

Docket No. 18–89, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, 34 FCC Rcd 11423, 11433, paragraph 26 (WCB 2019). *See also* 47 CFR 54.9.

On January 30, 2020, the Commission adopted an order establishing the framework for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), building on the successful CAF Phase II auction. *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund; Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 19–126 and 10–90, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 686 (2020) (*RDOF Order*). Later that year, the Commission adopted two additional supply chain rules associated with newly required certifications. *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18–89, Second Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14284 (2020) (*2020 Supply Chain Order*).

Through several orders, the Commission has reconfigured and extended certain high-cost programs, adding obligations applicable to these particular programs, and has changed, modified, and eliminated certain other obligations for high-cost support. These changes are outlined in the following:

In 2018, the Bureau announced that, as of March 1, 2018, and continuing with annual reports due March 1 in subsequent years, recipients of Rural Broadband Experiments (RBE) support would no longer submit location information and associated evidence with their annual FCC Form 481, as previously required, but would instead submit this information using the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC or the Administrator)'s High-Cost Universal Broadband (HUBB) portal. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance to Carriers Receiving Connect America Fund Support Regarding their Broadband Location Reporting Obligations*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 12900, 12908 (WCB 2016). OMB approved the collection of this location information through the HUBB in OMB Control No. 3060–1228, *Connect America Fund—High Cost Portal Filing*. This collection now reflects that this obligation is being collected under OMB Control No. 3060–1228.

On July 23, 2023, the Commission established the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A–CAM)

program, the next iteration of the A–CAM programs. *See Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support et al.*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23–60 (rel. July 24, 2023) (*Enhanced A–CAM Order*). Under the Enhanced A–CAM program, carriers electing to receive Enhanced A–CAM support will receive such support for a term ending in 2038, for broadband deployment with speeds of at least 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload, and will be subject to reporting and certification obligations associated with Enhanced A–CAM support. *See Enhanced A–CAM Order* at 24 through 27, paragraphs 52–59. On October 30, 2023, the Bureau announced that 368 carriers electing Enhanced A–CAM will receive \$18.28 billion in total over the 15-year term. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes 368 Companies in 44 States to Receive Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10–90, Public Notice, DA 23–1025 (WCB 2023).

On October 20, 2023, the Commission adopted an Order, that among other things, modified and clarified certain requirements associated with FCC Form 481 and similar filings. *See Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Report and Order, FCC 23–87 (rel. Oct. 20, 2023) (*Administrative Order*). The *Administrative Order* updated the rules to properly state that duplicate copies of the annual high-cost reports and certifications, *i.e.*, the FCC Form 481, as described in §§ 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules, need not be filed with more than one entity; carriers must now only file the FCC Form 481 with USAC. *See Administrative Order* at 60 through 62, paras. 133–34; 47 CFR 54.313–14. *See also Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 14–58, Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 5944, 5948, paragraph 15 (2017) (*ETC Reporting Streamlining Order*) (“[C]ontingent upon USAC's completion of the rollout of an online portal for recipients of high cost services, we will no longer require ETCs to file duplicate copies of Form 481 with the FCC and with states, U.S.

Territories, and/or Tribal governments beginning in 2018.”). The *Administrative Order* also made explicit that the required certification of compliance with voice and broadband benchmarks in FCC Form 481 covers the calendar year preceding the date that the FCC Form 481 is due, and is based on benchmarks released by the Commission before that calendar year (two years before the year that the FCC Form 481 is due to be submitted). *See Administrative Order* at 67, paragraph 150.

The Commission therefore revises this information collection, as well as the Form 481 and its accompanying instructions, to reflect these new and modified requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rocky Intertidal Monitoring Surveys Along the Oregon and California Coasts

Correction

In rule document 2025–11748 beginning on page 27245 in the issue of Thursday, June 26, 2025, make the following correction:

Subpart K—Corrected

- On page 27252, in the second column, in the first and second lines,
- 2. Revise and republish subpart K to part 217 to read as follows:
should read:
- 2. Add subpart K to part 217 to read as follows:

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