

### C. Purpose of the e-Manifest Advisory Board

The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board is established in accordance with the provisions of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act, 42 U.S.C. 6939g, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The e-Manifest Advisory Board is in the public interest and supports the EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities. The Board shall meet annually to discuss, evaluate the effectiveness of, and provide recommendations about the system to the EPA Administrator.

The sole duty of the Advisory Board is to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator. As required by the e-Manifest Act, the e-Manifest Advisory Board is composed of nine (9) members. One (1) member is the EPA Administrator (or a designee), who serves as Chairperson of the Advisory Board. The rest of the committee is composed of:

- At least two (2) members who have expertise in information technology;
- At least three (3) members who have experience in using or represent users of the manifest system to track the transportation of hazardous waste under the e-Manifest Act;
- At least three (3) members who are state representatives responsible for processing manifests.

All members of the e-Manifest Advisory Board, except for the EPA Administrator, are appointed as Special Government Employees or Representatives.

### D. Public Meeting

EPA launched the e-Manifest system on June 30, 2018. e-Manifest provides those persons required to use a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) manifest under either federal or state law the option of using electronic manifests to track shipments of hazardous waste and to meet certain RCRA requirements. By enabling the transition from a paper-intensive process to an electronic system, EPA estimates e-Manifest will ultimately save state and industry users more than \$50 million annually, once electronic manifests are widely adopted.

Under the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act (e-Manifest Act) of 2012, EPA must collect user fees to offset the costs of developing and operating the e-Manifest system. In January 2018, EPA published regulations establishing the methodology which the Agency will use

to set and collect user fees for the e-Manifest system. Under the final rule, EPA charges a fee to receiving facilities for each manifest submitted to EPA's e-Manifest system. User fees are tailored to the method used to submit manifests to EPA, *e.g.*, different fees apply for electronic manifests than for paper manifests uploaded to the system. In addition, EPA is required to publish revised user fee schedules at two-year intervals.

The purpose of this March 2–4, 2021, e-Manifest Advisory Board meeting is for the Board to advise EPA on its proposed program priorities and user fees for the FY2022/FY2023 cycle.

### E. e-Manifest Advisory Board Documents and Meeting Minutes

The meeting background paper along with related supporting materials including the charge/questions to the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board membership roster (*i.e.*, members attending this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available by approximately mid-January 2021. In addition, EPA may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> via the docket ID number EPA–HQ–OLEM–2020–0571 and at the e-Manifest Advisory Board website at: <https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest-advisory-board>.

The e-Manifest Advisory Board will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to EPA approximately ninety (90) days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the e-Manifest Advisory Board website, or they may be obtained from the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> via the docket ID number EPA–HQ–OLEM–2020–0571.

### Carolyn Hoskinson,

Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Office of Land and Emergency Management.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0120, OMB 3060–XXXX; FRS 17334]

### Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, 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. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

The Commission 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 comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before January 28, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/>

public/do/PRAMain, (2) look for the section of the web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. 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 estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (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. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might "further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees."

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–0120.

*Title:* Broadcast EEO Program Model, FCC Form 396–A.

*Form Number:* FCC–396–A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 5,000 respondents, 5,000 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Section 154(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 5,000 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No Cost.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

*Needs and Uses:* The Broadcast Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Model Report, FCC Form 396–A, is filed in conjunction with applicants seeking authority to construct a new broadcast station, to obtain assignment of construction permit or license and/or seeking authority to acquire control of an entity holding construction permit or license. This program is designed to assist the applicant in establishing an effective EEO program for its stations.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–XXXX.

*Title:* Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Outage Data.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Type of Review:* New information collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 75 respondents; 336 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 6 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i)–(j) & (o), 405, and the Cable Landing License Act of 1921, 47 U.S.C. 34–39, and 3 U.S.C. 301, and Exec. Order No. 10530.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,016 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No Cost.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Outage reports filed with the Commission pursuant to Part 4 are presumed confidential. The information in those filings may be shared with the Department of Homeland Security only under appropriate confidential disclosure protections. Other persons seeking disclosure must follow the procedures delineated in 47 CFR 0.457 and 0.459 for requests for and disclosure of information. The information collection discussed here does not affect the confidential treatment of information submitted to the Commission's Network Outage Reporting System (NORS), an internet portal that collects submitted outage filings.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 151 of the Communications Act of 1934 (Act), as amended, requires the Commission to promote the safety of life and property

