ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements;
Notice of Availability

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements
Filed January 6, 2020 10 a.m. EST,
Through January 13, 2020 10 a.m. EST
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9


Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: https://cdnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search.

EIS No. 20200006, Final Supplement, Caltrans, CA, State Route 241/91 Tolled Express Lane Connector Project, Review Period Ends: 02/18/2020, Contact: Smita Deshpande 657–326–6131

EIS No. 20200007, Final, USACE, MS, Bayou Casotte Harbor Channel Improvement Project, Review Period Ends: 02/18/2020, Contact: Jennifer Jacobson 251–690–2724

EIS No. 20200008, Draft, USFS, NM, Gila National Forest Draft Revised Forest Plan, Comment Period Ends: 04/16/2020, Contact: Jenny Natharius 575–388–8483


Robert Tomiak,
Director, Office of Federal Activities. [FR Doc. 2020–00720 Filed 1–16–20; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WA Docket No. 17–310; DA 19–1253; FRS 16373]

Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance on the Implementation Schedule for Reforms Adopted by the Rural Health Care Program Promoting Telehealth Report and Order

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (the Commission or FCC) announces the intended schedule for the newly adopted reforms in the Rural Health Care Promoting Telehealth Report and Order.


On August 20, 2019, the Commission released a Report and Order reforming the rules for the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program to promote transparency and predictability, and further the efficient allocation of limited program resources. The Commission stated the adopted reforms would generally become effective, unless otherwise indicated, 30 days after publication of both the Rural Health Care Promoting Telehealth Report and Order (Order), FCC 19–78 and the Federal Register final rule summary (84 FR 54952, October 11, 2019; effective November 12, 2019). The Commission separately indicated when particular reforms would apply in funding year 2020 versus funding year 2021, and provided an implementation schedule summary “to ease the burden on program applicants.” The Commission noted, however, that, to the extent reforms require review pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, such reforms would take effect immediately upon announcement in the Federal Register of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.

To provide further guidance to RHC Program participants, the following is the intended implementation schedule for the newly adopted reforms:

Funding Year 2020 Competitive Bidding (January 1, 2020)

• Similar services evaluated based on advertised speeds 30% above or below the speed of the requested service, Order at paras. 15–16; and
• Revised and harmonized competitive bidding certifications, Order at paras. 156, 157, 172, 200; 47 CFR 54.622(e)(1) through (ix).

Opening of Funding Year 2020 Application Window (February 1, 2020)

• Elimination of limitation on support for satellite services, Order at paras. 92–97;

• All Healthcare Connect Fund consortia must comply with majority-rural requirement, Order at paras. 147–49;

• Prohibition on directly or indirectly soliciting or accepting gifts, Order at paras. 166–69; 47 CFR 54.622(h)(1) through (4);

• Extension of Healthcare Connect Fund Program competitive bidding exemptions to the Telecommunications Program, Order at paras. 163–65; 47 CFR 54.622(i)(1) through (5); and

• Revised and harmonized funding request certifications, Order at paras. 156, 168, 170, 172, 200; 47 CFR 54.623(a)(1)(i) through (x).

Start of Funding Year 2020 (July 1, 2020)

• Annual inflation adjustment of $150 million cap on multi-year commitments and upfront payments, Order at paras. 138–140; 47 CFR 54.619(a)(1) through (2);

• Prioritization of funding if demand exceeds the annual funding cap, Order at paras. 107–143; 47 CFR 54.621(b);

• Program-wide service delivery deadline, Order at paras. 180–82; 47 CFR 54.626(a);

• Program-wide invoice deadline, Order at paras. 188–99; 47 CFR 54.627(a); and

• Revised and harmonized invoice certifications for applicants and service providers, Order at paras. 168, 170, 172, 192–93, 200; 47 CFR 54.627(c)(3), (d).

