

Commission adopted various rules regarding participation in the CAF Phase II auction, the term of support, and the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation process. In the *Phase II Auction Order*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., FCC 16–64, the Commission adopted rules to govern the CAF Phase II auction, including the adoption of a two-stage application process, which includes a pre-auction short-form application to be submitted by parties interested in bidding in the CAF Phase II auction and a post-auction long-form application that must be submitted by winning bidders seeking to become authorized to receive CAF Phase II auction support. The Commission concluded, based on its experience with auctions and consistent with the record, that this two-stage application process balances the need to collect information essential to conducting a successful auction and authorizing CAF Phase II support with administrative efficiency.

On January 30, 2018, the Commission adopted a public notice that established the final procedures for the CAF Phase II auction, including the long-form application disclosure and certification requirements for winning bidders seeking to become authorized to receive CAF Phase II auction support. *See Phase II Auction Procedures Public Notice*, WC Docket No. 17–182 et al., FCC 18–6. The Commission also adopted the *Phase II Auction Order on Reconsideration*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., FCC 18–5, which modified the Commission’s letter of credit rules to provide some additional relief for CAF Phase II auction support recipients by reducing the costs of maintaining a letter of credit. On January 19, 2023, WCB released a public notice announcing that the Commission had concluded its review of CAF Phase II auction long-form applications. *See WCB Concludes CAF II Application Review, Long-Forms Made Public*, AU Docket No. 17–182 et al., DA 23–49.

The Commission eliminated the information collection requirements related to the CAF Phase II auction FCC Form 683 now that its review of CAF Phase II auction long-form applications has concluded.

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction

On February 7, 2020 the Commission released the *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order*, WC Docket Nos. 19–126, 10–90, FCC 20–5 which will commit up to \$20.4 billion over the next decade to support up to gigabit speed broadband networks in rural America. Funding was allocated through a multi-round,

reverse, descending clock auction that favored faster services with lower latency and encouraged intermodal competition in order to ensure that the greatest possible number of Americans will be connected to the best possible networks, all at a competitive cost.

To implement the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction (or Auction 904), the Commission adopted new rules for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction, including the adoption of a two-stage application process. Like with the CAF Phase II auction, this process included a pre-auction short-form application submitted by parties interested in bidding in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction (FCC Form 183) and a post-auction long-form application that must be submitted by winning bidders (or their designees) seeking to become authorized to receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support (FCC Form 683). The Commission received approval for the short-form application (FCC Form 183) in a separate collection under the OMB control number 3060–1252.

On September 30, 2025, the Commission adopted an order that conducted a comprehensive review of legacy requirements and determined that certain high-cost program rules no longer serve any operational purpose. *Delete, Delete Delete; Removal of Obsolete Regulations*; GN Docket No. 25–133, FCC 25–68 (rel. September 30, 2025) (*Delete, Delete, Delete*). This requested change results from the Commission’s decision in that proceeding. The Commission determined that 47 CFR 54.315(a)–(b) and 47 CFR 54.804(a)–(b) are outdated and obsolete, and unnecessary because all associated proposals using FCC Form 683 have concluded.

Therefore, the Commission proposes to remove the application requirement and retains only the limited ongoing requirements related to the annual maintenance of letters of credit under 47 CFR 54.315(c) CAF Phase II and 54.804(c) RDOF.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

In the **Federal Register** of January 8, 2026, FR Doc. 2026–00148, the notice

“Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies” by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta is corrected with respect to the application by CBS Banc-Corp., Russellville, Alabama, for the title to read “Notice of Proposals to Engage in or to Acquire Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities”, and for the first two paragraphs to read:

“The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board’s Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.”

The final paragraph is corrected to read “*CBS Banc-Corp., Russellville, Alabama*; to acquire TAG Bancshares Inc. and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens Bank & Trust, Inc., both of Trenton, Georgia, and thereby engage in operating a savings association pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board’s Regulation Y.”

The comment period continues to end on February 9, 2026. Interested persons may continue to view the notice and submit comments as provided in 91 FR 712 (January 8, 2026) no later than February 9, 2026.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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