

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection(s) contact Jerry Cowden via e-mail at PRA@fcc.gov or at 202-418-0447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: None.

Title: Information Collection regarding Emergency Backup Power for Communications Assets as set forth in the Commission's rules (47 CFR 12.2).

Form No.: Not applicable.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 73 respondents; 93 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 70.32 hours (average).

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

Total Annual Burden: 6,540 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: This information collection does not affect individuals or households, and therefore a privacy impact assessment is not required.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: All reports and plans required by Section 12.2 of the Commission's rules will be automatically afforded confidentiality because the information in these reports and plans is sensitive for both national security and/or commercial reasons.

Needs and Uses: The Commission, in order to help fulfill its statutory obligation to make wire and radio communications services available to all people in the United States for the purpose of the national defense and promoting safety of life and property, adopted an Order (FCC 07-107) that includes an emergency backup power rule (section 12.2). This rule, as modified in an Order on Reconsideration (FCC 07-177) obligates certain specified local exchange carriers (LECs) and commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers to file a report that enumerates whether the carriers meet the emergency backup power requirement for certain assets specified by the rule.

Specifically, Section 12.2(c) requires LECs and CMRS providers to file reports with the Commission that identify the following information: (1) Each asset that was designed to comply with the applicable backup power requirement; (2) each asset where compliance is precluded due to risk to safety or life or health; (3) each asset where compliance is precluded by private legal obligation or agreement; (4) each asset where compliance is precluded by Federal,

state, tribal or local law; and (5) each asset that was designed with less than the required emergency backup power capacity and that is not precluded from compliance by risk to safety of life or health, private legal obligation or agreement, or Federal, state, tribal or local law. LECs and CMRS providers must file these reports within six months of the effective date of this requirement, which is the date of **Federal Register** notice announcing OMB approval of the information collection contained in section 12.2 of the Commission's rules. LECs and CMRS providers must include a description of facts supporting the basis of the LECs or CMRS provider's claim of preclusion from compliance based on risk to safety of life or health, private legal obligation or agreement, or Federal, state, tribal or local law.

Additionally, LECs and CMRS providers identifying assets designed with less than the emergency backup power capacity required in section 12.2(a) and not otherwise precluded from compliance for one of the three reasons identified in section 12.2(b) must comply with the backup power requirement or file, within 12 months from the effective date of section 12.2, a certified emergency backup power compliance plan that is subject to Commission review. The emergency backup power compliance plan must certify and describe how, in the event of a commercial power failure, the LEC or CMRS provider will provide emergency backup power to 100 percent of the area covered by any non-compliant asset, relying on on-site and/or portable backup power sources or other sources as appropriate. This emergency backup power must be sufficient for service coverage as follows: A minimum of 24 hours for assets inside central offices and eight hours for other assets such as cell sites, remote switches, and digital loop carrier system remote terminals.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Review by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

November 8, 2007.

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, Public Law 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 January 14, 2008. 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: You may submit all PRA comments by e-mail or U.S. mail. To submit your comments by e-mail, send them to PRA@fcc.gov. To submit your comments by U.S. mail, send them to Leslie F. Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C216, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0774.

Title: Universal Service Reporting, Disclosure, and Record Retention Requirements (47 CFR parts 36 and 54).

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Number of Respondents: 7,061,552 respondents; 7,621,931 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.084-1500 hours

Frequency of Response: On occasion, quarterly, annual, and five-year

reporting requirements; recordkeeping requirement; and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 1,502,333 hours

Total Annual Cost: \$0.00

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impacts.

Nature of Extent of Confidentiality: This collection does not address information of a confidential nature.

Needs and Uses: The Telecommunication Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed the Commission to initiate a rulemaking to reform the system of universal service so that universal service is preserved and advanced as markets move toward competition. To fulfill that mandate, on March 8, 1996, the Commission adopted a *Notice of proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in CC Docket No. 96-45 to implement the congressional directives set out in section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the 1996 Act. Pursuant to section 254(a)(1), the *NPRM* also referred numerous issues related to universal service to a Federal-State Joint Board for recommended decision. On November 8, 1996, the Joint Board released a Recommended Decision in which it made recommendations to assist and counsel the Commission in the creation of an effective universal service support mechanism that would ensure that the goals of affordable, quality service and access to advanced services are met by means that enhance competition. On November 18, 1996, the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau released a *Public Notice* (DA 96-1891) seeking public comment on the issues addressed and recommendations made by the Joint Board in the Recommended Decision. In a *Report and Order* issued in CC Docket No. 96-45, released on May 8, 1997, and other proceedings, the Commission adopted rules that were designed to implement the universal service provisions of section 254. On August 29, 2007, the Commission released the *Report and Order, 2007 Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration and Oversight*, WC Docket Nos. 05-195, 02-60, 03-109 and CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 02-6, 97-21, FCC 07-150. In this order, the Commission took several further steps to safeguard the Universal Service Fund from waste, fraud, and abuse, including imposing document retention rules on all universal service programs and program contributors.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested

November 7, 2007.

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, Public Law 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 January 14, 2008. 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: You may submit all PRA comments by e-mail or U.S. mail. To submit your comments by e-mail, send them to PRA@fcc.gov. To submit your comments by U.S. mail, send them to Leslie F. Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C216, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0384.
Title: Sections 64.904 and 64.905, Auditor's Attestation and Certification.
Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 13 respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 35-250 hours.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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

Total Annual Burden: 1,535 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$1,200,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impacts.

Nature of Extent of Confidentiality: This collection does not address information of a confidential nature.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 64.904(a) requires each incumbent LEC required to file a cost allocation manual is required to either have an attest engagement or have a financial audit performed by an independent auditor biennially. Mid-sized carriers are required to file a certification with the Commission stating that they are in compliance with 47 CFR 64.905. The requirements are imposed to ensure that the carriers are properly complying with Commission rules. They serve as an important aid in the Commission's monitoring program.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0470.

Title: Sections 64.901-64.903, Allocation of Cost, Cost Allocation Manual, and RAO Letters 19 and 26.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 6 respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 400 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On-occasion and annual reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 2,400 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$0.00.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impacts.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: This collection does not address information of a confidential nature.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 64.901 requires carriers to separate their