

On November 20, 1998, the Commission released an Order directing the merger of SLC and RHCC into USAC as the single entity responsible for administering the universal service support mechanisms as of January 1, 1999. The Order adopts rules that will govern USAC following the required merger. Certain portions of these rules contain collections of information. First, the Order instructs industry and non-industry groups to submit to the Commission for approval nominations for individuals to be appointed to the USAC Board of Directors. (No. of respondents: 12 respondents; hours per response: 20 hours; total annual burden: 240 hours). Second, the Order adopts procedures for Commission review of USAC decisions, including the general filing requirements pursuant to which parties must file requests for review. An affected party would be permitted to file a petition for Commission review with the Bureau within thirty days of an action taken by USAC. The appellant must state specifically its interest in the matter presented for review. The appellant also must provide the Commission with a full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting affidavits and documentation. In addition, the appellant must state concisely the question presented for review, with reference, where appropriate, to the relevant Commission rule, Commission order, or statutory provision. The appellant also must state the relief sought and the relevant statutory or regulatory provision pursuant to which such relief is sought. If an appellant alleges prohibited conduct by a third party, the appellant shall serve a copy of the appeal on such third party, who shall have an opportunity to file an opposition. Similarly, appellants shall serve on USAC a copy of the appeal of a USAC decision filed with the Commission. See 47 CFR Sections 54.719-54.725. (No. of respondents: 10; hours per response: 32 hours; total annual burden: 320 hours). The information will be used by the Commission to select USAC's Board of Directors and to ensure that requests for review are filed properly with the Commission. The information requested is not otherwise available. Without such information, the Commission could not appoint a representative body to USAC's Board of Directors nor resolve requests for review and, therefore, could not fulfill its statutory responsibility in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Obligation to respond: required to obtain or retain benefits.

Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas**

*Secretary*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

February 5, 1999.

**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 collection(s), 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:** Written comments should be submitted on or before March 18, 1999. 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 Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0169.

*Title:* Sections 43.51 and 43.53—Reports and Records of Communications Common Carriers and Affiliates.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 71.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 84.91 hours per response (avg.).

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and annual reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement, and recordkeeping requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 6,029 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

*Needs and Uses:* Sections 211 and 215 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, require that the FCC examine transactions of any common carriers relating to the activities of that carrier which may affect the charges and/or services rendered under the Act. The reports required by Sections 43.51 and 43.53 are the means by which the FCC gathers information concerning the activities of carriers which it examines. Section 43.51 also requires carriers to maintain copies of certain contracts, to have them readily accessible to Commission staff and members of the public upon request and to forward individual contracts to the Commission as requested.

The information contained in these reports is used by the FCC to determine whether the activities reported have affected or are likely to affect adversely the carrier's service to the public or whether these activities result in undue or unreasonable increases in charges. If this information were not reported, the FCC would not be able to ascertain the impact of these activities on the just and reasonable rates as required by the Act.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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