

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: One-time requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 48 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The five regional Bell Operating Companies and GTE are required to submit reports to the Common Carrier Bureau describing their progress in phasing out three-digit Carrier Identification codes (CICs). This data are critical to the general and specific implementation and oversight responsibilities that the Commission bears under the Communications Act to evaluate the status of development of competition in the provision of local exchange telecommunications services. The data request will be used to evaluate the status of developing competition in the long distance telecommunications markets. The information will be used by the Commission to determine whether the phase-out of three-digit CICs is being implemented.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0816.

Title: Local Competition in the Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Report.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 900 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: Quarterly; On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 18,000 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 directed the Commission to undertake various initiatives to implement new statutory directives concerning the development of local exchange competition. Central to these directives are new Section 251, governing incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) provision of interconnection to competitors, and new Section 271 which provides a means whereby Bell Operating Companies (BOCs)—long prohibited from entering various telecommunications markets—may now do so upon submission of qualifying applications. Pursuant to its new statutory obligations and in its general capacity as chief federal regulatory agency tasked with implementing the 1996 Communications Act amendments, the Commission must evaluate the status and development—nationwide—of local competition, i.e., competition in the provision of local exchange

telecommunications services. Certain companies were asked to voluntarily submit information to the Commission to evaluate the status and development of developing competition in the local exchange telecommunications markets. The request is limited to technical queries about the nature and extent of carrier-provided access facilities; switch ports and non-switched service lines; number of customers purchasing specific services; state operations data; total carrier-handled switched local, intrastate toll, and interstate toll minutes; and number of local telephone numbers ported as of end-of-year 1997. The information is used by Commission economists and carrier analysts to advise the Commission about the efficacy of Commission rules and policies adopted to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0853.

Title: Receipt of Service Confirmation Form—Universal Service for Schools and Libraries.

Form Number: FCC Form 486.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 45,000 hours.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: None.

Needs and Uses: The Commission adopted rules providing support for all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. To participate in the program schools and libraries must confirm that they are actually receiving the services eligible for support. FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form, is used by all billed entities who filed a FCC Form 471 on behalf of an eligible school, library, library consortium, or consortium of multiple entities, to inform the SLC when they begin receiving or have received service from the service provider. The FCC Form 486 is also used to confirm that technology plans of entities receiving universal service support pursuant to an SLC-approved funding commitment have been approved, indicating that the eligible entities applying for universal service support have a plan in place to utilize the services for which they have contracted, and to indicate the name of the authorized reviewing body, contact name, and contact telephone number. The FCC Form 486 is used to implement the congressional mandate for universal service.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 98-2144]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request for Stay of Location and Monitoring Service Auction; Comment Sought on Request for Temporary Delay From MicroTrax™.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; seeking comment.

SUMMARY: In a letter dated October 22, 1998, to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, MicroTrax™ ("MicroTrax") requested a temporary delay of the Location and Monitoring Service auction. On October 23, 1998, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on all aspects and each of the concerns raised in a request for temporary delay from MicroTrax.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Amy Zoslov, Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Room 5202, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, a copy of the comments should be sent to Kenneth Burnley, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Room 5126-D, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Burnley, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of a Public Notice released by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau on October 23, 1998. The complete text of this Public Notice is available in its entirety, including attachments, for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Reference Center, 2025 M Street, N.W., Room 5608, Washington, D.C., 20554, and also may be retrieved from the FCC World Wide Web Auctions site at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions>.

Synopsis of the Public Notice

A. Introduction

1. On December 15, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") is scheduled to hold an auction for 528 multilateration Location and Monitoring Service ("LMS") licenses to operate in the 902–928 MHz band.

2. In a letter dated October 22, 1998, to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau"), MicroTrax™ ("MicroTrax") requested a temporary delay of the LMS auction. MicroTrax contends that a six-month delay will allow it, "and possibly other similarly situated companies, much needed time to organize and fully participate in the LMS auction." MicroTrax further contends that absent such a delay, it will not be able to participate in the LMS auction.

3. To assist the Bureau in making recommendations to the Commission, the Bureau seeks comment on all aspects and each of the concerns raised in the request for temporary delay from MicroTrax. Comments are due November 2, 1998.

Federal Communications Commission.

Amy Zoslov,

Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis
Division, Wireless Telecommunications
Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved By Office of Management and Budget

October 20, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418–1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060–0856.

Expiration Date: 04/30/99.

Title: Universal Service—Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Reimbursement Forms.

Form No.: FCC Form 472, FCC Form 473, FCC Form 474.

Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not for profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 61,800 respondents; 1.42 hours per response (avg.); 88,050 total annual burden hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Description: The Commission adopted rules providing universal service support for all telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections for all eligible schools and libraries. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 contemplates that discounts on eligible services shall be provided to schools and libraries, and that service providers shall seek reimbursement for the amount of the discounts. FCC Form 472—*Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form*. The information to be collected in the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form is necessary to enable the fund administrator, the SLC, to pay universal service support to service providers who provide discounted services to eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of those entities. The information is to be collected from each Form 471 Billed Entity Applicant (Applicant) that received a funding Commitment Decisions Letter from the administrator and filed a Form 486 to indicate the applicant intended to prepare and submit to the SLC an invoice for reimbursement. The information to be collected on the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form should be completed by an applicant to seek reimbursement for payments on approved services and/or products delivered to the applicant from the actual service start date, as reported in the applicant's Form 486 Column (E), through no later than December 31, 1998. This information is necessary to identify the amount of the discounts due and owing from the service provider to the applicant, so that the service provider may reimburse this amount to the applicant. (*No. of respondents:* 50,000; *annual burden per respondent:* 1.5 hours; *total annual burden:* 75,000 hours). FCC Form 473—*Submission of Service Provider Annual Certification Form*. The Service Provider Annual Certification Form is to be submitted by each service provider or vendor, hereinafter collectively referred to as service providers, that was assigned a service provider identification number (SPIN) by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and that participates in the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries.

The purpose of the Annual Certification Form is to confirm that, for each Invoice Form submitted by the service provider, the Invoice form is in compliance with the FCC's rules governing the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism, and the Invoice Form is true, accurate and complete. (*No. of respondents:* 9300; *annual burden per respondent:* 1 hour; *total annual burden:* 9300 hours). FCC Form 474—*Submission of Service Provider Invoice Form*. The Service Provider Invoice Form is to be used by all service providers or vendors, hereinafter collectively referred to as service providers, who were assigned a SPIN by the USAC and participate in the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries. The purpose of the Invoice Form is for the service provider/vendor to seek reimbursement for the cost of discounts. The information to be collected on the Service Provider Invoice Form must be received by the SLC before a service provider participating in the universal service program for schools and libraries can receive payment for the discounted portion of its bill for eligible services to eligible entities. (*No. of respondents:* 2500; *annual burden per respondent:* 1.5 hours; *total annual burden:* 3750 hours). All of the information collected is used to administer the universal service schools and libraries program. Copies of the forms may be obtained via e-mail <www.neca.org> or by calling 1–888–203–8100. Obligation to comply: required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Control No.: 3060–0470.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2001.

Title: Allocation of Cost, Cost Allocation Manual, RAO Letters 19 and 26.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 18 respondents; 300 hours per response (avg.) (approximately 2 filings annually); 10,800 total annual burden hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Description: Section 64.903(a) requires local exchange carriers (LECs) with annual operating revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in 47 CFR 32.9000 to file a cost allocation manual containing the information specified in Section 64.903(a) (1)–(6). Section 64.903(b) requires that carriers update their cost allocation manuals annually, except that changes to the cost apportionment table and to the description of time reporting