

Number of Respondents: 668 respondents.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours per response (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 1336 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Needs and Uses: The Commission has a monitoring program which requires the periodic reporting by telephone companies and the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA). Certain companies are required to submit information on network usage and growth. This information is generally maintained by all companies that settle on a cost basis. The information is being collected for the Commission by NECA. The information is used by the Commission, Joint Board, Congress and the general public to assess the impact of several Joint Board decisions.

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0470.

Title: Computer III Remand Proceeding; Bell Operating Company Safeguards, and Tier 1 LEC Safeguards (CC Docket No. 90-623) and Implementation of Further Cost Allocation Uniformity (MO&).

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 18 respondents.

Estimated Time Per Response: 600 hours per response (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 10,800 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR Section 64.903(a) requires local exchange carriers with annual operating revenues that equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold, as defined in Section 32.900 file a manual containing the information specified in Section 64.903(a)(1)-(6). Section 64.903(b) requires that carriers update their cost allocation manuals at least annually, except that changes to the cost apportionment table and to the description time reporting procedures must be filed at least 15 days before the carrier plans to implement the changes. The cost allocation manual is reviewed by the Commission to ensure that all costs are properly classified between regulated and nonregulated activity. Uniformity in the CAMs will help improve the joint cost allocation process. In addition, this uniformity will give the Commission greater

reliability in financial data submitted by the carriers through the Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS).

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

May 14, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated information techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 22, 1998. 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 comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at 202-418-0214 or via internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0392.

Title: 47 CFR 1 Subpart J—Pole Attachment Complaint Procedures.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit; State, local and tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 1,381.

Estimated Time Per Response: .5-35 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement; third party disclosure.

Cost to Respondents: \$267,122 (\$262,500 for outside legal counsel estimated at \$150 per hour; \$4,622 for filing expenses, postage and stationery costs, etc.).

Total Annual Burden: 3,047 hours.

Needs and Uses: On February 6, 1998, the Commission released a Report and Order, FCC 98-20, in CS Docket No. 97-151. In this Report and Order, the Commission adopts rules implementing Section 703 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 relating to pole attachments. Section 703 requires the Commission to prescribe regulations to govern the charges for pole attachments used by the telecommunications carriers to provide telecommunications services. Information collection requirements regarding pole attachment provisions are used by the Commission to hear and resolve petitions for stay and complaints as mandated by Section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934.

Information filed has been used to determine the merits of the petitions and complaints. Additionally, state certifications are used to make public notice of the state's authority to regulate the rates, terms and conditions for pole attachments.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 98-580]

Program To Monitor Impacts of Universal Service Support Mechanisms

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 24, 1998, the Common Carrier Bureau issued a Public

Notice to solicit comment on its proposed program to monitor the impacts of universal service support mechanisms and to issue reports documenting the results of that monitoring program. Previously, on May 8, 1997, the Commission released a Report and Order implementing section 254 of the Communications Act, as amended, and creating a new set of universal service support mechanisms. The Public Notice describes a monitoring program, developed in consultation with the states, and that will enable the public, the Commission, and other policy makers to assess and evaluate the new universal service support mechanisms.

DATES: Comments to the Public Notice are due on or before May 26, 1998. Reply comments are due on or before June 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Suite 222, Washington, D.C. 20554, with a copy to Scott Bergmann of the Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2033 M Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Beers, Deputy Chief of the Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-0952, or Scott K. Bergmann, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-7102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Bureau's Public Notice released April 24, 1998 (DA 98-580). The full text of this Public Notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, Washington, D.C. 20554. The complete text also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Summary of The Public Notice

1. On May 8, 1997, the Commission released a Report and Order, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 97-157, (62 FR 32862, June 17, 1997) (hereafter *Universal Service Order*), implementing section 254 of the Communications Act, as amended, (47 U.S.C. Section 151 et

seq.) and creating a new set of universal service support mechanisms. In the *Universal Service Order*, the Commission also decided to create a new program to monitor the universal service support mechanisms and to issue reports documenting the results of that monitoring program at least once a year. The Commission delegated responsibility for creating this monitoring program and for compiling the Monitoring Reports to the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau), in consultation with the state staff of the Universal Service Joint Board. This Public Notice seeks comment on the proposed monitoring program.

2. The Commission instructed the Bureau to issue publicly available Monitoring Reports that are based on information provided by the administrator of the universal service support mechanisms to the Commission relating to the determination and amounts of payments made and monies received with respect to the universal service support mechanisms. With this guidance, the Commission delegated to the Bureau discretion over the exact content and timing of the Monitoring Reports. This Public Notice describes a monitoring program that we have developed in consultation with the states and that will enable the public, the Commission, and other policy makers, to assess and evaluate the new universal service support mechanisms. We issue this Public Notice to seek comment, particularly from those states, industry participants, and other members of the public not actively involved in CC Docket 96-45, on the proposed monitoring program. We note that, with some exceptions described below, the data included in the proposed Monitoring Reports are obtained pursuant to existing information collections, and thus impose no new reporting requirements on carriers, states, or any person other than the universal service administrator.

I. Background

3. In the 1996 Act, Congress adopted new section 254 of the Communications Act, as amended, and articulated a new statutory basis for federal universal service support mechanisms. Section 254 directs the Commission and states to establish support mechanisms to ensure the delivery of affordable telecommunications service to all Americans, including low-income consumers, eligible schools and libraries, and rural health care providers. The Commission, in the *Universal Service Order*, set forth a plan to meet all of the statutory requirements and to implement a universal service

support system that will be sustainable over time.

