

for the withdrawal of the human health criteria for arsenic and were published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1998. EPA will not reiterate the responses in this document.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

October 20, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, 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 collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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, and 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments December 28, 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 Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW, 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 202-418-0217 or via internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0384.

Title: Annual Auditor's Certification—Section 64.904.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 19.

Estimated Time Per Response: 500 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Total Annual Burden: 9,500 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents:

\$11,400,000.

Needs and Uses: Local exchange carriers required to file cost allocation manuals must have performed annually, by an independent auditor, an audit that provides a positive option on whether the applicable data shown in the carrier's annual report presents fairly the information of the carrier required to be set forth in accordance with the carrier's cost allocation manual, the Commission's Joint Cost Orders, and applicable Commission rules in Parts 32 and 64 in force as of the date of the auditor's reports. This requirement assists the Commission in effectively carrying out its responsibilities.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0484.

Title: Amendment of Part 63 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for Notification of Common Carriers of Service Disruptions—Section 63.100.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 208.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 1,040 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR Section 63.100 requires that any local exchange or interexchange common carrier that operates transmission or switching facilities and provides access service or interstate or international telecommunications service that experiences an outage on any facilities which it owns or operates must notify the Commission if such service outage continues for 30 minutes or more. An initial and a final report are required for each outage. Local exchange or interexchange common carriers or competitive access providers that operate either transmission or switching facilities and provide access service or interstate or international telecommunications service must report

outages that affect 30,000 or more customers or that affect special facilities, and report fire-related incidents impacting 1,000 or more lines. With such reports the FCC can monitor and take effective action to ensure network reliability.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0421.

Title: New Service Reporting Requirements Under Price Cap Regulation.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 16.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Total Annual Burden: 320 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: Price cap carriers filing new service tariffs are subject to an annual reporting requirement which commences six months after initiation of new services. The net revenue data report is useful to the public and the Commission in determining the reasonableness of rates for new services. These reports are used to compare actual operating results with projections.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0687.

Title: Access to Telecommunications Equipment and Services by Persons with Disabilities, CC Docket No. 87-124.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 806,100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2.028 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements; Third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 1,635,000 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents:

\$638,500.

Needs and Uses: The Commission requires that telephones with electro-magnetic coil hearing aid compatibility be stamped with the letters HAC. Section 68.112(b)(3)(E) requires that employers with fifteen or more employees provide emergency telephones for use by employees with hearing disabilities and that the employers "designate" such telephones for emergency use. Section 68.224(a) requires a notice to be contained on the surface of the packaging of a non-hearing aid compatible telephone that the telephone is not hearing aid compatible. The requirements were

implemented to assist the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0804.

Title: Universal Service—Health Care Providers Universal Service Program.

Form Numbers: FCC Form 465, FCC Form 466, FCC Form 467, and FCC Form 468.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profit entities; Not for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 73,000 (Form 465: 12,000; Form 466: 15,000; Form 467: 12,000; and Form 468: 34,000).

Estimated Time Per Response: Form 465: 2.5 hours; Form 466: 1.5 hours; Form 467: 1.5 hours; and Form 468: 1.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 121,500 hours (Form 465: 30,000 hours; Form 466: 22,500 hours; Form 467: 18,000 hours; and Form 468: 51,000 hours).

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The Commission adopted rules providing support for all telecommunications services, limited distance charges, and Internet access for all eligible health care providers. Health care providers who want to participate in the universal service program must file the following forms. FCC Form 465 to request eligible services; FCC Form 466 to certify that the most cost effective method of providing the services has been requested; FCC Form 467 to confirm the receipt of the requested services; and FCC Form 468 to ensure that the proper amount of universal service support has been calculated. All the information is used to administer the universal service health care program.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0540.

Title: Tariff Filing Requirements for Nondominant Common Carriers.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10.5 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting.

Total Annual Burden: 21,000 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: \$1,130,000.

Needs and Uses: Domestic nondominant carriers must file tariffs pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 203; implementing regulations are found at 47 CFR Sections 61.20-61.23. The information collected pursuant to the

nondominant tariff filing rules is used to comply with Section 203 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which requires that carriers file schedules indicating the rates, terms, and conditions of their service offerings. The information collected pursuant to the tariff filing requirements is used by the Commission to determine whether the rates, terms, and conditions of service offered are just and reasonable as the Act requires. These tariff filing requirements enable the Commission and the public to ensure that the service offerings of communications common carriers comply with the requirements of the Act.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0856.

Title: Universal Service—Schools and Libraries Universal Service program Reimbursement Forms.

Form Number: FCC Form 472, FCC Form 473, and FCC Form 474.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 61,800 (Form 472: 50,000; Form 473: 9,300; and Form 474: 2,500).

Estimated Time Per Response: Form 472: 1.5 hours; Form 473: 1.0 hours; and Form 474: 1.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually; On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 88,050 hours (Form 472: 75,000 hours; Form 473: 9,300 hours; and Form 474: 3,750 hours).

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The Commission adopted rules providing universal service support for all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 contemplates that discounts on eligible services shall be provided to schools and libraries, and that service providers shall seek reimbursement for the amount of the discounts.

