

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FCC 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 PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1265.

Title: Administrative Order—Performance Testing Measures.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,705 unique respondents; 7,681 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 15–23 hours.

Frequency of Response: Biennial reporting requirements, quarterly reporting requirements and annual reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 155, 201–206, 214, 218–220, 251, 252, 254, 256, 303(r), 332, 403, 405, 410, and 1302.

Total Annual Burden: 170,620 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: In the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, the Commission laid the groundwork for today’s universal service programs providing \$4.5 billion in support for broadband internet deployment in high-cost areas. *Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10–90, et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*). The *USF/ICC Transformation Order* required, among other things, that high-cost universal service recipients “test their broadband networks for compliance with speed and latency metrics and certify to and report the results to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on an annual basis.” *Id.* at 17705, para. 109. Pursuant to the Commission’s direction in that Order, the Wireline Competition Bureau, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the Office of Engineering and Technology (the Bureau and OET) adopted more specific methodologies for such testing in the *Performance Measures Order*. See

generally Performance Measures Order. See also 47 CFR 54.313(a)(6) (requiring that recipients of high-cost support provide “[t]he results of network performance tests pursuant to the methodology and in the format determined by the Wireline Competition Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Office of Engineering and Technology”). Addressing petitions for reconsideration, the Bureau and OET adopted certain modifications and clarifications to the requirements pertaining to high-latency bidders in the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II auction, and the Commission refined the general testing requirements further. See *generally Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10–90, Order on Reconsideration, DA 19–911 (WCB/WTB/OET 2019) (Satellite-Related Performance Measures Order); Performance Measures Reconsideration Order*. In the *High Cost Administrative Order*, the Commission adopted a quarterly reporting and certification schedule, replacing the previous annual requirement, such that all carriers receiving high-cost support are required to report and certify their quarterly performance testing results within two weeks, rather than within one week, after the end of the quarter in which the tests are conducted. See *High Cost Administrative Order*, FCC 25–87, para. 138. Accordingly, this collection includes the requirements for testing speed and latency, and reporting and certifying such performance measures within two weeks after the end of each quarter to ensure that carriers are meeting the public interest obligations associated with their receipt of high-cost universal service support.

Carriers will identify, from among the locations they have already submitted and certified in USAC’s High Cost Universal Broadband (HUBB) portal, the locations where they have an active subscriber (deployment locations are reported under OMB Control Number 3060–1228, and active locations will be reported under this control number). From those subscriber locations, USAC will then select a random sample from which the carrier will be required to perform testing for speed and latency. Carriers that do not provide location information in the HUBB will use a randomization tool provided by USAC to select a random sample of locations for testing. Due to the rule changes that the Commission adopted on the *High Cost Administrative Order*, the carrier will then be required to submit to USAC the results of the testing on a quarterly basis. The quarterly filing will include the testing results from the prior quarter.

The carrier’s sample for each service tier (e.g., 10 Mbps/1 Mbps, 25 Mbps/3 Mbps) shall be regenerated every two years. During the two-year cycle, carriers will have the ability to add and remove subscriber locations if necessary, e.g., as subscribership changes. Also, in July 2023, the Commission adopted the Enhanced Alternative-Connect America Cost Model (E–ACAM) support mechanism, a new model-based offer to existing Alternative-Connect America Cost Model (A–CAM) I, A–CAM II, and Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF BLS) carriers. See *Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support et al.*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23–60, at 23–24, para. 49 (July 24, 2023) (*Enhanced A–CAM Order*). Revisions proposed include (1) a process for E–ACAM carriers to get a performance measures testing sample from non-HUBB reported locations, and (2) and reporting and certifying such performance measures within two weeks after the end of each quarter. The proposed revisions also include the retitling of this collection from “Connect America Fund—Performance Testing Measures” to “Administrative Order—Performance Testing Measures.”

The Commission therefore proposes to revise this information collection to reflect these modified requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katura Jackson,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket No. 19–329; FR ID 231564]

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC or Commission) Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United

States (Task Force) will hold its next meeting live and via live internet link.

