

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 18, 1999. 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 comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0885.

Title: Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116, Third Report and Order (Local Number Portability Worksheet and Recordkeeping Requirement).

Form Number: FCC Form 487.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 4,400.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.74 hours (avg.).

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping; Annual and on occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 7,675 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$2,257,000.

Needs and Uses: In the Third Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 95-116, the Commission implements, for long-term number portability costs, the statutory requirement that all telecommunications carriers bear the costs of number portability on a competitively neutral basis, as set forth in Section 251(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Third Report and Order requires telecommunications carriers to provide the information about their international and regional end-user telecommunications revenues that will enable the regional database administrator to allocate the costs of the number portability regional databases in a competitively neutral manner. FCC Form 487, LNP Worksheet is designed to capture this information. The Third Report and Order requires incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to maintain records that detail both the nature and specific amount of these carrier-specific costs that are directly related to number portability, and those carrier-specific costs that are not directly related to number portability.

Federal Communications Commission.

Shirley S. Suggs,

Chief, Publications Branch.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

March 8, 1999.

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.: 3060-0785.

Expiration Date: 09/30/99.

Title: Universal Service Worksheet.

Form No.: FCC Form 457.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5000 respondents; 13.69 hours per response (avg.); 68,450 total annual burden hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$4903.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annual; on occasion.

Description: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed the Commission to initiate a rulemaking to reform our 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 forth 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 effective universal service support mechanisms 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. On May 8, 1997, the Commission released the Report and Order on Universal Service in CC Docket No. 96-45 that established new federal universal service support mechanisms consistent with the universal service provisions of section 254. In the Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket Nos. 97-21, and 96-45, the Commission adopted the Worksheet. The Worksheet required universal service contributors to report as end-user telecommunications revenues any revenues derived from inside wiring maintenance. In the Sixth Order on Reconsideration, in CC Docket No. 96-45, the Commission reconsidered its decision in the Second Order on Reconsideration regarding inside wiring maintenance. The Commission concluded that the provision of inside wiring maintenance does not constitute telecommunications or a telecommunications service, and therefore revenues derived from inside wiring maintenance should not be included as end-user telecommunications revenues on the Worksheet. The Commission directed that carriers should adjust the 1998 full-year data reported on the Worksheet due on March 31, 1999 to reflect this change. Pursuant to the authority delegated under section 54.711(c) of the Commission's rules, the Common Carrier Bureau has updated the Worksheet so that revenues from inside wiring maintenance are no longer reported as end-user telecommunications revenues. Specifically, revenues from inside wiring maintenance formerly reported on Line (34) as end-user telecommunications revenues are now reported on Line (50) as non-telecommunications revenues. Contributors must use the revised Worksheet for their filings due on March 31, 1999. Copies of the revised Worksheet (February 1999 edition) and instructions may be downloaded from the Commission's forms Web Page, www.fcc.gov/formpage.html. Copies may also be obtained from the Universal Service Administrative Company at 973-560-4400. Obligation to respond: Mandatory.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0816.

Expiration Date: 08/31/99.

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

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20 respondents; 26 hours per response (avg.); 5520 total annual burden hours.

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

Frequency of Response: On occasion; quarterly.

Description: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) imposes obligations and responsibilities on telecommunications carriers, particularly incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs), that are primarily designed to open telecommunications markets to competitive entry, to promote universal service, and to lessen the need for government regulation of telecommunications. Pursuant to these overall goals, the statute directed the Commission to adopt regulations to implement specific statutory requirements, including regulations governing the provisions of interconnection of incumbent LEC facilities with new local exchange service competitors, and the competitive entry of Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) into previously prohibited interexchange and other services markets. As part of its responsibilities toward achieving the intent of the statute, the Commission must have adequate data at hand to evaluate the success of these efforts. Moreover, in section 706(b) of the 1996 Act, Congress directed the Commission to report to it on the pace of deployment of "advanced telecommunications capability"—broadband telecommunications services such as high-speed Internet access. The Commission adopted a Report (in CC Docket 98-146) on January 28, 1999, in which it formally undertook to issue annual reports detailing the status of broadband deployment. Gathering relevant data about broadband deployment is, therefore, essential if the Commission is to successfully accomplish this statutory requirement. Gathering information also is critical to the Commission's deregulatory agenda. Gathering data about the development of local competition and broadband deployment will help ensure that the Commission can properly evaluate the nature and impact of its existing regulation and, where appropriate, reduce or eliminate regulation. New sections 10 and 11 of the 1996 Act both require the Commission to undertake reviews of existing Commission regulations with a view towards their elimination, but both require that the

Commission's analysis include an economic analysis of the state of competition among service providers. The Commission has designed a survey form to capture this information and is asking certain carriers to complete the survey form. Obligation to response: Voluntary.

Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Shirley S. Suggs,

Chief, Publications Branch.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

March 15, 1999.

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, 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 April 19, 1999. 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0804.

Title: Universal Service—Health Care

Providers Universal Service Program.

Form Number(s): FCC 465, FCC 466, FCC 467, and FCC 468.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; and Businesses or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 18,400.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.5 to 2.5 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping; On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 121,500 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$270,000.

Needs and Uses: The Commission adopted rules providing support for all telecommunications services, limited distance charges, and Internet access for all health care providers. Health care providers who want to participate in the universal service program must file the following forms. FCC Form 465 to request eligible services; FCC Form 466 to certify that the most cost effective method of providing the services has been requested; FCC Form 467 to confirm the receipt of the requested services; and FCC Form 468 to ensure that the proper amount of universal service support has been calculated. All the information is used to administer the universal service health care program.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[DA 99-385]

Unified Policy For Dismissing Applications and Pleadings

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.