

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual and quarterly reporting requirements, and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 151, 154(i) and (j), 221(c) and 410(c).

Total Annual Burden: 71,283 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60 day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. The Commission is requesting an extension (no change in the reporting and third party requirements) of this information collection. There is a change in the estimated respondents/responses and the annual burden hours. The Commission is reporting a 1,774 adjusted increase in the number of responses and a 12,865 hour increase in the total annual burden.

In order to determine which carriers are entitled to universal service support, all (both rural and non-rural) incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) must provide the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) with the loop cost and loop count data required by 47 CFR 63.611 of the Commission's rules for each of its study areas and, if applicable, for each wire center (that term is defined in 47 CFR part 54).

Loops are the telephone lines running from the carriers' switching facilities to the customer. The loop cost and loop count information is to be filed annually with NECA by July 31st of each year, and may be updated quarterly pursuant to 47 CFR 63.612. Pursuant to section 36.613, the information filed on July 31st of each year will be used to calculate universal service support for each study area and is filed by NECA with the Commission on October 1 of each year. An incumbent LEC is defined as a carrier that meets the definition of "incumbent local exchange carrier" in 47 CFR 51.5 of the Commission's rules.

Section 63.612(a) also requires non-rural carriers to file loop counts (no loop cost data) on a quarterly basis. The Commission requires that non-rural carriers submit quarterly loop counts in order to ensure that universal service fund (USF) support for non-rural carriers is accurately calculated when competitive eligible telecommunications (ETCs) are present in the incumbent LECs' operating areas. Quarterly loop cost and loop count data filing are voluntary for rural carriers. When a competitive ETC, however, is

operating in an incumbent rural carrier's territory, the incumbent rural carrier is required to submit quarterly loop count data. Quarterly filings of loop counts are necessary because if an incumbent rural carrier does not update its loop count data more often than annually, but its competitor does, the competitor's more recent data may include loops captured from the incumbent since the incumbent's last filing. Thus, the incumbent would continue to receive support based on an overstated number of loops. Section 54.307 allows competitive ETCs to receive USF support at the same per line support amount that the incumbent LEC receives in the same operating territory. In order to receive such support, the competitive ETC must file loop count data with the USAC on a quarterly basis.

The reporting requirements are necessary to implement the congressional mandate for universal service. The requirements are necessary to verify that rural and non-rural LECs are eligible to receive universal service support. Information filed with NECA pursuant to section 36.611 is used to calculate universal service support payments to eligible carriers. Without this information, NECA and USAC (Universal Service Administration Company) would not be able to calculate such payments to eligible carriers.

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

July 14, 2009.

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, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520. 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: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments September 21, 2009. 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 Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at 202-395-5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your comments by e-mail send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review", (3) click the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, and (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB Control Number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR Reference Number to view detailed information about this ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, send an e-mail to Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0943.

Title: Section 54.809, Carrier Certification.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 604 respondents; 604 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Total Annual Burden: 906 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

The Commission is not requesting respondents to submit confidential information to the Commission or to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). If the Commission requests respondents to submit information to the Commission or to USAC that the respondents believe is confidential, the respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to 47 CFR section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60 day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. The Commission is requesting an extension (no change in the reporting and/or third party disclosure requirements) of this information collection. There is a slight adjustment in the Commission's burden estimates. The Commission is reporting an increase in the number of respondents/responses since the 2006 submission to the OMB. Therefore, the total annual burden hours have increased by 48 hours.

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that a carrier receiving universal service support must use that support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended." Accordingly, Section 54.809 requires each price cap carrier or competitive ETC that wishes to receive interstate access universal service support to file an annual certification with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Commission. The certification must state that the carrier will use its interstate access universal service support only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

The Commission and USAC use the certifications to ensure that carriers comply with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act by using the interstate access universal service

support on for which the support is intended.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 09-1529]

Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceedings; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Enforcement Bureau (the "Bureau") gives notice of Mr. Steven Newton's suspension from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (or "E-Rate Program"). Additionally, the Bureau gives notice that debarment proceedings are commencing against him. Mr. Newton, or any person who has an existing contract with or intends to contract with him to provide or receive services in matters arising out of activities associated with or related to the schools and libraries support, may respond by filing an opposition request, supported by documentation to Rebekah Bina, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, Room 4-C330, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

DATES: Opposition requests must be received by August 21, 2009. However, an opposition request by the party to be suspended must be received 30 days from the receipt of the suspension letter or August 21, 2009, whichever comes first. The Bureau will decide any opposition request for reversal or modification of suspension or debarment within 90 days of its receipt of such requests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebekah Bina, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, Room 4-C330, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Rebekah Bina may be contacted by phone at (202) 418-7931 or e-mail at Rebekah.Bina@fcc.gov. If Ms. Bina is unavailable, you may contact Ms. Michele Levy Berlove, Acting Assistant Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, by telephone at (202) 418-

1477 and by e-mail at Michele.Berlove@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau has suspension and debarment authority pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8. Suspension will help to ensure that the party to be suspended cannot continue to benefit from the schools and libraries mechanism pending resolution of the debarment process. Attached is the suspension letter, DA 09-1529, which was mailed to Mr. Newton and released on July 14, 2009. The complete text of the notice of suspension is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portal II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, the complete text is available on the FCC's Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>. The text may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating inspection and copying during regular business hours at the contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portal II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B420, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail http://www.bcpweb.com.

The attached is the Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Letter to Mr. Steven Newton.

Federal Communications Commission.

Hillary DeNigro,

Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, Enforcement Bureau.

July 14, 2009

DA 09-1529

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND
FACSIMILE (415-522-1506)
AND EMAIL (gsl@defendergroup.com)

Mr. Steven Newton, c/o Law Office of Garrick S. Lew, Attn: Garrick Sherman Lew, 600 Townsend Street, Suite 329E, San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceedings, File No. EB-08-IH-1928

Dear Mr. Newton: The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") has received notice of your conviction of Wire Fraud, Aiding and Abetting, and Collusion, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2 and 1343, and 15 U.S.C. 1, in connection with your participation in the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism ("E-Rate program").¹ Consequently,

¹ Any further reference in this letter to "your conviction" refers to your guilty plea and subsequent two count conviction on wire fraud, collusion, and aiding and abetting. See *United*