to register can be found at https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/public-hearing-information-proposed-renewable-fuel-standards-2020. Additional information regarding the hearing appears below under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick Parsons, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Assessment and Standards Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: (734) 214–4479; email address: ASD-Registration@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is proposing to modify the 2021 and 2022 statutory volume targets for cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel, and to establish the 2022 volume target for biomass-based diesel, as well as to modify the previously established cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel volume requirements for 2020. In addition, EPA is proposing the 2020, 2021, and 2022 renewable fuel standards for all four of the above biofuel categories. EPA is also proposing to address the remand of the 2016 standard-setting rulemaking, as well as several regulatory changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program including regulations for the use of biointermediates to produce qualifying renewable fuel, flexibilities for regulated parties, clarifications of existing regulations, and an extension of certain RFS compliance and attest engagement reporting deadlines. The RFS Annual Rules proposal was signed on December 7, 2021, and will be published separately in the Federal Register on a later date. The pre-publication version is available at https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/proposed-volume-standards-2020-2021-and-2022.

Participation in virtual public hearing. Please note that EPA is deviating from its typical approach because the President has declared a national emergency. Because of current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, as well as state and local orders for social distancing to limit the spread of COVID–19, EPA cannot hold in-person public meetings at this time.

Information on how to register for the hearing can be found at https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/public-hearing-information-proposed-renewable-fuel-standards-2020. The last day to pre-register to speak at the hearing will be December 20, 2021.

Each commenter will have 3 minutes to provide oral testimony. EPA may ask clarifying questions during the oral presentations, but will not respond to the presentations at that time. Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as oral comments and supporting information presented at the public hearing.

Please note that any updates made to any aspect of the hearing will be posted online at https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/public-hearing-information-proposed-renewable-fuel-standards-2020. While EPA expects the hearing to go forward as set forth above, please monitor the website or contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to determine if there are any updates. EPA does not intend to publish a document in the Federal Register announcing updates.

If you require the services of a translator or special accommodations such as audio description, please pre-register for the hearing and describe your needs by December 20, 2021. EPA may not be able to arrange accommodations without advance notice.

How can I get copies of the proposed action and other related information? EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2021–0324. EPA has also developed a website for the RFS program, including the proposal, which is available at https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program. Please refer to the notice of proposed rulemaking for detailed information on accessing information related to the proposal.

William Charmley,
Director, Assessment and Standards Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Morehead, Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418–0696 or via email at katherine.morehead@fcc.gov.


The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a petition filed by Securus Technologies, LLC asking the Commission to waive sections 64.6030, 64.6080, and 64.6090 of its rules, which require inmate calling services (ICS) calls to be charged to customers on a per-minute basis. According to the Petition, Securus began piloting subscription plans for intrastate calls in 2020 and now offers these plans at eight correctional facilities. Under these plans, “subscribers pay a flat monthly fee for up to 100 calls per month or 25 calls per week.” Securus asserts that its subscription plan pilot program is in jeopardy because it “cannot definitively determine if a call is intrastate when a subscription plan call is made” since many of the calls are “made to wireless phones whose exact physical location is difficult to determine.” Thus, Securus claims that it must “treat potentially interstate calls as interstate calls whose rates are limited to per-minute charges, jeopardizing the development and availability of flat-rate subscription plans for multiple calls.”

Worth Rises filed a response to the Securus Petition. Worth Rises argues that “Securus has not provided sufficient data in its waiver request for the Commission to determine the true per-minute rate range offered through its subscription packages and whether they generally conform to the Commission’s rate caps.” Worth Rises identifies four principal concerns with Securus’s subscription plans as described in the Petition—call length and usage data, dropped calls, highly used calls, and renewals. Worth Rises suggests that the Commission should also require additional information from Securus before considering the waiver, including information on the policies related to the subscription programs and the “cost basis of the pilot subscription packages by pilot location.” Worth Rises requests that if the Commission grants the Petition, it should require Securus to base its subscription plans on minutes rather than calls, “limit Securus to selling packages of usage (e.g., 250 minutes) or time (e.g., unlimited monthly), but not both,” and “prevent automatic subscription renewals or require easily accessible termination options.”