FCC Form 472—Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form. The information to be collected in the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form is necessary to enable the fund administrator, the SLC, to pay universal service support to service providers who provide discounted services to eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of those entities. The information is to be collected from each Form 471 Billed Entity Applicant (Applicant) that received a funding Commitment Decisions Letter from the administrator and filed a Form 486 to indicate the applicant intended to prepare and submit to the SLC an invoice for

reimbursement. The information to be collected on the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form should be completed by an applicant to seek reimbursement for payments on approved services and/or products delivered to the applicant from the actual service start date, as reported in the applicant's Form 486 Column (E), through no later than December 31, 1998. This information is necessary to identify the amount of the discounts due and owing from the service provider to the applicant, so that the service provider may reimburse this amount to the applicant.

FCC Form 473—Submission of Service Provider Annual Certification Form. The Service Provider Annual Certification Form is to be submitted by each service provider or vendor, hereinafter collectively referred to as service providers, that was assigned a service provider identification number (SPIN) by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and that participates in the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries. The purpose of the Annual Certification Form is to confirm that, for each Invoice Form submitted by the service provider, the Invoice form is in compliance with the FCC's rules governing the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism, and the Invoice Form is true, accurate, and complete. *FCC Form 474—Submission of Service Provider Invoice Form.* The Service Provider Invoice Form is to be used by all service providers or vendors, hereinafter collectively referred to as service providers, who were assigned a SPIN by the USAC and participate in the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries. The purpose of the Invoice Form is for the service provider/vendor to seek reimbursement for the cost of discounts. The information to be collected on the Service Provider Invoice Form must be received by the SLC before a service provider participating in the universal service program for schools and libraries can receive payment for the discounted portion of its bill for eligible services to eligible entities. All of the information collected is used to administer the universal service schools and libraries program.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0843.

Title: Carrier Identification Codes Blocking Data Request.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: One-time requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 48 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The five regional Bell Operating Companies and GTE are required to submit reports to the Common Carrier Bureau describing their progress in phasing out three-digit Carrier Identification codes (CICs). This data are critical to the general and specific implementation and oversight responsibilities that the Commission bears under the Communications Act to evaluate the status of development of competition in the provision of local exchange telecommunications services. The data request will be used to evaluate the status of developing competition in the long distance telecommunications markets. The information will be used by the Commission to determine whether the phase-out of three-digit CICs is being implemented.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0816.

Title: Local Competition in the Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Report.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 900 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: Quarterly; On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 18,000 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 directed the Commission to undertake various initiatives to implement new statutory directives concerning the development of local exchange competition. Central to these directives are new Section 251, governing incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) provision of interconnection to competitors, and new Section 271 which provides a means whereby Bell Operating Companies (BOCs)—long prohibited from entering various telecommunications markets—may now do so upon submission of qualifying applications. Pursuant to its new statutory obligations and in its general capacity as chief federal regulatory agency tasked with implementing the 1996 Communications Act amendments, the Commission must evaluate the status and development—nationwide—of local competition, i.e., competition in the provision of local exchange

telecommunications services. Certain companies were asked to voluntarily submit information to the Commission to evaluate the status and development of developing competition in the local exchange telecommunications markets. The request is limited to technical queries about the nature and extent of carrier-provided access facilities; switch ports and non-switched service lines; number of customers purchasing specific services; state operations data; total carrier-handled switched local, intrastate toll, and interstate toll minutes; and number of local telephone numbers ported as of end-of-year 1997. The information is used by Commission economists and carrier analysts to advise the Commission about the efficacy of Commission rules and policies adopted to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0853.

Title: Receipt of Service Confirmation Form—Universal Service for Schools and Libraries.

Form Number: FCC Form 486.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 45,000 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The Commission adopted rules providing support for all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. To participate in the program schools and libraries must confirm that they are actually receiving the services eligible for support. FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form, is used by all billed entities who filed a FCC Form 471 on behalf of an eligible school, library, library consortium, or consortium of multiple entities, to inform the SLC when they begin receiving or have received service from the service provider. The FCC Form 486 is also used to confirm that technology plans of entities receiving universal service support pursuant to an SLC-approved funding commitment have been approved, indicating that the eligible entities applying for universal service support have a plan in place to utilize the services for which they have contracted, and to indicate the name of the authorized reviewing body, contact name, and contact telephone number. The FCC Form 486 is used to implement the congressional mandate for universal service.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Stay of Location and Monitoring Service Auction; Comment Sought on Request for Temporary Delay From MicroTrax™.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; seeking comment.

SUMMARY: In a letter dated October 22, 1998, to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, MicroTrax™ ("MicroTrax") requested a temporary delay of the Location and Monitoring Service auction. On October 23, 1998, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on all aspects and each of the concerns raised in a request for temporary delay from MicroTrax.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Amy Zoslov, Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Room 5202, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, a copy of the comments should be sent to Kenneth Burnley, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Room 5126-D, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Burnley, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of a Public Notice released by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau on October 23, 1998. The complete text of this Public Notice is available in its entirety, including attachments, for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Reference Center, 2025 M Street, N.W., Room 5608, Washington, D.C., 20554, and also may be retrieved from the FCC World Wide Web Auctions site at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions>.