SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

DATES:

SUMMARY:

Commission

by the Federal Communications Information Collection BeingReviewed

[OMB 3060–1270; FR ID 75543]

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information to the FCC. However, respondents may request confidential treatment of their information under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as a revision after this comment period to obtain the full three year clearance from OMB. Under this information collection, the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the “preservation and advancement of universal service.” 47 U.S.C. 254(b). The information collection requirements reported under this collection are the result of the Federal Communications Commission’s (the Commission) actions to promote the Act’s universal service goals.


On December 10, 2020, the Commission adopted the Second Report and Order implementing the Secure Networks Act, which contained certain new information collection requirements. See Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18–89, Second Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14284 (2020) (Second Report and Order). These requirements will allow the Commission to receive, review and make eligibility determinations and funding decisions on applications to participate in the Reimbursement Program that are filed by certain providers of advanced communications service. These new information collection requirements will also assist the Commission in processing funding disbursement requests and in monitoring and furthering compliance with applicable program requirements to protect against waste, fraud, and abuse.

On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA), appropriating $1.9 billion to “carry out” the Reimbursement Program and amending the Reimbursement Program eligibility requirements to expand eligibility to include providers of advanced communications service with 10 million or fewer subscribers and making clear that schools, libraries, and health care providers eligible to receive Reimbursement Program support to the extent they qualify as...
providers of advanced communications services. See Public Law 116–260, Division N-Additional Coronavirus Response and Relief, Title IX-Broadband internet Access Service, §§ 901, 906, 134 Stat. 1182 (2020). The Commission has interpreted the term “provider of advanced communications service” to mean “facilities-based providers, whether fixed or mobile, with a broadband connection to end users with at least 200 kbps in one direction.”


The Commission therefore propose to revise this information collection, as well as Form 5460, to reflect this new requirement contained in the Public Notice released by the Bureau on August 3, 2021. This Public Notice, among other things, requires providers participating in the Reimbursement Program to notify the Commission of ownership changes using the FCC Form 5640 to ensure the accuracy of information on file for program participants when there is a change in ownership.

Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene Dortch,
Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

Federal Communications Commission

Secure Internet Routing

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) seeks comment on vulnerabilities threatening the security and integrity of the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), which is central to the Internet’s global routing system, its impact on the transmission of data from email, e-commerce, and bank transactions to interconnection Voice- over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and 9–1–1 calls, and how best to address them.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 11, 2022; and reply comments are due on or before May 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by PS Docket No. 22–90, by any of the following methods:

• Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically by accessing ECFS at http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs.

• Paper Filers: Paper filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.

• People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice), 202– 418–0432 (tty).

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on this proceeding, see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on this proceeding, contact James Wiley of the Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at james.wiley@fcc.gov or (202) 418–1678 or Minsoo Kim of the Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at minsoo.kim@fcc.gov or (202) 418–1739.


Ex Parte Rules. This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s ex parte rules. Although the rules do not generally require ex parte presentations to be treated as “permit but disclose” in Notice of Inquiry proceedings, the Commission exercises its discretion in this instance, and finds that the public interest is served by making ex parte presentations available to the public, in order to encourage a robust record. 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 his or her 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 Rule 1.1206(b), 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s ex parte rules.

Confidentiality. The Commission recognizes that some comments could contain information that the submitter believes should not be made available to the general public because of commercial or national security reasons. Parties may request that such information be kept confidential, identifying the specific information sought to be kept confidential, providing the reasons for the request, and otherwise following the procedures set forth in section 0.459 of the