The Bureau seeks comment on the Securus Petition. The Bureau also seeks comment on the additional information and data Worth Rises suggests the Commission should require before considering the Securus waiver request. Additionally, the Bureau seeks comment on the concerns Worth Rises raises regarding the Securus pilot subscription programs, including concerns relating to call length and usage, dropped and unused calls, subscription renewals, and the methods used to share initial disclosures and other subscription plan policies with customers.

Filing of Comments and Replies. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before January 7, 2022 and reply comments on or before January 21, 2022. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System. See FCC, Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (May 1, 1998). The Protective Order issued in this proceeding permits parties to designate certain material as confidential. Filings which contain confidential information should be appropriately redacted and filed pursuant to the procedure described therein.

Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/.

Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

• Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

• Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID–19.

Comments and reply comments must include a short and concise summary of the substantive arguments raised in the pleading. Comments and reply comments must also comply with section 1.49 and all other applicable sections of the Commission’s rules. The Commission directs all interested parties to include the name of the filing party and the date of the filing on each page of their comments and reply comments. All parties are encouraged to use a table of contents, regardless of the length of their submission.

People with Disabilities. The Commission asks that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530.

Ex Parte Presentations. This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s ex parte rules. Persons making ex parte presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the ex parte presentation was made and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memorandum, or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in the prior comments, memorandum, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph).
numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules. Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s ex parte rules.

Additional Information. For further information on this Notice, please contact Katherine Morehead, Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418–0696 or via email at katherine.morehead@fcc.gov.

Federal Communications Commission.

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48 CFR Parts 3001, 3002, 3024 and 3052

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Withdrawal of Proposed Revision to Department Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR); Privacy Training (HSAR Case 2015–003)

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: DHS is withdrawing a proposed rule titled Privacy Training (HSAR Case 2015–003) and providing notice of its cancellation. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposed to amend the HSAR to require contractor and subcontractor employees to complete Privacy training before accessing a Government system of records; handling Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and/or Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information; or designing, developing, maintaining, or operating a Government system of records. DHS received two public comments in response to this proposed rule. One commenter stated support for the requirements in the proposed rule. The other commenter:

• Showed support for DHS making available on a public website a DHS-developed privacy training module that contractors can provide to their employees to achieve compliance with the proposed requirements. However, recommended that certain contractors may desire to develop their own Internal Privacy Act training that would be compatible with DHS’s rules and their own corporate policies, procedures, and training;

• Recommended that DHS add the Privacy Act’s definition of a “system of records” to increase understanding by both government and contractor personnel about when the clause and the training are required;

• Recommended requiring flow down of HSAR 3052.224–7X only to subcontractors with a statement of work that triggers the training requirement;

• Recommended that DHS further clarify the requirement to maintain training certificates and leverage electronic recordkeeping when available; and

• Recommended that DHS modify the proposed rule to clarify whether older training certificates must be maintained after submittal and, if so, recommends that DHS specifically identify the retention period.

On December 20, 2016, DoD, GSA, and NASA issued a final rule at 81 FR 93476 titled Privacy Training, which amended the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), effective on January 19, 2017. Upon further review, DHS believes that the FAR rule addressed issues raised by this commenter.

DHS is withdrawing the proposed rule (82 FR 6425) and will not proceed with finalization of the rule because all of the requirements in the proposed rule are now covered under the final FAR rule (81 FR 93476) and resultant DHS FAR Class Deviation Number 17–03, Implementation of FAR 52.224–3 Privacy Training—Alternate I. The final FAR rule (81 FR 93476) provides guidance to contractors regarding the requirement to complete training that addresses the protection of privacy in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended, and the handling and safeguarding of PII. Under this rule, contractors are responsible for ensuring that initial privacy training, and annual privacy training thereafter, is completed by contractor employees who have access to a system of records; create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, disclose, dispose, or otherwise handle personally identifiable information; or design, develop, maintain, or operate a system of records. A contractor who has employees involved in these activities is also required to maintain records indicating that its employees have completed the requisite training and provide these records to the contracting officer upon request. In addition, the prime contractor is required to flow-down these requirements to all applicable subcontractors. As a result of the FAR change and DHS FAR Class Deviation Number 17–03, the rationale for the proposed rule no longer exists and this proposal is withdrawn.

Dated: December 7, 2021.

Paul Courtney,
Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

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