureaus or Offices, the universal service fund Administrator, and their respective auditors.

Finally, during the review process, the Commission determined that the reporting requirements of OMB Control Number 3060–0894 should be eliminated. The order eliminated the rate comparability review and certification as well as the certification letter accounting for receipt of federal support in OMB Control Number 3060–0894. These requirements are duplicative of the certification pursuant to section 254(e) of the Act, which is contained in the instant OMB Control Number. Upon OMB approval of this revision, the Commission will voluntarily discontinue OMB Control Number 3060–0894.

Federal Communications Commission.
Bulah P. Wheeler,
Deputy Manager, Office of the Secretary,
Office of Managing Director.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.
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 take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). 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 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 February 21, 2012. 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: Submit your PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, via fax at (202) 395–5167 or via Internet at Nicholas_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, via the Internet at Judith.herman@fcc.gov. To submit your PRA comments by email send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0927.

Title: Auditor’s Annual Independence and Objectivity Certification.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 4 respondents; 4 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. Sections 201(b), 219(b) and 220 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 20 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Privacy Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is seeking an extension of this information collection in order to obtain the full three year approval from OMB. There is no change to the annual reporting requirement. There is no change to the Commission’s previous burden estimates.

Section 64.904 requires certain local exchange carriers, in connection with their cost allocation manual filings and the accompanying financial reports the Commission prescribes under 47 U.S.C. 201(b), 219(b) and 220, to have an attest engagement performed by an independent auditor every two years, over the prior two year period. The attest engagement is to be performed in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), except as otherwise directed by the Chief, Enforcement Bureau. The audit is to be conducted in compliance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), except as otherwise directed by the Commission’s Enforcement Bureau. The Responsible Accounting Office (RAO) letter requires that carriers’ independent auditors: (a) Disclose in writing all relationships between the auditor and its related entities and the carrier and its related entities that in the auditor’s professional judgment may reasonably be thought to bear on independence; (b) Confirm in writing that in its professional judgment it is independent of the carrier; and (c) Discuss the auditor’s independence.

The information is used by the Commission to determine whether the independent auditors are performing their audits independently and unbiased of the carrier they audit.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1124.

Title: Section 80.231, Technical Requirements for Class B Automatic Identification System (AIS) Equipment.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 20 respondents; 20 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. Sections 151–155 and 301–309 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 20 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $28,000.

Privacy Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality.

However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is seeking an extension of this information collection in order to obtain the full three year approval from OMB. There is no change to the annual reporting requirement. There is no change to the Commission’s previous burden estimates.

When the Commission adopted and released a Second Report and Order, FCC 08–208, it contained in Section 80.231, a requirement that manufacturers of Class B Automatic Identification System (AIS) transmitters for the Maritime Radio Service must include with each transmitting device a statement explaining how to enter static navigation information transmitted from Class B AIS device(s) are accurate and reliable thereby promoting marine safety. The rule also requires manufacturers to obtain a letter from the U.S. Coast Guard stating that the AIS device satisfies all of the requirements specified in IEC 62287–1, and to submit the letter to the Commission with its certification application for a Class B AIS device. Additionally, prior to submitting a certification application (FCC Form 731, OMB Control Number 3060–0057) for a Class B AIS device, the following information must be submitted in duplicate to the Commandant (CG–521), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001:

1. The name of the manufacturer or grantee and the model number of the AIS device; and
(2) Copies of the test report and test data obtained from the test facility showing that the device complies with the environmental and operational requirements identified in IEC 62287–1.

After reviewing the information described in the certification application, the U.S. Coast Guard will issue a letter stating whether the AIS device satisfies all of the requirements specified in IEC–62287–1. A certification application for an AIS device submitted to the Commission must contain a copy of the U.S. Coast Guard letter stating that the device satisfies all of the requirements specified in IEC 62287–1, a copy of the technical test date and the instruction manual(s).

The information collection requires that manufacturers of AIS transmitters label each product and affix label each transmitting device with a statement explaining how to enter static information and the following statement:

“WARNING: It is a violation of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission to input a MMSI that has not been properly assigned to the end user, or to otherwise input any inaccurate data in this device.”

The information collection also requires manufacturers to assure the device meets standards set forth in IEC–62287–1 and is used by FCC engineers to determine the interference potential of the proposed device’s operation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Bulah P. Wheeler,
Deputy Manager, Office of the Secretary,
Office of Managing Director.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for a license as a Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (NVO) and/or Ocean Freight Forwarder (OFF)—Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. Chapter 409 and 46 CFR part 515). Notice is also hereby given of the filing of applications to amend an existing OTI license or the Qualifying Individual (QI) for a license. Interested persons may contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, by telephone at (202) 523–5843 or by email at OTI@fmc.gov.

A.C.T. Logistics, LLC (NVO), 154–09 146th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Jamaica, NY 11434. Officers: Annie Chik, Co-President, (Qualifying Individual), Elaine Roman, Co-President/Secretary. Application Type: License Transfer.

Canyon Global Logistics, LLC (NVO & OFF), 2928–B Greens Road, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77032. Officers: Russell C. Daniel, President, (Qualifying Individual), Jared L. Jensen, Vice President. Application Type: New NVO & OFF License.

Delelix Air Cargo, LLC dba DAC Services (OFF), JFK Int’l Airport, Cargo Plaza, Bldg. 87, Jamaica, NY 11430. Officers: Anna Shneyder, General Manager, (Qualifying Individual), Oleg Ardachev, President. Application Type: New OFF License.

Ever Reach Logistics Inc (NVO), 1169 Fairway Drive, Suite 202, City of Industry, CA 91789. Officer: Xiujie Zhang, President/Secretary/Treasurer, (Qualifying Individual). Application Type: New NVO.

Evergreen Cargo LLC (NVO), 11280 Sebring Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240. Officers: Willy M. Lukanga, Member, (Qualifying Individual), Nana Kvereme, Managing Member. Application Type: New NVO License.

Heavy Logistics, Inc. dba BM Logistcs (NVO & OFF), 3706 South Bannock Street, Englewood, CO 80110. Officers: Bernard J. Maiherhofer, President/Sales, (Qualifying Individual), Marta Witkowska, President/Operations/Secretary. Application Type: New NVO & OFF License.

Lidal Logistics Inc (NVO & OFF), 11301 Interchange Circle South, Miramar, FL 33025. Officer: Juan R. Sutil, President/Secretary/Treasurer, (Qualifying Individual). Application Type: New NVO & OFF License.

N.G.K. Corporation (NVO & OFF), 8120 NW 33 Street, Doral, FL 33162. Officer: Yavniv Dalei, President/Secretary/CFO, (Qualifying Individual). Application Type: New NVO & OFF License.


World Wide Express LLC (NVO & OFF), 6000 NW 32 Court, Miami, FL 33142. Officers: Marius Marcinevicius, Member/Manager, (Qualifying Individual), Jonas Vencius, Member/Manager. Application Type: Add NVO Service.

Dated: December 16, 2011.

Rachel E. Dickon,
Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License; Revocation

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice that the following Ocean Transportation Intermediary licenses have been revoked pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. Chapter 409) and the regulations of the Commission pertaining to the licensing of Ocean Transportation Intermediaries, 46 CFR part 515, effective on the corresponding date shown below:

License Number: 4365N.
Name: Logistics Management International, Inc.
Address: 600 Rinehart Road, Suite 1012, Lake Mary, FL 32746.
Date Revoked: November 10, 2011.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.