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Needs and Uses: This information collection requires contributors to the federal universal service fund, telecommunications relay service fund, and numbering administration to file, pursuant to sections 151, 225, 251 and 254 of the Act, a Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet on an annual basis (FCC Form 499–A and/or on a quarterly basis (FCC Form 499–Q). The information is also used to calculate FCC regulatory fees for interstate telecommunications service providers.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission or Agency) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 13, 2026. This computer matching program will commence on April 13, 2026, and will conclude after 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Shana Yates, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shana Yates at (202) 418–0683 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129–36 (2020), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional \$14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC’s Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants’ eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive Federal Public Housing Assistance benefits administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Participating Agencies

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (source agency);

Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency) and Universal Service Administrative Company.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC’s ACP is 47 U.S.C. 1752(a) through (b). The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC’s Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254(a) through (c) and (j).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this new matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant’s/ subscriber’s participation in Federal Public Housing Assistance in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security Number, date of birth, first and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which will respond either “yes” or “no” that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: Federal Public Housing Assistance administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

System(s) of Records

The USAC records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the

Federal Register at 89 FR 28777 (Apr. 19, 2024).

The USAC records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB-3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28780 (Apr. 19, 2024).

The HUD records shared as a part of this matching program reside in the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) system of records that HUD has designated as HUD/HOU-11, published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2023 (88 FR 45234).

The HUD records shared as a part of this matching program reside in the Inventory Management System/Public Housing Information Center (IMS/PIC) system of records that HUD has designated as HUD/PIH.01, published in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2023 (88 FR 17005) and modifying the notice published on March 25, 2019 (84 FR 11117).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 North, Washington, DC 20004 (enter from F Street entrance).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: *Wanda Palo v. U.S. Steel Corporation*, Docket No. LAKE 2023-0202-DM (Issues include whether the Judge erred in concluding that the operator did not discriminate against the miner in violation of section 105(c) of the Mine Act).

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rory P. Smith (202) 525-8649/(202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Phone Number for Listening to Meeting: 1-(866) 236-7472. Passcode: 678-100.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: March 10, 2026.

Rory P. Smith,
Attorney-Advisor.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 North, Washington, DC 20004 (enter from F Street entrance).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will hear oral argument in the matter: *Wanda Palo v. U.S. Steel Corporation*, Docket No. LAKE 2023-0202-DM (Issues include whether the Judge erred in concluding that the operator did not discriminate against the miner in violation of section 105(c) of the Mine Act).

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Please take notice that the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has scheduled a

meeting, which will be closed to the public, for the consideration of a law enforcement matter.

DATES: This closed Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2026, starting at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission Building, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

April J. Tabor, Secretary of the Commission (phone: 202-326-3310), Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission will be meeting in closed session to consider non-adjudicative law enforcement matters. It has not scheduled any adjudicative items for discussion at this meeting.

Record of Commission's Vote

On March 5, 2026, Commissioners Ferguson and Meador were recorded as voting in the affirmative to close this meeting for non-adjudicative matters. By this vote, the Commission approved withholding from this meeting notice such information as is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Commission's Explanation of Closing

The Commission has determined that the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), (7)(A), and (10), and 552b(d)(4) and that the public interest does not require the meeting to be open to the public.

General Counsel Certification

The General Counsel has certified that the meeting may properly be closed for the above agenda matters, citing the following relevant exemptive provisions: 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), (7)(A), and (10).

Expected Attendees

Commission employees and consultants and the stenographer or court reporter preparing any necessary verbatim transcript may attend the closed meeting to the extent permitted under Rule 4.15(c)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

By direction of the Commission.

April J. Tabor,
Secretary.

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