II. Proposal

4. The new monitoring program will document and assess three aspects of the new universal service support mechanisms: (1) the contribution of support to the universal service support mechanisms; (2) the disbursement of support through the explicit universal service support mechanisms; and, (3) various measures of the impacts of the universal service support mechanisms. With respect to contributions, we propose to receive and report data on the monies collected by the administrator and to analyze the revenue data on which those contributions are based. This information will provide one measure of the overall size of the universal service support mechanisms. Similarly, with respect to disbursements, we propose to receive and report data on the monies distributed by the administrator and to analyze the various data (concerning, for example, costs to provide service in high cost areas, participation in low-income assistance plans, and provision of services through the new schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms) obtained by the administrator in the course of making disbursements. Finally, we propose to collect and report data on a number of measures (e.g., rates, penetration, usage, quality of service, and infrastructure), as a means of evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the universal service support mechanisms.

5. As a general matter, we seek comment on the proposals set forth in this Public Notice, including the organization, format, and content of individual sections of the Monitoring Report. In particular, we invite parties to address proposed additions to, or modifications of, sections included in the previous Monitoring Reports, as well as the proposed elimination of certain sections. We invite commenters to identify any additional information that they believe should be provided in the Monitoring Reports, and request that they explain why it would be in the public interest to add such information to the Monitoring Reports.

6. As we implement the new Monitoring Reports, we note that the Commission has delegated to the Bureau the authority to administer the monitoring program. Thus, the Bureau may change the content or timing of the Monitoring Reports if it is necessary or desirable to do so. In order to allow parties to submit, or review, materials and comments concerning the monitoring program at any time, we

have created a separate Bureau file number (CCB-IAD File No. 98-101) for all pleadings concerning the monitoring program.

7. In addition, we seek comment on whether we should supplement the Monitoring Report data on federal mechanisms with corresponding data on state universal service mechanisms. One of the Commission's fundamental goals in the *Universal Service Order* was to "create sustainable and harmonious federal and state methods of continuously fulfilling universal service goals" in cooperation with the Universal Service Joint Board. If we were to include data on state universal service support mechanisms in the Monitoring Reports, they would present a more comprehensive picture of the impact of both federal and state universal service support mechanisms on the industry and customers, materially enhancing the usefulness of the monitoring program. We note, however, that the federal universal service mechanisms are designed to address that portion of the cost of providing telecommunications services that is attributable to interstate service. Accordingly, and in light of these universal service goals, we seek comment on whether it would be appropriate, useful, and feasible to include state data in the Monitoring Reports.

8. Given the close relationship between the Commission's previous universal service support mechanisms and those new support mechanisms outlined in the *Universal Service Order*, we propose to adopt the structure and content of the past Monitoring Reports, *i.e.*, those issued in CC Docket 87-339, with modifications described herein. The new Monitoring Reports, proposed in the Public Notice, contain eleven sections, each described in the Public Notice. To address certain new aspects of the universal service support mechanisms, we propose to add four sections to the Monitoring Report. These new sections would report data on: (1) contributions to the universal service support mechanisms and accompanying industry revenue information; (2) the new rural health care mechanism; (3) the new schools and libraries mechanism; and (4) quality of service.

III. Procedural Issues

9. *Procedures for Filing.* Interested parties may file comments in CC Docket No. 96-45 not later than May 26, 1998. Reply comments may be filed not later than June 10, 1998. All filings should refer to the pleadings as Program to Monitor Impacts of Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 96-45, CCB-IAD File No. 98-101. One original

and four copies of all comments must be sent to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies should also be sent to Ms. Terry Conway, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2033 M Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of documents filed with the Commission may be obtained from the International Transcription Service (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C., Monday, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (202) 418-0270.

10. This proceeding is a non-restricted proceeding. See 47 CFR 1.1200(a), 1.1206. Accordingly, *ex parte* presentations are permitted, provided that they are disclosed in conformance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

11. *Paperwork Reduction Act.* We note that substantially all of the data included in the proposed Monitoring Reports is obtained pursuant to existing information collections that have previously been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104-13. We tentatively conclude that certain proposals in this Public Notice might be subject to approval by the OMB, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, since they might impose new or modified collection requirements. Our analysis indicates that the following proposals may require OMB approval: (1) any collection of voluntarily submitted data from states concerning state universal service mechanisms (See paragraph 9 of the Public Notice); (2) any expansion of the Commission's local rate survey (See paragraphs 37-38 of the Public Notice); and (3) collection of certain usage data (See paragraph 43-45 of the Public Notice). All other proposals associated with the program either require responses from fewer than ten parties or are continuations of requirements that already have OMB approval. We invite the general public to comment on the new or modified information collections. Comments should address: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of

collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Federal Communications Commission.

Peyton L. Wynn,

Chief, Industry Analysis Division.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

National Flood Insurance Program; Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice of certain changes to the FEMA Standard Flood Hazard Determination form, which form is used to ensure that buildings and mobile homes located within an identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) will be covered by flood insurance. We invite public comment on the changes to the form.

DATES: Please submit any comments in writing on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please submit any comments to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 840, Washington, DC 20472, (facsimile) (202) 646-4536, or (email) rules@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of our implementation of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, FEMA published a final rule at 60 FR 35276, July 6, 1995, to establish a standard form for determining whether a building or mobile home is located in an SFHA, whether flood insurance is required, and whether federal flood insurance is available. The federal entities for lending regulation published a final rule (60 FR 35286, July 6, 1995) requiring use of the form. Use of the form by federally regulated lenders became mandatory on January 2, 1996. The OMB number for the current form expires on April 30, 1998 but OMB has extended the expiration date for an additional 90 days.

During the two years that this form has been in use, many users have commented on the form asking FEMA to make minor changes and clarifications. By separate rule published today in the **Federal Register** we have removed the form from 44 CFR part 65, Appendix A.