Although the portal will not reject submissions that fail to include the above information, such failure will make it more difficult for the Bureau to investigate fully and take appropriate enforcement action. Once submitted, the Bureau will review to determine whether the information presents evidence of a violation of the Commission’s rules. The Bureau may share submitted information with the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, other federal agencies combatting robocalls, state attorney general offices, other law enforcement entities with which the Commission has information sharing agreements, and the registered traceback consortium.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1286.

Title: Emergency Connectivity Fund Program.

Form Number: FCC Forms 471, 472, 474, and 500.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, state, local or tribal government institutions, and other not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 23,000 respondents; 132,100 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 4.5 hours for FCC Form 471 (4 hours for response; 0.5 hours for recordkeeping); 1.5 hours for FCC Forms 472/474 (1 hour for response; 0.5 hours for recordkeeping); 1.5 hours for Emergency Connectivity Fund Post-Commitment Change Request (streamlines collection based on the FCC Form 500 and FCC Form 471 for use in the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program) (1 hour for response; 0.5 hours for recordkeeping).

Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements; recordkeeping requirement.


Total Annual Burden: 315,450 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no assurance of confidentiality provided to applicants and service providers concerning this information collection. However, applicants and service providers may request materials or information submitted to the Commission or to USAC be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the FCC’s rules.

Needs and Uses: The requirements contained herein are necessary to implement and administer the Congressional mandate for the Emergency Connectivity Fund. The information collected herein provides the Commission and USAC with the necessary information to administer the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, determine the amount of support entities seeking funding are eligible to receive, determine if entities are complying with the Commission’s rules, and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. The information will also allow the Commission to evaluate the extent to which the Emergency Connectivity Fund is meeting the statutory objectives specified in section 7402 of the American Rescue Plan Act, the Commission’s performance goals set forth in the Emergency Connectivity Fund Report and Order, and to evaluate the need for and feasibility of any future revisions to program rules. The name, address, DUNS number and business type will be disclosed in accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act/ Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA/DATA Act) reporting requirements. Emergency Connectivity Fund Program application, commitment, and disbursement data will also be publicly available.

FCC: Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0384; FR ID 38021]

Information Collection 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 September 17, 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 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0384.

Title: Sections 64.901, 64.904 and 64.905, Auditor’s Attestation and Certification.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1 respondent, 1 response.

Estimated Time per Response: 5–250 hours.


Total Annual Burden: 255 hours.
Total Annual Cost: $1,200,000.
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature of Extent of Confidentiality: This collection does not address information of a confidential nature.

Needs and Uses: Section 64.904(a) states that each incumbent LEC required to file a cost allocation manual shall elect to either have an attest engagement performed by an independent auditor every two years, covering the prior two year period, or have a financial audit performed by an independent auditor biennially. In either case, the initial engagement shall be performed in the calendar year after the carrier is first required to file a cost allocation manual. See Section 64.904(a)–(c). Instead of requiring mid-sized carriers to incur the expense of a biennial attestation engagement, they now file a certification with the Commission stating that they are in compliance with 47 CFR 64.901 of the Commission’s rules, which sets out the rules regarding allocation of costs. The certification must be signed, under oath, by an officer of the incumbent LEC, and filed with the Commission on an annual basis. Such certification of compliance represents a less costly means of enforcing compliance with our cost allocation rules. See 47 CFR 64.905 of the Commission’s rules. The requirements are imposed to ensure that the carriers are properly complying with Commission rules. They serve as an important aid in the Commission’s monitoring program. Section 64.905 requires mid-sized LECs to file a certification with the Commission stating that they are complying with section 64.901. The certification must be signed, under oath, by an officer of the mid-sized LEC, and filed with the Commission on an annual basis at the time that the mid-sized incumbent LEC files the annual reports required by section 43.21(e)(2).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[WT Docket No. 19–348; DA 21–645; FRS 36568]

The Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration: Coordination Procedures in the 3.45–3.55 GHz Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issue this joint Public Notice to provide information about the cooperative sharing framework for federal and non-federal coordination in certain, defined areas where and when federal incumbents require continued access in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band. The Public Notice provides information and guidance on the overall coordination process, as contemplated by the 3.45 GHz Band 2d R&O, including informal pre-coordination discussions, the formal process of submitting coordination requests, and receiving results from relevant federal incumbents. The Public Notice also provides a streamlined coordination process for high-power radar sites.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Jones at (202) 418–1327 or joyce.jones@fcc.gov, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC, or Gabrial Gersten at (202) 482–1182 or TransitionPlans@ntia.gov, Strategic Planning Division, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a public notice of the coordination procedures in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band, released jointly by the Federal Communications Commission’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, WT Docket No. 19–348, DA 21–645, on June 2, 2021. The full text of this document including all Appendices, is available for public inspection at the following internet address: https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/06021352508295/DA-21-645A1.pdf. Alternative formats are available for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), by sending an email to FCC504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice) or 202–418–0432 (TTY).

Synopsis

I. Introduction

In March 2021, the Federal Communications Commission announced a planned auction of new flexible-use licenses in the 3.45–3.55 GHz band (Auction 110). See Auction of Flexible-Use Service Licenses in the 3.45–3.55 GHz Band for Next-Generation Wireless Services; Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Auction 110, AU Docket No. 21–62, Public Notice, 2021 WL 1086298 (2021); see also Facilitating Shared Use in the 3100–3550 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 19–348, Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Order of Proposed Modification, 2021 WL 1086295 (2021) (3.45 GHz Band 2d R&O). Auction 110 will offer 4,060 new licenses throughout the contiguous United States, subject to cooperative sharing requirements in certain, defined areas where and when federal incumbents require continued access to the band. The Commission, NTIA, and the Department of Defense (DoD) are working collaboratively towards these goals. By this Public Notice, the Commission, through WTB, and NTIA, provide (i) information for potential bidders in the 3.45 GHz Service auction and (ii) guidance to the ultimate 3.45 GHz Service licensees and the affected federal incumbents regarding coordination procedures for shared use of the 3.45 GHz band. The joint nature of this Public Notice reflects the intersecting jurisdictions of the Commission (which administers spectrum for non-federal uses) and NTIA (which administers spectrum for federal uses) in the radio spectrum, including in this band.

The Public Notice proceeds as follows. In section II, we provide

References to federal incumbents in this Public Notice refer to the individual military departments with which 3.45 GHz Service licensees will negotiate coordination agreements.