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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0804; FRS 16432]

### 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 March 30, 2020. 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 Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.ongele@fcc.gov).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0804.

*Title:* Universal Service—Rural Health Care Program.

*Form Numbers:* FCC Forms 460, 461, 462, 463, 465, 466, and 467.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 10,494 unique respondents; 93,687 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.30-17 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, One-time, Annual, Quarterly, and Monthly reporting requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in sections 1-4, 201-205, 214, 254, 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151-154, 201-205, 214, 254, 303(r), and 403, unless otherwise noted.

*Total Annual Burden:* 382,741 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No Cost.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No Impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents concerning this information collection. Information submitted on FCC Forms for the RHC Program is subject to public inspection and is used by USAC to update and expand the RHC Program dataset as part of its Open Data Platform. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission or to USAC be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the FCC's rules.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission seeks OMB approval of revisions (change in reporting and recordkeeping requirements) to this information collection as a result of the *2019 Promoting Telehealth Report and Order* (WC Docket No. 17-310; FCC 19-78; 84 FR 54952, October 11, 2019). This collection is utilized for the RHC support mechanism of the Commission's universal service fund (USF). The collection of this information is necessary so that the Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will have sufficient information to determine if entities are eligible for funding

pursuant to the RHC universal service support mechanism, to determine if entities are complying with the Commission's rules, and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. This information is also necessary in order to allow the Commission to evaluate the extent to which the RHC Program is meeting the statutory objectives specified in section 254(h) of the 1996 Act, and the Commission's performance goals for the RHC Program.

This information collection is being revised to: (1) Extend some of the existing information collection requirements for the Healthcare Connect Fund and Telecommunications (Telecom) Programs; (2) revise some of the information collection requirements for the Healthcare Connect Fund and Telecom Programs and (3) add some new information collection requirements applicable to both the Healthcare Connect Fund Program and the Telecom Program as a result of the *2019 Promoting Telehealth Report and Order*. As part of this information collection, the Commission is also revising the FCC Form templates for both programs, reformatting and revising the Telecommunications Program Invoice Template, and creating a new Post-Commitment Request Form consistent with the changes adopted in the *2019 Promoting Telehealth Report and Order* and to promote transparency into the RHC Program procedures and requirements.

The Healthcare Connect Fund Program currently includes FCC Forms 460, 461, 462, and 463 and the Telecom Program currently includes FCC Forms 465, 466, and 467. The revisions to these FCC Form templates, where applicable, are intended to make the RHC Program information requests consistent between the programs, to the extent possible, and help to ensure and verify that RHC Program participants are not engaging in fraudulent conduct or otherwise violating the Commission's rules. Some of the changes to the FCC Form templates have different effective dates. Therefore, for administrative ease, we have indicated the applicable funding year of the FCC Form template, and where a specific form includes changes applicable to funding year 2020 and others to funding year 2021, we have provided separate forms applicable to each funding year. In the *2019 Promoting Telehealth Report and Order*, the Commission directed USAC to streamline the data collection requirements and consolidate the program forms to the extent possible. Such streamlining and consolidation will not affect the underlying information collected as part of this

information collection, but may change the format in which it may be collected. The information on the FCC Form templates is a representative description of the information to be collected via an online portal and is not intended to be a visual representation of what each applicant or service provider will see, the order in which they will see information, or the exact wording or directions used to collect the information. Where possible, information already provided by applicants from previous filing years or that was pre-filed in the system portal will be carried forward and auto-generated into the form to simplify the information collection for applicants. Additionally, in the *2019 Promoting Telehealth Report and Order*, the Commission adopted rules to reflect the changes in the Report and Order. The new and revised rules impacted by this collection are listed and described within the collection.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 20-92; FRS 16433]

### Disability Advisory Committee; Announcement of Second Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission announces and provides an agenda for the second meeting of the third term of its Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee).

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020. The meeting will come to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554, in the Commission Meeting Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Will Schell, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (202) 418-0767 (voice) or [DAC@fcc.gov](mailto:DAC@fcc.gov); or Debra Patkin, Alternate DFO, at (202) 870-5226 (voice or videophone for American Sign Language users).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to members of the general public. The meeting will be webcast with open captioning at: [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). In addition, a

reserved amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments and inquiries from the public. Members of the public may comment or ask questions of presenters via the email address [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov). The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations or for materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) should be submitted via email to: [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Requests should be made as early as possible; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

**Proposed Agenda:** At this meeting, the DAC is expected to receive and consider reports and recommendations from its subcommittees. The DAC may also receive briefings from Commission staff on issues of interest to the Committee and may discuss topics of interest to the committee, including, but not limited to, matters concerning communications transitions, telecommunications relay services, emergency access, and video programming accessibility.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Suzanne Singleton,**

*Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92; FCC 19-131; FRS 16436]

### Connect America Fund; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission clarifies its interpretation of the VoIP Symmetry

Rule, finding that the *2015 Declaratory Ruling* was misguided in its interpretation of the VoIP Symmetry Rule and holding that a LEC providing retail service with a VoIP provider partner provides the functional equivalent of end office switching and thus may assess end office switched access charges only if either the LEC or its VoIP partner provides a physical connection to the last-mile facilities used to serve the end user. By adopting this interpretation of the VOIP Symmetry Rule, the Commission reduces intercarrier disputes and uncertainty and promotes competition.

**DATES:** Effective January 30, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rhonda Lien, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, via phone at 202-418-1540 or email at [Rhonda.Lien@fcc.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Lien@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Federal Communications Commission's Order on Remand and Declaratory Ruling, in WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92; FCC 19-131, adopted on December 12, 2019 and released December 17, 2019. A full-text version of the document can be found at the following internet address: <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1217069113807/FCC-19-131A1.pdf>. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by sending an email to [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

### I. Introduction

1. One of the foundational missions of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is to ensure that communications networks are available to Americans throughout the country. And for decades, the Commission has indirectly subsidized the deployment and expansion of local voice telephone networks through its intercarrier compensation system. These rules allowed, for example, local exchange carriers (or LECs) to collect end office switching charges or charges recovered from long-distance carriers (known as interexchange carriers or IXC) for terminating long-distance calls to the LECs' local customers.

2. Calls were traditionally delivered over the legacy system of interconnected voice telephone networks known as the public-switched telephone network, or PSTN. For nearly the last decade, the Commission has worked to facilitate the