

Planning and Review” (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993). Because this action has been exempted from review under Executive Order 12866, this action is not subject to Executive Order 13211, entitled “Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use” (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001) or Executive Order 13045, entitled “Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks” (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), nor is it considered a regulatory action under Executive Order 13771, entitled “Reducing Regulations and Controlling Regulatory Costs” (82 FR 9339, February 3, 2017). This action does not contain any information collections subject to OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), nor does it require any special considerations under Executive Order 12898, entitled “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations” (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

Since tolerances and exemptions that are established on the basis of a petition under FFDCA section 408(d), such as the tolerances in this final rule, do not require the issuance of a proposed rule, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), do not apply.

This action directly regulates growers, food processors, food handlers, and food retailers, not States or tribes, nor does this action alter the relationships or distribution of power and responsibilities established by Congress in the preemption provisions of FFDCA section 408(n)(4). As such, the Agency has determined that this action will not have a substantial direct effect on States or tribal governments, on the relationship between the national government and the States or tribal governments, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government or between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. Thus, the Agency has determined that Executive Order 13132, entitled “Federalism” (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999) and Executive Order 13175, entitled “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000) do not apply to this action. In addition, this action does not impose any enforceable duty or contain any unfunded mandate as described under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) (2 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*).

This action does not involve any technical standards that would require Agency consideration of voluntary

consensus standards pursuant to section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note).

VII. Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 26, 2019.

Michael Goodis,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, 40 CFR chapter I is amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321(q), 346a and 371.

■ 2. In § 180.368(a)(2):

- a. Remove the entries for “Asparagus”; “Beet, garden, leaves”; “Brassica, head and stem, subgroup 5A”; and “Brassica, leafy greens, subgroup 5B” from the table.
- b. Add alphabetically the entry for “Brassica, leafy greens, subgroup 4–16B” to the table.
- c. Remove the entry for “Cotton, undelinted seed” from the table.
- d. Add alphabetically the entries for “Cottonseed subgroup 20C” and “Kohlrabi” to the table.
- e. Remove the entry for “Leaf petioles, subgroup 4B” from the table.
- f. Add alphabetically the entries for “Leaf petiole vegetable subgroup 22B”; “Stalk and stem vegetable subgroup 22A, except kohlrabi”; “Stevia, dried leaves”; and “Swiss chard” to the table.
- g. Remove the entry for “Turnip greens” from the table.
- h. Add alphabetically the entries for “Vegetable, Brassica, head and stem, group 5–16” and “Vegetable, leaves of root and tuber, group 2, except sugar beet” to the table.

The additions read as follows:

§ 180.368 Metolachlor; tolerances for residues.

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Commodity	Parts per million
Brassica, leafy greens, subgroup 4–16B	1.8
Cottonseed subgroup 20C	0.10
Kohlrabi	0.60
Leaf petiole vegetable subgroup 22B	0.10
Stalk and stem vegetable subgroup 22A, except kohlrabi	0.10
Stevia, dried leaves	15
Swiss chard	0.15
Vegetable, Brassica, head and stem, group 5–16	0.60
Vegetable, leaves of root and tuber, group 2, except sugar beet	2.0

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[MD Docket No. 19–40; FCC 19–13]

Closure of FCC Lockbox 979094 Used To File Fees for Complaint Proceedings Handled by the Enforcement Bureau

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) adopts an Order that closes Lockbox 979094 and modifies the relevant rule provisions of filing and making fee payments in lieu of closing the lockbox.

DATES: Effective April 10, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Warren Firschein, Office of Managing Director at (202) 418–2653 or Roland Helvajian, Office of Managing Director at (202) 418–0444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order, FCC 19–13, MD Docket No. 19–49, adopted on February 20, 2019 and released on February 25, 2019. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY–A257), 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by downloading the text from the Commission's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/closure-enforcement-bureau-lockbox-979094>.

I. Administrative Matters

A. Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

1. Section 603 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended, requires a regulatory flexibility analysis in notice and comment rulemaking proceedings. See 5 U.S.C. 603(a). As we are adopting these rules without notice and comment, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.

