

FERC-537 (GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND ABANDONMENT)³—Continued

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ⁴	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) ⁵
18 CFR 284.13(e) and 284.126(a) (Interstate and Intrastate Bypass Notice)	2	1	2	30 hrs.; 3,000	60 hrs.; 6,000	3,000
18 CFR 284.221 (Blanket Certificates)	1	1	1	100 hrs.; 10,000	100 hrs.; 10,000	10,000
18 CFR 284.224 (Hinshaw Blanket Certificates) ..	2	1	2	75 hrs.; 7,500	150 hrs.; 15,000	7,500
18 CFR 157.5-.11; 157.13-.20 (Non-facility Certificate or Abandonment Applications)	11	1.36	15	75 hrs.; 7,500	1,125 hrs.; 112,500	10,227
Project based; Labor wages	22	1	22	15 hrs. 1,500	330 hrs. 33,000	1,500
Total			* 444		49,045 hrs.; 4,539,000	

* Rounded.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 18, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Electronic Submission of Reports, Notifications, and Other Submission Types

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) allowance of the electronic submission of reports, notifications, or other required submission types (in an acceptable digital format) in certain Clean Air Act (CAA) regulations that do not already have electronic reporting requirements (*i.e.*, reports, notifications, or other submission types required to be submitted in paper format or as specified in this notice, an email). This action is consistent with the provisions of the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) and streamlines reporting requirements by allowing regulated entities to submit specified reports, notifications, or other submission types electronically via the Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI) on the EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) (see <https://cdx.epa.gov>), or to another EPA managed electronic document receiving system that may be designated for the receipt of specified submissions in the future. Additionally, performance test reports that do not already have CROMERR compliant electronic reporting requirements may utilize the Electronic Reporting Tool (ERT) (see <https://www.epa.gov/electronic-reporting-air-emissions/electronic-reporting-tool-ert>) to submit those reports to CEDRI in the form of an ERT submission package. The authority for the designation of alternative EPA electronic document receiving systems

may not be redelegated to state, local, or tribal authorities. When a report, notification, or other submission type submitted under this new electronic submission option contains confidential business information (CBI), a file with the CBI omitted or redacted must be submitted to the CEDRI system and a separate, complete submission containing the claimed CBI information must be submitted through the described CBI submission process.

DATES: The allowance to electronically submit reports and notifications to CEDRI is effective September 25, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aiden Titel, Measurement Policy Group, Sector Policies and Programs Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, P.O. Box 12055, RTP, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-4836; email address: titel.aiden@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Submission of Reports, Notifications, and Other Submission Types, and CROMERR Compliance

On October 13, 2005, the final CROMERR program was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59748) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.2(a), this notice announces that the EPA is prepared to receive, in electronic form, 40 CFR parts 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63 reports, notifications, or other submission types that do not already have electronic reporting requirements (*i.e.*, paper reports, notifications, or other submission types), and emailed submissions that are associated with 40

³ Changes to estimated number of respondents were based on average number of respondents over the past three years.

⁴ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$100.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2024 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of 100.00 (and an average annual salary of \$207,786/year). Commission staff is using the FERC average salary because we consider any reporting requirements completed in response to the FERC-537 to be compensated at rates similar to the work of FERC employees.

⁵ Each of the figures in this column are rounded to the nearest dollar.

⁶ A Certificate Abandonment Application would require waiver of the Commission's capacity release regulations in 18 CFR 284.8; therefore this activity is associated with Interstate Certificate and Abandonment Applications.

CFR part 60 subpart AAA and 40 CFR part 60 subpart QQQQ. The submission method for reports, notifications, or other submission types affected by this allowance is to upload the reports, notifications, or other submission types in an acceptable digital format to CEDRI on the EPA's CDX electronic reporting platform, or to another EPA electronic document receiving system that the Administrator may designate for the receipt of specified submissions, complying with the system's requirements for submission. The authority for the designation of alternative EPA electronic document receiving systems may not be redelegated to state, local, or tribal authorities. For performance tests impacted by this allowance, affected entities may submit those reports in an acceptable digital format to CEDRI or process those reports via the ERT and then submit the ERT-generated submission package to CEDRI.

