

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0298.

OMB Approval Date: November 7, 2023.

OMB Expiration Date: November 30, 2026.

Title: Part 61, Tariffs (Other than the Tariff Review Plan).

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 3,834 respondents; 4,659 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour–50 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual, biennial and one-time reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 151–155, 201–205, 208, 251–271, 403, 502 and 503 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. 151–155, 201–205, 208, 251–271, 403, 502 and 503.

Total Annual Burden: 171,378 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$604,000.

Needs and Uses: On April 21, 2023, the Commission released the *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order*, WC Docket No. 18–155, FCC 23–31, 88 FR 35743, which added rules applicable to internet Protocol Enabled Service (IPES) Providers engaged in Access Stimulation. In the *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order*, the Commission adopted rules requiring that access-stimulating IPES Providers provide notice of their status to the Commission by filing a record of their access-stimulating status in the Commission's Access Arbitrage docket, and to provide notice to any affected Interexchange Carriers (IXCs) and Intermediate Access Providers of the same, within 45 days of the effective date of that requirement after approval of that information collection by OMB (or for an entity that later engages in access stimulation, 45 days from the date it commences access stimulation). If, after the effective date of this requirement, an access-stimulating IPES Provider is no longer engaged in Access Stimulation, the IPES Provider must file notice of that change in status with the Commission and with any affected IXCs and Intermediate Access Providers.

The revisions to this collection reflect the notice and reporting requirements adopted by the Commission in the *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order*. The information provided by IPES Providers pursuant to rules

adopted in the *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order* informs interested parties of an entity's engagement in Access Stimulation.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 51

Communications; Communications common carriers, Telecommunications; Telephones.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

#### Final Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 51 as follows:

#### PART 51—INTERCONNECTION

- 1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 151–55, 201–05, 207–09, 218, 225–27, 251–52, 271, 332 unless otherwise noted.

- 2. Amend § 51.914 by revising paragraphs (d) through (f) to read as follows:

#### § 51.914 Additional provisions applicable to Access Stimulation traffic.

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(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, if an internet Protocol Enabled Service (IPES) Provider, as defined in § 61.3(eee) of this chapter, is engaged in Access Stimulation, as defined in § 61.3(bbb) of this chapter, it shall, within 45 days of commencing Access Stimulation, or within 45 days after January 2, 2024, whichever is later, notify in writing the Commission, all Intermediate Access Providers that it subtends, and Interexchange Carriers with which it does business of the following:

(1) That it is an IPES Provider engaged in Access Stimulation; and

(2) That it shall designate the Intermediate Access Provider(s), if any, that will provide the terminating switched access tandem switching or terminating switched access tandem transport services directly, or indirectly through a local exchange carrier, to the IPES Provider engaged in Access Stimulation; and

(3) Whether the IPES Provider will pay for those services as of that date.

(e) In the event that an Intermediate Access Provider receives notice under paragraph (b) or (d) of this section that it has been designated to provide terminating switched access tandem switching or terminating switched access tandem transport services to a local exchange carrier engaged in Access Stimulation, as defined in

§ 61.3(bbb) of this chapter, or to an IPES Provider engaged in Access Stimulation, directly, or indirectly through a local exchange carrier, and that local exchange carrier engaged in Access Stimulation shall pay or the IPES Provider engaged in Access Stimulation may pay for such terminating access service from such Intermediate Access Provider, the Intermediate Access Provider shall not bill Interexchange Carriers for interstate or intrastate terminating switched access tandem switching or terminating switched access tandem transport service for traffic bound for such local exchange carrier or IPES Provider but, instead, shall bill such local exchange carrier or may bill such IPES Provider for such services.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section, any local exchange carrier that is not itself engaged in Access Stimulation, as that term is defined in § 61.3(bbb) of this chapter, but serves as an Intermediate Access Provider with respect to traffic bound for a local exchange carrier engaged in Access Stimulation or bound for an IPES Provider engaged in Access Stimulation, shall not itself be deemed a local exchange carrier engaged in Access Stimulation or be affected by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 17–310; FCC No. 23–6; FR ID 188068]

#### Promoting Telehealth in Rural America

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of three years, a revision to an information collection associated with the rules for the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program contained in the Commission's Order, FCC 23–6. This document is consistent with the Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, and Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date

of the new information collection requirements.

**DATES:** The amendments to §§ 54.604 (amendatory instruction 2), 54.605 (amendatory instruction 3), and 54.627 (amendatory instruction 8), published at 88 FR 17379, March 23, 2023, are effective December 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission submitted new information collection requirements for review and approval by OMB, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, on October 25, 2023, which were approved by the OMB on November 27, 2023. The information collection requirements are contained in the Commission's Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, and Order, FCC 23-6 published at 88 FR 17379, March 23, 2023. The OMB Control Number is 3060-0804. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of the rules that required PRA approval. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed herein, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Nicole Ongele, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060-0804, in your correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via email at [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

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**Synopsis**

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the Commission is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on November 27, 2023, for the information collection requirements contained in 47 CFR 54.604, 54.605, and 54.627. Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of

information unless it displays a current, valid OMB 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 that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060-0804.

The foregoing notification is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0804.

*OMB Approval Date:* November 27, 2023.

*OMB Expiration Date:* November 30, 2026.

*Title:* Universal Service—Rural Health Care Program.

*Form Nos.:* FCC Form 460, 461, 462, 463, 465, 466, 467, and 469.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, local, or Tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 12,854 unique respondents; 116,404 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.30-17 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, One-time, Annual, and Monthly reporting requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in sections 1-4, 201-205, 214, 254, 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151-154, 201-205, 214, 254, 303(r), and 403, unless otherwise noted.

*Total Annual Burden:* 442,117 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No Cost.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection is utilized for the RHC support mechanism of the Commission's universal service fund (USF). The Commission and USAC will use the information to determine if entities are eligible for funding pursuant to the RHC universal service support mechanism, to determine whether entities are complying with the Commission's rules, and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. This information also allows the Commission to evaluate the extent to which the RHC Program is meeting the statutory objectives specified in section 254(h) of the 1996 Act, and the Commission's performance goals for the RHC Program.

To aid in collecting this information, the public will use the Commission's

forms to provide the necessary information and certifications. This revision modifies the existing information collection requirements applicable to the Telecommunications (Telecom) Program as a result of the *2023 Promoting Telehealth Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, and Order*, FCC 23-6, rel.

January 27, 2023 (88 FR 17379, March 23, 2023). The revisions, where applicable, are intended to simplify calculations of support in the Telecom Program and streamline the invoicing process in the Telecom Program.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Katura Jackson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Parts 300 and 660**

[Docket No. 231117-0273]

RIN 0648-BM28

**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 32; Modifications to Non-Trawl Sector Area Management Measures**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule implements regulations for Amendment 32 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. The regulations include a suite of changes to non-trawl sector area management measures seaward of California and Oregon. The purpose of Amendment 32 is to provide fishing access to healthy groundfish stocks for non-trawl groundfish fisheries and the directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery while still meeting the conservation objectives of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. In addition, this final rule implements minor administrative revisions to the regulations to correct the name of the Cordell Bank Groundfish Conservation Area, amend the description of the Cordell Bank Groundfish Conservation Area, add new regulatory definitions for different types