B. Final Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis

2. This document does not contain new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

C. Congressional Review Act

3. The Commission will not send a copy of the Order pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because the adopted rules are rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not “substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. See 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C).

II. Introduction

4. In the Order, we reduce expenditures by the Commission and modernize procedures by amending § 1.1106 of our rules, 47 CFR 1.1106, which sets forth the application fee for certain complaints delegated to the FCC's Enforcement Bureau (EB) and currently handled by its Market Disputes Resolution Division. The rule amendment reflects the closure of the mailing drop box (P.O. Box)¹ used for

such manual payment of filing fees for two types of EB complaints, section 208 formal complaints and section 224 pole attachment complaints. We discontinue the option of manual fee payments and instead require the use of an electronic payment for each complaint type. Consistent with this change, we also make conforming revisions to § 1.734 of the Commission's rules to account for the electronic fee payment requirements of formal complaint proceedings, as described more fully below.

5. Section 1.1106 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1106, provides a schedule of application fees for complaint proceedings handled by the EB. The rule had also directed filers that do not utilize the Commission's on-line filing and fee payment systems to send manual payments to P.O. Box 979094 at U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. In recent years, there have been a decreasing number of lockbox filers, and it now is rare that the Commission receives a lockbox payment.

6. The Commission has begun to reduce its reliance on P.O. Boxes for the collection of fees, instead encouraging the use of electronic payment systems for all application and regulatory fees and closing certain lockboxes. We find that electronic payment of fees for complaints processed by EB will reduce the agency's expenditures (including eliminating the annual fee for the bank's services) and the cost of manually processing each transaction, with little or no inconvenience to the Commission's regulatees, applicants, and the public.

7. As part of this effort, we are now closing P.O. Box 979094 and modifying the relevant rule provisions that require payment of fees via the closed P.O. Box. Our action here to close this lockbox and require electronic payments for any EB-related complaints has implications for existing Commission regulations other than section 1.1106. Thus, we also revise § 1.734 of the Commission's rules to account for the electronic fee payment requirements adopted in this Order. We note that in 2014, the Commission adopted rules requiring that, with the exception of confidential material, complaints should be submitted electronically via the agency's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) after filers have paid the appropriate fee, and therefore this change does not impact the filing of the complaints themselves. The rule changes are contained in the Appendix

of the Order. We make these changes without notice and comment because they are rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice exempt from the general notice-and-comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, see 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

8. *Implementation.* As a temporary transition measure, for 90 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, U.S. Bank will continue to process payments to P.O. Box 979094. After that date, payments for any EB-related complaint proceeding must be made in accordance with the procedures set forth on the Commission's website, <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees> (Enforcement Bureau Fee Filing Guide). For now, such payments will be made through the Fee Filer Online System (Fee Filer), accessible at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/fee-filer>. As we assess and implement U.S. Treasury initiatives toward an all-electronic payment system, we may transition to other secure payment systems with appropriate public notice and guidance.

III. Ordering Clauses

9. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, that pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 158, 208, and 224 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 158, 208, and 224, the Order is hereby *adopted* and the rules set forth in the Appendix of the Order are hereby *amended* effective April 10, 2019.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Communications common carriers.

Federal Communications Commission.
Cecilia Sigmund,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.

Final Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 1 as follows:

PART 1—PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 157, 225, 227, 303(r), 309, 1403, 1404, 1451, and 1452.

■ 2. Amend § 1.734 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1.734 Fee remittance; electronic filing; copies; service; separate filings against multiple defendants.

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¹ A P.O. Box used for the collection of fees is referred to as a “lockbox” in our rules and other Commission documents. The FCC collects application processing fees using a series of P.O.

Boxes located at U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. See 47 CFR 1.1101–1.1109 (setting forth the fee schedule for each type of application remittable to the Commission along with the correct lockbox).

(b) The complainant shall remit separately the correct fee electronically, in accordance with part 1, subpart G (see § 1.1106 of this chapter) and shall file an original copy of the complaint using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. If a complaint is addressed against multiple defendants, the complainant shall pay a separate fee for each additional defendant.

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■ 3. Revise § 1.1106 to read as follows:

§ 1.1106 Schedule of charges for applications for enforcement services.