These allowances only apply to the Federal requirements for 40 CFR parts 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63 reports, notifications, or other submission types currently required to be submitted in paper format, and reports associated with 40 CFR part 60 subpart AAA and 40 CFR part 60 subpart QQQQ that are currently emailed to the Agency. Reporting requirements for reports, notifications, or other submission types required to be submitted to the EPA immediately, including, but not limited to, emergency notifications (*e.g.*, the immediate startup, shutdown, and malfunction report required in 40 CFR 63.7545(f)), are not superseded by this notice, and may not utilize this allowance to submit electronically to CEDRI. Other existing or future mandatory electronic reporting requirements (*e.g.*, E-Reporting requirements) promulgated in 40 CFR parts 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63 rules are also not superseded by this notice. This notice also does not supersede any state, local, or tribal reporting requirements.

II. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

The EPA recognizes that the potential for CBI in submissions exists. The CEDRI reporting system is not built to accommodate the submission of CBI. Accordingly, any records submitted to the CEDRI system should either not contain information claimed as confidential, or have any information claimed confidential redacted or otherwise omitted from the document submitted in the system. Any information submitted in the CEDRI system may be made available to the

public without further notice to the submitter.

If you wish to assert a CBI claim for some of the information contained in a document that is submitted through this new reporting option under this notice, you must submit 2 versions of the document to the EPA. The CBI version of the document submitted should be the complete document that contains the information claimed as CBI (*i.e.*, without redaction or omission of CBI). This version should be submitted electronically to the OAQPS CBI office following the procedure outlined in the paragraphs below. The non-CBI version of the document (*i.e.*, the version with redacted or omitted CBI) will be submitted to the CEDRI system.

Clearly and specifically mark all the information that you claim to be CBI. Do not mark an entire document or pages of the document as CBI, unless you believe all text on the document or page is entitled to confidential treatment under the appropriate legal standard. Accordingly, the information that is redacted from the non-CBI document version that is being submitted to CEDRI should correspond to the information that is clearly marked as CBI in the CBI version. Information not marked as CBI may be authorized for public release without prior notice. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

The preferred method for CBI submittal is for it to be transmitted electronically using email attachments, File Transfer Protocol (FTP), or other online file sharing services. Electronic submissions must be transmitted directly to the OAQPS CBI Office at the email address oaqpscbi@epa.gov and should include clear CBI markings. Performance tests and performance evaluations should be flagged to the attention of the Group Leader, Measurement Policy Group and all other submissions should be flagged to the attention of the industrial sector lead (*e.g.*, attention Coke Oven Sector Lead, attention Glass Manufacturing Sector Lead, etc.). If assistance is needed with submitting large electronic files that exceed the file size limit for email attachments, and if you do not have your own file sharing service, please email oaqpscbi@epa.gov to request a file transfer link.

If you cannot transmit the file electronically, you may send CBI information through the postal service to the following address: U.S. EPA, Attn: OAQPS Document Control Officer, Mail Drop: C404-02, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, P.O. Box 12055, RTP, NC 27711, Attention: as noted in

preceding paragraph. The mailed CBI material should be double wrapped and clearly marked. Any CBI markings should not show through the outer wrapping.

All CBI claims must be asserted at the time of submission. Anything submitted unredacted using CEDRI cannot later be claimed as CBI. Furthermore, under CAA section 114(c), emissions data are not entitled to confidential treatment, and the EPA is required to make emissions data available to the public. Thus, any information that meets the definition of emissions data (see 40 CFR 2.301(a)(2)) will not be protected as CBI and will be made publicly available.

III. Definitions

The definitions set forth in this section apply only when used in accordance with this notice.

Acceptable digital formats are file types that are compatible with CEDRI or other EPA electronic document receiving system that the Administrator may designate.

CDX is the EPA's Central Data Exchange, a central point which supplements the EPA reporting systems by performing new and existing functions for receiving legally acceptable data in various formats, including consolidated and integrated data. CDX can be accessed at <https://cdx.epa.gov>.