DATES: August 14, 2024. The meeting will come to order at 10:00 a.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be open to the public and held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, and will also be available via live feed from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Caditz, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2268, or Emily.Caditz@fcc.gov; or Thomas Hastings, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1343, or Thomas.Hastings@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be held on August 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. EDT in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC, and will be open to the public, with admittance limited to seating availability. Any questions that arise during the meeting should be sent to PrecisionAgTF@fcc.gov and will be answered at a later date. Members of the public may submit comments to the Task Force in the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments to the Task Force should be filed in GN Docket No. 19-329.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow at least five days' advance notice; last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill.

Proposed Agenda: At this meeting, the Task Force and Working Group Leadership will provide updates on the progress of their respective reports, begin to discuss Executive Summary details, review and discuss program and policy expectations relevant to the Task Force's duties, and continue to discuss strategies to advance broadband deployment on agricultural land and promote precision agriculture. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the Task Force Chair and the Designated Federal Officer.

(5 U.S.C. App 2 sec. 10(a)(2))

Federal Communications Commission

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FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

[FLRA Docket No. DE-RP-22-0028]

Notice of Opportunity To Submit Amici Curiae Briefs in a Representation Proceeding Pending Before the Federal Labor Relations Authority

AGENCY: Federal Labor Relations Authority.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Labor Relations Authority (Authority) provides an opportunity for all interested persons to submit briefs as amicus curiae on an issue arising in a case pending before the Authority. The issue concerns the manner in which the Authority, in applying its decision in *Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Port Hueneme, California*, 50 FLRA 363 (1995) (*Port Hueneme*), determines whether an election is necessary to determine representation of an appropriate bargaining unit following an agency reorganization. In *Department of the Army, U.S. Army Aviation Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama*, 56 FLRA 126 (2000) (*AMCOM*), the Authority applied *Port Hueneme* to conclude that a union that represents more than 70 percent of the employees in a newly combined unit formerly represented by two or more unions is sufficiently predominant to render an election unnecessary to determine representation of the newly combined unit. The Authority seeks amici briefs addressing whether, in making this determination, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (the Statute) allows the Authority to combine employees exclusively represented by an affiliate of a parent labor organization with employees exclusively represented by the parent organization or another affiliate of the parent organization. Because this issue is likely to be of concern to agencies, labor organizations, and other interested persons, the Authority finds it appropriate to provide for the filing of amici briefs addressing the questions set forth below.

DATES: To be considered, briefs must be received on or before August 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver briefs to Erica Balkum, Chief, Office of Case

Intake and Publication, Federal Labor Relations Authority, Docket Room, Suite 300, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20424-0001. For personal delivery of briefs, schedule an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling (771) 444-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Balkum, Chief, Office of Case Intake and Publication, Federal Labor Relations Authority, (771) 444-5809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 29, 2023, the Authority issued an order granting the application for review of the Regional Director's (RD's) decision and order (decision), and deferring action on the merits, in *Defense Health Agency, El Paso Market*, Case No. DE-RP-22-0028 (*DHA*). A summary of the case follows.

1. Background and RD's Decision

As part of a reorganization, the Department of Defense (DOD) established the Defense Health Agency (DHA) El Paso Market (El Paso Market), which consists of employees who previously worked for Department of the Army (Army) medical and dental treatment facilities in and around El Paso, Texas. Before these employees were transferred to the El Paso Market, the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2516 (Local 2516 or Local) was certified as the exclusive representative of approximately 1,048 nonprofessional employees and 518 professional employees; the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) was certified as the exclusive representative of approximately seventy-seven nonprofessional employees and one professional employee; and the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) was certified as the exclusive representative of approximately eleven nonprofessional employees and eleven professional employees.¹

AFGE solicited, and Local 2516 provided, a designation of AFGE as the Local's representative for the purpose of filing a petition with the FLRA to clarify the transferred employees' representation.² However, during the RD's investigation of the petition, Local 2516 withdrew its designation of AFGE as its representative.

Before the RD, AFGE argued that Authority precedent required the RD to combine the number of unit employees that AFGE and Local 2516 represented

¹ NFFE has disclaimed interest in representing the transferred employees.

² DHA filed a cross-petition, seeking a finding that the employees are in two separate, appropriate units—one professional, one nonprofessional—at DHA El Paso Market. AFGE did not object to the separate units.