FY 2021 Competitive Bidding (July 1, 2020)

• Competitive bidding begins on July 1 prior to the start of the applicable funding year, Order at paras. 173–75;

• Reformed method of determining urban and rural rates by the Administrator, including publishing median urban and rural rates for eligible services in a publicly available database, Order at paras. 21–67, 76–91; 47 CFR 54.604(a) through (b), 54.605(a) through (b);

• New standard of review for seeking a waiver of median rural rate determined by the Administrator, Order at paras. 68–75; 47 CFR 54.605(c);

• Establish expanded consultant registration process, Order at paras. 170–71;

• Applicants must list the services for which they are seeking bids rather than what they need services to do*, Order at paras. 154–55; 47 CFR 54.622(d);

• Applicants must specify minimum requirements for weighted bid evaluation criteria, including whether they require service level guarantees*, Order at para. 158; 47 CFR 54.622(d);

• Applicants must specify any disqualification factors that may be used
to remove bids from consideration*, Order at para. 158; 47 CFR 54.622(d)); • Applicants must provide details of aggregate purchase arrangements with other entities*, Order at para. 157; 47 CFR 54.622(e)(2)); and • Applicants must submit declaration of third-party assistance with competitive bidding form*, Order at paras. 158, 170; 47 CFR 54.622(e)(4)).

The Order anticipated that the five foregoing reforms marked with an asterisk (*) would be implemented in funding year 2020. More time is required to obtain PRA approval of the rule changes from OMB, however. These reforms will, therefore, go into effect for funding year 2021.

Opening of Funding Year 2021 Application Window
• Requirement that USAC open an initial application filing window with an end date no later than 90 days prior to the start of the funding year, Order at paras. 176–79; 47 CFR 54.621(a);
• Elimination of distance-based support in the Telecommunications Program, Order at paras. 98–101; and • Revised and harmonized program-wide documentation requirements for competitive bidding and funding requests, Order at paras. 156, 158, 172, 200; 47 CFR 54.622(e)(3) through (5), 54.623(a)(3).

Start of Funding Year 2021 (July 1, 2021)
• Requirement that all Healthcare Connect Fund applicants submit an annual report, 47 CFR 54.618(b);
• Service providers must submit declarations of third-party assistance with invoices*, Order at para. 170; • Program-wide requirements for site and service substitutions and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) changes*, Order at paras. 194–99; 47 CFR 54.624, 54.625; • One-time 120-day extension of the program-wide invoice deadline*, Order at paras. 190–91; 47 CFR 54.627(h); and • Ability to seek an extension of the program-wide service delivery deadline*, Order at paras. 183–87; 47 CFR 54.626(b).

The Order anticipated that the four foregoing reforms marked with an asterisk (*) would be implemented in funding year 2020. More time is required to obtain PRA approval of the rule changes from OMB, however. These reforms will, therefore, go into effect for funding year 2021.

Federal Communications Commission.
Ryan Palmer.
Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Sunshine Act Meeting
FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION NOTICE OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 85 FR 1156. PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
CHANGES IN THE MEETING: This meeting also discussed:
Matters relating to internal personnel decisions, or internal rules and practices.
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CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Laura E. Sinram.
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Commission.
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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
Notice of Agreements Filed
The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreement to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission’s website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 011980–003.
Agreement Name: South Atlantic Chassis Pool Agreement.


Filing Party: Joshua Stein; Cozen O’Connor.

Synopsis: The amendment adds Jacksonville Port Authority and North Carolina State Ports Authority as parties to the Agreement, and revises voting procedures with respect to membership in the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 2/24/2020.

Rachel Dickon,
Secretary.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB
AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements Associated with Regulation RR (FR RR; OMB No. 7100–0372).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551, (202) 452–3829.


A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB submission, including the reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB’s public docket files. These documents also are available on the

1The internal Agency Tracking Number previously assigned by the Board to this information collection was “Reg RR.” The Board is changing the internal Agency Tracking Number to “FR RR” for the purpose of consistency.