through the use of wire and radio communications. Additionally, the Cable Landing License Act, (47 U.S.C. 34–39), and Executive Order 10530, provide the Commission with authority to grant, withhold, condition and revoke submarine cable landing licenses. Further, the Cable Landing License Act and Executive Order 10530 provide that the Commission may place conditions on the grant of a submarine cable landing license in order to assure just and reasonable rates and service in the operation and use of cables so licensed. "Just and reasonable service" entails assurance that the cable infrastructure will be reasonably available. Availability of submarine cables is also critically important for national security and the economy because submarine cables carry approximately 95 percent of international communications traffic and are the primary means of connectivity for numerous U.S. states and territories. Currently, submarine cable licensees provide information to the Commission on a voluntary, ad hoc basis through the Undersea Cable Information System (UCIS).

This is a new collection that will be part of the Commission's NORS outage reporting regime. As with the other information collection collected in NORS (under OMB Control No. 3060–0484), this new collection will facilitate FCC monitoring, analysis, and investigation of the reliability and security of submarine cable networks, and to identify and action on potential threats to our Nation's telecommunications infrastructure. Drawing from a decade of experience in outage reporting, the Commission will seek an ongoing dialogue with submarine cable licensees, as well as with the industry at large, regarding lessons learned from the new information collection. These efforts will help the Commission develop a better understanding of the root causes of significant outages, and to explore preventive measures to mitigate the impact of such outages on the Nation and the American public.

The addition of mandatory submarine cable outage data will provide the Commission with greater visibility into the availability and health of these networks, allowing the Commission to better track and analyze submarine cable resiliency. This enhanced visibility into submarine cable network outages will allow the Commission to take appropriate actions to mitigate disruptions, if necessary, and to avoid the development of larger, more significant problems which could impact national security and public safety interests. Submarine cable

outages do not typically occur with the same frequency as terrestrial outages, but when they do occur have a greater impact on the Nation's telecommunications due to the volume and nature of communications carried over such cables. Damages to submarine cables are usually caused by weather or inadvertent slicing by underseas equipment. However, submarine cables are also susceptible to intentional damage for nefarious purposes that could lead to a severe degradation of crucial government, as well as non-government, communications.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WC Docket No. 19-195, 11-10; DA 20-1460; FRS 17313]

### Office of Economics and Analytics Reminds Providers That Form 477 Mobile Speed and Coverage Data Are Not Confidential

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this Public Notice, the Office of Economics and Analytics (Office) reminds mobile broadband service providers that their minimum advertised or expected speed data are not confidential on FCC Form 477, notwithstanding checkbox options in the Form 477 filing application.

**DATES:** The Commission issued this Public Notice on December 7, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Lynch, Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, (202) 418-7356, [Kenneth.Lynch@fcc.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Lynch@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Economics and Analytics (Office) reminds mobile broadband service providers that their minimum advertised or expected speed data are no longer treated as confidential on FCC Form 477. Speed data will be included in the public releases of provider-specific coverage data, beginning with the December 2019 filing.

In the Digital Opportunity Data Collection First Report and Order, the Commission concluded that minimum advertised or expected speed data filed

for mobile broadband services will not be treated as confidential and that such data will be publicly released. The Commission found that the bulk of speed data that providers filed had been treated as confidential and that such treatment “unnecessarily limits the ability of consumers and policy makers to effectively analyze the data submitted.” The Commission also concluded that public release of provider-specific coverage data is “necessary to ensure that consumers can easily use the information that is disclosed to the public” because speed data are “only beneficial if consumers know where the service coverage is available.”

The Commission already makes provider-specific coverage data publicly available on its website by publishing each provider's shapefiles, and Form 477 filers are no longer permitted to request confidential treatment for such information. As the Commission did not subsequently and immediately update the Form 477 filing application to remove the checkbox used to request confidential treatment of these data, some providers may mistakenly believe that confidentiality is available for such data.

Accordingly, the Office reiterates that, notwithstanding the presence of the checkbox in the Form 477 filing application, the Commission has concluded that these data will not be treated as confidential. Moreover, the corresponding Form 477 information that was included in the December 2019 and June 2020 filings will be released no sooner than ten (10) days after **Federal Register** publication of this Public Notice.

For further information, contact Kenneth Lynch, Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, at [Kenneth.Lynch@fcc.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Lynch@fcc.gov).

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0174; FRS 17335]

### 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 March 1, 2021. 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 Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0174.  
*Title:* Sections 73.1212, 76.1615 and 76.1715, Sponsorship Identification.  
*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit entities; Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 22,900 respondents and 1,877,000 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .0011 to .2011 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping requirement; Third party