Privacy Act Impact Assessment: There is no Privacy Act impact as personally identifiable information (PII) will not be collected.

Needs and Uses: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or change in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods of assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Cecilia Sigmund,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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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: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: 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; the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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 ways to further reduce the information collection burden on 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 19, 2020. 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.

ADDRESS: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1270.
Title: Protecting National Security Through FCC Programs.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,257 respondents; 2,257 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.
Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement.
Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1.4(b)(1), 1.103(a), 151–154, 201(b), 229, 254, and 1004.
Total Annual Burden: 6,771 hours.
Total Annual Cost: No Cost.
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:
The Commission will consider the potential confidentiality of any information submitted, particularly where public release of such information could raise security concerns (e.g., granular location information). We expect, however, that the public interest in knowing whether a carrier uses or owns equipment or services from Huawei or ZTE would significantly outweigh any interest the carrier would have in keeping such information confidential. Respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission or to the Universal Service Administrative Company be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as an extension during this comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from OMB. Under this information collection, the Commission proposes to collect information to determine the extent to which potentially prohibited equipment exists in current networks and the costs associated with removing such equipment and replacing it with equivalent equipment. The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the “preservation and advancement of universal service.” 47 U.S.C. 254(b). The information collection requirements reported under this collection are the result of Commission actions to promote the Act’s universal service goals. On November 22, 2019, the Commission adopted a Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, WC Docket No. 18–89, FCC 19–121 (Protecting Against National
Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs.
The Report and Order prohibits future use of Universal Service Fund (USF) monies to purchase, maintain, improve, modify, obtain, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by a company that poses a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. It also initially designated two entities—Huawei Technologies Company (Huawei) and ZTE Corporation (ZTE), along with their affiliates, subsidiaries, and parents—as covered companies posing such a national security threat. In the Further Notice, the Commission proposed to make the requirement to remove covered equipment and services from carriers’ networks contingent on the availability of a funded reimbursement program, in an effort to mitigate the impact on affected entities. This information collection is designed to collect data from eligible telecommunication carriers (ETCs) and other carriers to determine the extent of which potentially prohibited equipment exists in current networks and the costs associated with removing such equipment and replacing it with equivalent equipment. The data will aid the Commission’s review of the record and guide our next steps in this proceeding. Federal Communications Commission.

Cecilia Sigmund,
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
[OMB 3060–1081, 3060–1224; FRS 16567]
Information Collections 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 burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning:

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; the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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 ways to further reduce the information collection burden on 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 PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 19, 2020. 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 Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991.


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 receive support from the universal service high-cost and low-income programs, which supports the extension of telecommunications services to underserved rural communities. In the absence of this information collection, the Federal Communications Commission’s (the Commission’s) ability to fulfill its statutory obligation and 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. Section 54.202 of the Commission’s rules requires carriers seeking designation from the Commission to submit an application that certifies that the carrier will comply with the service requirements applicable to the support that it receives, 47 CFR 54.202(a)(1)(i). Additionally, applicants must submit a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to the applicant’s network throughout its proposed service area, with estimates of the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements, § 54.202(a)(1)(ii). An applicant must demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including: A demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source; is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities; is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, § 54.202(a)(2); and a demonstration that it will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards, § 54.202(a)(3). A commitment by wireless applicants to comply with the Cellular Telecommunications and internet Association’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service will satisfy this requirement and other commitments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If the common carrier is seeking designation as an ETC under section 214(e)(6) for any part of Tribal lands, it shall provide a copy of its petition to the affected tribal government and tribal regulatory authority, applicable at the time it files its petition with the Commission. In addition, the