

**MEDIAN DEPRECIATION RATES OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE BORROWERS BY EQUIPMENT CATEGORY FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

| Telecommunications plant category            | Depreciation rate |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Land and Support Assets:                  |                   |
| a. Motor vehicles .....                      | 18.00             |
| b. Aircraft .....                            | 11.13             |
| c. Special purpose vehicles .....            | 12.00             |
| d. Garage and other work equipment .....     | 10.00             |
| e. Buildings .....                           | 3.25              |
| f. Furniture and office equipment .....      | 10.00             |
| g. General purpose computers .....           | 20.00             |
| 2. Central Office Switching:                 |                   |
| a. Digital .....                             | 10.00             |
| b. Analog & Electro-mechanical .....         | 10.00             |
| c. Operator Systems .....                    | 10.00             |
| 3. Central Office Transmission:              |                   |
| a. Radio Systems .....                       | 10.00             |
| b. Circuit equipment .....                   | 10.00             |
| 4. Information origination/termination:      |                   |
| a. Station apparatus .....                   | 12.25             |
| b. Customer premises wiring .....            | 10.00             |
| c. Large private branch exchanges .....      | 11.90             |
| d. Public telephone terminal equipment ..... | 12.00             |
| e. Other terminal equipment .....            | 10.15             |
| 5. Cable and wire facilities:                |                   |
| a. Aerial cable—poles .....                  | 6.00              |
| b. Aerial cable—metal .....                  | 6.00              |
| c. Aerial cable—fiber .....                  | 5.10              |
| d. Underground cable—metal .....             | 5.00              |
| e. Underground cable—fiber .....             | 5.00              |
| f. Buried cable—metal .....                  | 5.15              |
| g. Buried cable—fiber .....                  | 5.00              |
| h. Conduit systems .....                     | 4.00              |
| i. Other .....                               | 5.00              |

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.  
**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA), that a meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. (CT). The purpose is to consider topics for their next project.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 12:00 p.m. CT.

*Join via Webex: <https://civilrights.webex.com/civilrights/j.php?MTID=m266086828fecf71c42baa6329432e1c3>.*

*Join via phone: 800-360-9505 USA Toll Free; Access Code: 199 769 7332#.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria Moreno at [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) or by phone at 434-515-0204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is available to the public through the WebEx link above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the call-in number found through registering at the web link provided above for the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the respective meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Victoria Moreno at [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov). All written comments received will be available to the public.

Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 809-9618. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at the [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov). Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

*Agenda:* Thursday, September 16, 2021; 12:00 p.m. (CT).

1. Welcome & Roll Call
2. Chair's Comments
3. Committee Discussion
4. Next Steps
5. Public Comment
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

Dated: August 31, 2021.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Census Bureau**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0912.  
*Form Number(s):* BRD-1.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 47,500.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours and 37 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 124,450.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau is requesting clearance to conduct the Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey (BERD) for the 2021-2023 survey years with the revisions outlined in this document. Companies are the major performers of research and development (R&D) in the United States, accounting for over 70 percent of total U.S. R&D expenditures each year. A consistent business R&D information base is essential to government officials formulating public policy, industry personnel involved in corporate planning, and members of the academic community conducting research. To develop policies designed to promote and enhance science and technology, past trends and the present