

**HISTORY:**

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**Lin Zhou,***Information System Security Manager.*

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**BILLING CODE 6690-01-P****FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****[OMB 3060-0236; FR ID 337308]****Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 26, 2026. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***OMB Control Number:* 3060-0236.*Title:* Sections 74.703 Interference.*Form Number:* Not applicable.*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit entities, State, local or Tribal Governments and Not for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 50 respondents; 50 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in Section 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 100 hours.*Total Annual Cost:* 100,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission adopted on April 17, 2023, the *Report and Order (R&O)*, In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations, Update of Parts 74 of the Commission's Rules Related to Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations, MB Docket Nos. 03-185 and 22-261, FCC 23-25. The *Report and Order* adopted the following revision to 47 CFR 74.703(h): 47 CFR 74.703(h) requires in each instance where suspension of operation is required, the licensee shall submit a full report to the FCC via a Resumption of Operations notice in the Commission's Licensing and Management System (LMS) after operation is resumed, containing details of the nature of the interference, the source of the interfering signals, and the remedial steps taken to eliminate the interference.

The Commission is revising OMB control number 3060-0236. The Commission adopted on October 25, 2021, the *Order (Order)*, In the Matter of Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auction, GN Docket No. 12-268. The *Order* adopted a number of changes, including removing 47 CFR 74.703(f) and 74.703(g). This means that collection 3060-0236 now only covers the information collection

requirements covered under 47 CFR 74.703(h).

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,***Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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**BILLING CODE 6712-01-P****FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****[DA 26-258; FR ID 337480]****Notice Debarment; Federal E-Rate Program****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Enforcement Bureau (the "Bureau") debars Ben Klein from the federal schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (E-Rate program) and all federal universal service support mechanisms for three years.

**DATES:** Debarment commences on the date Mr. Klein receives the debarment letter or March 27, 2026, whichever date comes first, and will continue for three years.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Sova, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Christopher Sova may be contacted by phone at (202) 418-1420 or by email at [Christopher.Sova@fcc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Sova@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau debars Mr. Klein from the E-Rate program and all federal universal service support mechanisms for three years pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8. Attached is the debarment letter, DA 26-258, which was mailed to Mr. Klein and released on March 27, 2026. The complete text of the notice of debarment is available on the FCC's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-258A1.pdf>.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Christopher Sova,***Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, Enforcement Bureau.***BILLING CODE 6712-01-P**

**Federal Communications Commission**

Enforcement Bureau  
Investigations and Hearings Division  
45 L Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20554

March 20, 2026

DA 26-258

**SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ben Klein  
c/o Paul B. Brickfield, Esq.  
Brick & Donahue  
70 Grand Ave  
River Edge, NJ 07661-1935

**Re: Notice of Debarment, File No. EB-IHD-24-00036796**

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) hereby notifies you that, pursuant to section 54.8 of the Commission's rules, you are prohibited from participating in activities associated with or related to the federal schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (E-Rate program) and any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms for three years, commencing on either the date of your receipt of this Notice of Debarment or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever comes first (Debarment Date).<sup>1</sup>

On April 16, 2025, the Bureau sent you a notice of suspension and initiation of debarment proceeding (*Notice of Suspension*) that was published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2025.<sup>2</sup> The *Notice of Suspension* suspended you from participating in or receiving any benefit associated with the E-Rate program as well as any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms.<sup>3</sup> It also described the basis for initiating the debarment proceeding against you, the applicable debarment procedures, and the effect of debarment.<sup>4</sup>

As discussed in the *Notice of Suspension*, on January 24, 2020, you pleaded guilty to a wire fraud conspiracy that involved knowingly and willingly devising a scheme to obtain money from the E-Rate program fraudulently.<sup>5</sup> This scheme resulted in the fraudulent award of more than \$14 million paid to

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<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR 54.8 (e), (g); 47 CFR 0.111 (delegating to the Bureau authority to resolve universal service suspension and debarment proceedings). In 2007, the Commission extended the debarment rules to apply to all federal universal service support mechanisms, including the E-Rate program. See *Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, & Oversight*, Report and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 16372, 16410–12 (2007) (*Program Management Order*) (renumbering Section 54.521 of the universal service debarment rules as Section 54.8 and amending subsections (a)(1), (a)(5), (c), (d), (e)(2)(i), (e)(3), (e)(4), and (g)).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Christopher J. Sova, Acting Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Ben Klein, Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceeding, 90 Fed. Reg. 17798 (April 29, 2025) (*Notice of Suspension*).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> See *United States v. Goldbrener et al.*, Case No. 7:18-cr-00614, Judgment in a Criminal Case (S.D.N.Y., filed Dec. 6, 2022) (detailing Ben Klein's plea agreement with the government); see also *Notice of Suspension*.

corporations which in turn paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to you and your co-conspirators for participating in the scheme.<sup>6</sup> You enriched yourself at the expense of the underprivileged children the program was designed to serve by causing the disbursement of millions of dollars for services and equipment that were not provided.<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to section 54.8(c) of the Commission's rules, your conviction of criminal conduct in connection with the E-Rate program is the basis for this debarment.<sup>8</sup>

In accordance with the Commission's debarment rules, you were required to file with the Commission any opposition to the suspension or its scope, or to the proposed debarment or its scope, no later than 30 calendar days from either the date of your receipt of the *Notice of Suspension* or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever date occurred first.<sup>9</sup> The Commission received no opposition.

For the above reasons, you are debarred from involvement with the E-Rate program for three years from the Debarment Date.<sup>10</sup> During this debarment period, you are excluded from participating in any activities associated with or related to the E-Rate program and any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms, including the receipt of funds or discounted services through the E-Rate program, or consulting with, assisting, or advising applicants or service providers regarding the E-Rate program.<sup>11</sup>

Sincerely yours,

Christopher J. Sova  
Chief  
Investigations and Hearings Division  
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Fred Theobald, Universal Service Administrative Company (via e-mail)

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<sup>6</sup> See *United States v. Goldbrener et al.*, Case No. 7:18-cr-00614, Indictment (S.D.N.Y., filed Aug. 27, 2018).

<sup>7</sup> *Notice of Suspension*.

<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 54.8(c).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* 54.8 (e)(3)–(4). Any opposition had to be filed no later than May 29, 2025.

<sup>10</sup> 47 CFR 54.8(g).

<sup>11</sup> 47 CFR 54.8(a)(1), (d), (g).