Remit payment for these services electronically using the Commission's electronic payment system in accordance with the procedures set forth on the Commission's website, www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 10-90; FCC 19-8]

Connect America Fund

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) takes a small but important step towards closing the digital divide and making broadband available for all Americans, by phasing down legacy support for voice services to make greater funding available for voice and broadband services. Specifically, the Commission adopts a transition framework to phase down Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I frozen support in areas where support is now awarded pursuant to the CAF Phase II auction.

DATES: Effective April 10, 2019, except for the addition of § 54.313(m), which contains information collection requirements that have not been approved by OMB. The FCC will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of the § 54.313 amendment awaiting OMB approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Minard, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400 or TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report

and Order in WC Docket No. 10-90; FCC 19-8, adopted on February 14, 2019 and released on February 15, 2019. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 or at the following internet address: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-8A1.pdf>.

I. Introduction

1. In this Report and Order, the Commission takes a small but important step towards closing the digital divide and making broadband available for all Americans, by phasing down legacy support for voice services to make greater funding available for voice and broadband services. Specifically, the Commission adopts a transition framework to phase down Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I frozen support in areas where support is now awarded pursuant to the CAF Phase II auction. Winning bidders were awarded \$1.488 billion in support over 10 years to deploy broadband in 45 states to 713,176 locations. Approximately 73% of the locations available in the CAF Phase II auction were covered by winning bids, significantly narrowing the areas where price cap carriers will maintain voice-only obligations under the legacy regime. The transition plan the Commission adopts in this document provides certainty and stability in those areas by establishing a reasonable support glide path as the Commission transitions from one support mechanism to another.

II. Discussion

2. As the Commission has noted, "the CAF is not created on a blank slate, but rather against the backdrop of a decades-old regulatory system." Thus, a smooth transition must account for the several support mechanisms currently in effect as well as the auction outcomes in different areas. To comprehensively resolve these phase-down issues prior to authorizing CAF Phase II auction support, the Commission addresses the transition of both price cap carriers' and competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) offering service to fixed locations (fixed competitive ETCs') legacy support together.

3. Pursuant to the *April 2014 Connect America Further Notice*, 79 FR 39196, July 9, 2014, the Commission adopts a methodology for disaggregating support by employing the Connect America Cost Model (CAM) to account for the relative costs of providing service among areas in states where price cap carriers

declined model-based CAF Phase II support. These price cap carriers currently receive an amount of frozen support for each carrier's designated service area within a particular state. Within that state, the Commission uses the CAM to allocate a portion of each carrier's existing frozen support to each auction-eligible census block based on the relative costs of providing service across all auction-eligible census blocks within the same state. Consistent with the cap for reserve prices exceeding the extremely high-cost threshold in the CAF Phase II auction, the Commission limits the allocated monthly support for any census block to \$146.10 per location.

4. The Commission concludes that the interim methodology it adopts is a reasonable approach for allocating support among a price cap carrier's census blocks because it targets support based on the relative costs of providing service based on the CAM. Phase I frozen support was based largely on inherently inefficient legacy support mechanisms that did not reflect the costs of serving high-cost and extremely high-cost areas; the Commission's interim methodology now ties disaggregated support amounts to the costs of serving each affected census block for the transitional period. The Commission also concludes that the methodology it adopts is preferable to the proposal in the *April 2014 Connect America Further Notice* because it better calibrates the available support with the cost to serve the defined areas. The Commission's 2014 proposal would have distributed the legacy support that carriers received in each state based on the average cost to serve *all* high-cost and extremely high-cost areas in that state. As a result, it would have allocated the same amount of support regardless of the relative mix of high-cost and extremely high-cost areas that carriers are required to serve after the auction until a replacement ETC is in place.

5. The Commission adopts the schedule in the following for the transition of price cap carriers' and fixed competitive ETCs' legacy support. This transition schedule will fund new service obligations undertaken by Phase II auction winners, protect customers of current support recipients from a potential loss of service, and minimize the disruption to recipients of frozen legacy support from a loss of funding. It balances the need for responsible stewardship of finite universal service funds against the need to distribute funding for voice and broadband services consistent with the results of the Commission's CAF Phase II auction