

on the distribution of property to petitioners. The expense for such assistance shall be paid out of the forfeited funds.

(4) *Other agencies of the United States.* Where another agency of the United States is entitled to remission or mitigation of forfeited assets because of an interest that is recognizable under this part or is eligible for such transfer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 981(e)(6), such agency shall request the transfer in writing, in addition to complying with any applicable provisions of paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section. The decision to make such transfer shall be made in writing by the Ruling Official.

(5) *Financial institution regulatory agencies.* A Ruling Official may direct the transfer of property under 18 U.S.C. 981(e) to certain Federal financial institution regulatory agencies or an entity acting in their behalf, upon receipt of a written request, in lieu of ruling on a petition for remission or mitigation.

(6) *Transfers to foreign governments.* A Ruling Official may decline to grant remission to any petitioner other than an owner or lienholder so that forfeited assets may be transferred to a foreign government pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 981(i)(1); 19 U.S.C. 1616a(c)(2); or 21 U.S.C. 881(e)(1)(E).

(7) *Filing by attorneys.* (i) A petition for remission or mitigation may be filed by a petitioner or by that person's attorney or legal guardian. If an attorney files on behalf of the petitioner, the petition must include a signed and sworn statement by the client-petitioner stating that:

(A) The attorney has the authority to represent the petitioner in this proceeding;

(B) The petitioner has fully reviewed the petition; and

(C) The petition is truthful and accurate in every respect.

(ii) Verbal notification of representation is not acceptable. Responses and notification of rulings shall not be sent to an attorney claiming to represent a petitioner unless a written notice of representation is filed. No extensions of time shall be granted due to delays in submission of the notice of representation.

(8) *Consolidated petitions.* At the discretion of the Ruling Official in individual cases, a petition may be filed by one petitioner on behalf of other petitioners, provided the petitions are based on similar underlying facts, and the petitioner who files the petition has written authority to do so on behalf of other petitioners. This authority must be either expressed in documents giving the petitioner the authority to file

petitions for remission, or reasonably implied from documents giving the petitioner express authority to file claims or lawsuits related to the course of conduct in question on behalf of these petitioners. An insurer or an administrator of an employee benefit plan, for example, which itself has standing to file a petition as a "victim" within the meaning of paragraph (b)(22) of this section, may also file a petition on behalf of its insured or plan beneficiaries for any claims they may have based on co-payments made to the perpetrator of the offense underlying the forfeiture, or the perpetrator of a "related offense" within the meaning of paragraph (b)(20), if the authority to file claims or lawsuits is contained in the document or documents establishing the plan. Where such a petition is filed, any amounts granted as remission must be transferred to the other petitioners, not the party filing the petition; although, as a matter of discretion, the Ruling Official may use the actual petitioner as an intermediary for transferring the amounts authorized as a remission to the other petitioners.

#### § 233.10 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 5. Section 233.10 is removed and reserved.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109, 12-23 and CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 12-11]

#### Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of six months, the information collection requirements associated with certain of the provisions of the rules adopted as part of the Commission's *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization Report and Order (Order)*. The Commission submitted revisions to those information

collection requirements under control number 3060-0819 to OMB for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), 77 FR 13319, March 6, 2012. The revisions as updated were approved by OMB on April 13, 2012.

**DATES:** Sections 54.202(a), 54.401(d), 54.403, 54.405(c), 54.407, 54.416, 54.417, 54.420(b), and 54.422, published at 77 FR 12952, March 2, 2012, are effective May 1, 2012 and § 54.410(a) through (f) is effective June 1, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Scardino, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400 or TTY: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document announces that, on April 13, 2012, OMB approved, for a period of six months, the information collection requirements contained in the Commission's *Order*, FCC 12-11, published at 77 FR 12952, March 2, 2012. The OMB Control Number is 3060-0819. The Commission publishes this notice as an announcement of the effective date rules requiring OMB approval. The Commission updated its request to remove the temporary address confirmation and recertification requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.410(g) and the portion of 47 CFR 54.405(e)(4) relating to temporary address de-enrollment; and the biennial audit requirements (47 CFR 54.420(a)). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

#### Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on April 13, 2012, for the information collection requirements contained in the Commission's rules at 47 CFR Sections 54.202(a), 54.401(d), 54.403, 54.404, 54.405(c) as it applies to the certification form, 54.405(e) except the portion of paragraph (4) relating to temporary address de-enrollment, 54.407, 54.410(a) through (f), 54.416, 54.417, 54.420(b), and 54.422.

