

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