

from the Commission with respect to geographic information system data processing to ensure that the provider is able to comply with the requirements under section 642(b) of this title in a timely and accurate manner.

**(e) Technical assistance to State, local, and Tribal governments and consumers**

The Commission shall provide technical assistance to consumers and State, local, and Tribal governmental entities with respect to the challenge process established under section 642(b)(5) of this title, which shall include—

- (1) detailed tutorials and webinars; and
- (2) the provision of staff of the Commission to provide assistance, as needed, throughout the entirety of the challenge process.

**(f) GAO Assessment of Fabric source data**

**(1) In general**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct an assessment of key data sources that are used for purposes of the Fabric to identify and geocode locations where fixed broadband internet access service can be installed in order for the Comptroller General to develop recommendations for how the quality and completeness of those data sources can be improved as data sources for the Fabric.

**(2) Sources included**

For the purposes of the assessment conducted under paragraph (1), the key data sources described in that paragraph shall include—

- (A) any relevant sources of Federal data, including the National Address Database administered by the Department of Transportation;
- (B) State- and county-level digitized parcel data; and
- (C) property tax attribute recording.

**(3) Report**

Not later than 1 year after March 23, 2020, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that contains the recommendations developed under paragraph (1).

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title VIII, §804, as added Pub. L. 116-130, §2, Mar. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 237; amended Pub. L. 117-58, div. F, title V, §60503, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1244.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Subsec. (b)(2)(B), (C). Pub. L. 117-58 added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpars. (B) and (C) which read as follows:

“(B) not later than 1 year after March 23, 2020, conclude a process that tests the feasibility of partnering with Federal agencies that operate delivery fleet vehicles, including the United States Postal Service, to facilitate the collection and submission of information described in that paragraph; and

“(C) not later than 14 months after March 23, 2020, publish on the website of the Commission, and submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy

and Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report regarding the testing described in subparagraph (B), which shall include—

“(i) a determination regarding whether the partnerships with Federal agencies described in that subparagraph are able to facilitate the collection and submission of information described in paragraph (1); and

“(ii) any steps that the Commission plans to take to facilitate the partnerships described in that subparagraph.”

**§ 645. Cost**

**(a) USF**

The Commission may not use funds from the universal service programs of the Commission established under section 254 of this title, and the regulations issued under that section, to pay for any costs associated with this subchapter.

**(b) Other funds**

The Commission may recover costs associated with this subchapter under section 159 of this title to the extent provided for in an appropriation Act, as required under subsection (a) of that section.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title VIII, §805, as added Pub. L. 116-130, §2, Mar. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 238.)

**§ 646. Other provisions**

**(a) OMB**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the initial rule making required under section 642(a)(1) of this title shall be exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget.

**(b) PRA**

Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44 (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”) shall not apply to any rule making or other action by the Commission required under this subchapter.

**(c) Execution of responsibilities**

Except, with respect to an entity that is not the Universal Service Administrative Company, as provided in section 642(a)(2)(B) of this title, section 642(b)(1)(A)(ii) of this title, and subsections (c), (d), and (e) of section 644 of this title, the Commission—

(1) including the offices of the Commission, shall carry out the responsibilities assigned to the Commission under this subchapter; and

(2) may not delegate any of the responsibilities assigned to the Commission under this subchapter to any third party, including the Universal Service Administrative Company.

**(d) Reporting**

Each fiscal year, the Commission shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that summarizes the implementation of this subchapter and associated enforcement activities conducted during the previous fiscal year.

**(e) Rule of construction**

If the Commission, before March 23, 2020, has taken an action that, in whole or in part, implements this subchapter, the Commission shall

not be required to revisit such action to the extent that such action is consistent with this subchapter.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title VIII, §806, as added Pub. L. 116-130, §2, Mar. 23, 2020, 134 Stat. 238; amended Pub. L. 117-58, div. F, title I, §60102(h)(2)(E)(ii), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1198.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-58 substituted “any rule making or other action by the Commission required under this subchapter” for “the initial rule making required under section 642(a)(1) of this title”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### IMPLEMENTATION

For requirement to implement amendment made by section 60102(h)(2)(E)(ii) of Pub. L. 117-58 as soon as possible after Nov. 15, 2021, see section 1702(h)(2)(E)(iii) of this title.

## CHAPTER 6—COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM

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- Sec.  
701. Omitted.  
702. Definitions.  
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### SUBCHAPTER V—INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- 751, 752. Omitted.  
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765. Access to INTELSAT.  
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### PART D—NEGOTIATIONS TO PURSUE PRIVATIZATION

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## SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

### § 701. Omitted

### Editorial Notes

#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 87-624, title I, §102, Aug. 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 419, which related to Congressional declaration of policy and purpose, ceased to be effective Apr. 15, 2005, pursuant to section 765d(4) of this title.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-39, §1, June 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 835, provided that: “This Act [amending section 763 of this title] may be cited as the ‘ORBIT Technical Corrections Act of 2003’.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-180, §1, Mar. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 48, provided that: “This Act [enacting subchapter VI of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Open-market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act’ or the ‘ORBIT Act’.”

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 87-624, title I, §101, Aug. 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 419, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Communications Satellite Act of 1962’.”

Pub. L. 87-624, title V, §501, as added by Pub. L. 95-564, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2392, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter V of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘International Maritime Satellite Telecommunications Act’.”

#### STYLISTIC CONSISTENCY

Pub. L. 103-414, title III, §303(f), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4296, provided that: “The Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.] and the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 [47 U.S.C. 701 et seq.] are amended so that the section designation and section heading of each section of such Acts shall be in the form and typeface of the section designation and heading of this section [108 Stat. 4294].”

### INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION

Pub. L. 99-93, title I, §146, Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 425, provided that:

“(a) POLICY.—The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States—

“(1) as a party to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (hereafter in this section referred to as ‘Intelsat’), to foster and support the global commercial communications satellite system owned and operated by Intelsat;

“(2) to make available to consumers a variety of communications satellite services utilizing the space segment facilities of Intelsat and any additional such facilities which are found to be in the national interest and which—

“(A) are technically compatible with the use of the radio frequency spectrum and orbital space by the existing or planned Intelsat space segment, and