Under 5 CFR 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, 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 that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060-0819.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0819.

*OMB Approval Date:* April 13, 2012.

*OMB Expiration Date:* October 31, 2012.

*Title:* Section 54.400 through 54.707 and Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) Connection Assistance (Link-Up) Reporting Worksheet and Instructions.

*Form Number:* FCC Form 497.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households and businesses or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 13,500,940 respondents; 36,025,860 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .25 hours to 50 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, quarterly, biennially, monthly, 1-time, and annual reporting requirements, third party disclosure requirements and recordkeeping requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1, 4(i), 201-205, 214, 254, 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 21,102,135 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* The Commission is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information to the Commission. We note that the Universal Service Administrative Corporation must preserve the confidentiality of all data obtained from respondents and contributors to the universal service support program mechanism, must not use the data except for purposes of administering the universal service support program, and must not disclose data in company-specific form unless directed to do so by the Commission. Also, 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:* In the 2012 *Lifeline Reform Order*, 77 FR 12952, March 2, 2012, we take actions necessary to address waste in the Universal Service Fund. All the requirements contained herein are necessary to implement the

congressional mandate for universal service. These reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to ensure that only eligible subscribers receive support and that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers follow certain rules designed to protect low income consumers and the Universal Service Fund. The *Lifeline Reform Order* is another step in the Commission's ongoing efforts to overhaul all of USF programs. The Order acts to eliminate waste and inefficiency in the program and to increase accountability.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### 49 CFR Chapter II

[Docket No. FRA-2009-0057, Notice No. 3]

#### Statement of Agency Policy and Interpretation on the Hours of Service Laws as Amended; Delay of Effective Date of One Specific Interpretation

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Statement of agency policy and interpretation; delay of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document delays the effective date of a section of FRA's statement of agency policy and interpretation on the hours of service laws that was published in the **Federal Register** on February 29, 2012, and that is scheduled to take effect on May 29, 2012. In response to the document, several issues were brought to FRA's attention with regard to the feasibility of implementing one of the interpretations by the May 29, 2012 effective date. In response to those concerns, the present document delays the effective date of that specific interpretation until January 1, 2013. However, a railroad may choose to comply with the interpretation on or after May 29, 2012, and in advance of its new January 1, 2013, effective date. The effective date of all other interpretations contained in the February 29, 2012, statement remains May 29, 2012.

**DATES:** The effective date for section IV.B.1 of the statement of agency policy and interpretation published February 29, 2012, at 77 FR 12408, and originally effective on May 29, 2012, is delayed

until January 1, 2013. All other sections of the statement of agency policy and interpretation published February 29, 2012, remain effective on May 29, 2012.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 29, 2012, FRA published its statement of agency policy and interpretation on the hours of service laws as amended (Final Interpretations), responding to public comments on FRA's earlier interim statement of policy, 74 FR 30665 (June 26, 2009), and clarifying additional questions concerning the hours of service laws. 77 FR 12408. In the Final Interpretations, FRA construed the word "day" for purposes of the statutory limitation on the number of consecutive days on which certain employees may initiate an on-duty period before being required to receive a certain rest period (*i.e.*, 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4) (sec. 21103(a)(4))). In the Final Interpretations, FRA interpreted the word "day" for purposes of sec. 21103(a)(4) to refer to the 24-hour period ending when an employee is finally released from duty, and any new initiation of an on-duty period at any point during the 24-hour period following the employee's prior final release will have been initiated on a day consecutive to the prior duty tour. This interpretation differed from the interpretation of what constitutes a "day" that was articulated in the interim statement of policy, which construed a "day" for the purposes of section 21103(a)(4) as a calendar day. FRA's interim interpretations went into effect on July 16, 2009, and they have remained in effect. The Final Interpretations are scheduled to go into effect on May 29, 2012.

In response to the Final Interpretations, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) requested a meeting with FRA. The meeting took place on April 4, 2012, and included the AAR as well as several railroads in teleconference. At the meeting, FRA