CEDRI is the Compliance and Emission Data Reporting Interface which supports the electronic submission of performance test reports, notification reports, periodic reports, and Information Collection Requests (ICRs). CEDRI can be accessed via the CDX at <https://cdx.epa.gov>, and more information on the interface can be found at <https://epa.gov/electronic-reporting-air-emissions/cedri>.

CFR is the United States' Code of Federal Regulations, which is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the **Federal Register** by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

CROMERR is the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule, which provides the legal framework for electronic reporting under the EPA's regulatory programs and ensures the enforceability of regulatory information collected electronically by the EPA and the EPA's state, tribal, and local government partners.

Electronic submission of reports, notifications, or other submission types is the submission of a digital version of a paper (or as specified in this notice, an email) report, notification, or other

submission type to an approved EPA electronic document receiving system.

ERT is the EPA's Electronic Reporting Tool, which is a Microsoft Access computer application that creates electronic versions of stationary source sampling test plans and reports of test results for performance tests and performance evaluations.

E-Reporting (or electronic reporting) is a system in which an electronic tool guides the regulated entity through the reporting process often with built-in compliance assistance and data quality checks.

Joseph Goffman,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-XXXX; FR ID 246358]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: 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; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 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 OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 25, 2024. 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 PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Application to Participate in a 5G Fund Auction, FCC Form 184.

Form Number: FCC Form 184.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 300 respondents and 300 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 7 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is 47 U.S.C. 154, 254 and 303(r).

Total Annual Burden: 2,100 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will use the information collected under this information collection to determine whether applicants are qualified to participate in a 5G Fund auction.

In its November 2011 *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, the Commission took numerous steps to comprehensively reform and modernize the universal service program to ensure that robust, affordable fixed and mobile voice and broadband service are available to those in rural, insular, and high cost areas of the country. *Connect America Fund et al.*, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*). Among other things, the Commission (1) established a two-phased Mobility Fund to award universal service support for mobile services in a cost-effective manner to no more than one provider per area in areas where a private-sector business case was lacking, (2) directed that universal service support under the Mobility Fund be awarded by competitive bidding, (3) adopted the rules and

framework for Mobility Fund Phase I, and (4) sought comment on the rules and proposed framework for Mobility Fund Phase II. In its February 2017 *Mobility Fund Phase II Report and Order*, the Commission adopted the rules and framework for Mobility Fund Phase II to provide ongoing universal service support over a ten-year term to areas of the country unlikely to receive 4G LTE service absent subsidies, along with the framework for a challenge process to resolve disputes about areas that were found to be presumptively ineligible for support. *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund II*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 17-11. However, in its October 2020 *5G Fund Report and Order*, the Commission established the 5G Fund as a replacement for Mobility Fund Phase II, and adopted the framework and rules for the 5G Fund to award universal service support in two phases through separate reverse auctions to ensure the deployment of high-speed, 5G mobile service in areas unlikely to see such service absent subsidies. *Establishing a 5G Fund for Rural America*, Report and Order, FCC 20-150 (*5G Fund Report and Order*). In the *5G Fund Report and Order*, the Commission, among other things, adopted a two-stage application process for 5G Fund auctions consisting of pre-auction requirements for applicants seeking to participate in a 5G Fund auction and post-auction requirements for winning bidders applying for 5G Fund support. The Commission decided that applicants seeking to participate in a 5G Fund auction would be required to provide both the information required by section 1.21001(b) of the Commission's existing Part 1, Subpart AA universal service competitive bidding rules, 47 CFR 1.21001(b), and the additional application disclosures and certifications specific to the 5G Fund required by section 54.1014(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 54.1014(a). In its recent *5G Fund Second Report and Order* (FCC 24-89), the Commission adopted an additional requirement that each applicant seeking to participate in the 5G Fund Phase I auction certify in its application that it has read the public notice adopting procedures for the auction and that it has familiarized itself both with the auction procedures and with the requirements, terms, and conditions associated with the receipt of 5G Fund support.

Under this new information collection, the Commission will collect the information, disclosures, and certifications required by sections