

(2) *National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Environmental Justice Science, Data, and Research Plan*: What metrics or indicators would prove most useful in evaluating whether the recommendations in the current Research Plan have been meaningfully integrated and used to support the advancement of environmental justice; what types of feedback mechanisms could be implemented to meaningfully capture community responses and integrate them into the planning of the NSTC Environmental Justice Subcommittee; what key areas should receive increased or decreased attention in the next iteration of the plan; and what innovative approaches or emerging technologies, should the Subcommittee consider in future Research Plans?

(3) *Place-Based and Community-Focused Initiatives*: What models of community-focused, multiagency collaboration have worked effectively; what methods, processes, principles, or other components have made these models effective in strengthening health or environmental protection or reducing environmental injustice affecting a specific local community or region; and in what ways could multiagency efforts at the federal level incorporate effective partnership or input from state, territorial, and local governments, consultation with Tribal governments, and engagement with communities with environmental justice concerns, community organizations, businesses, and members of the public?

(4) *The Environmental Justice Scorecard*: How has the public used Phase One and Phase Two of the Environmental Justice Scorecard, and how can the federal government improve future versions of the Environmental Justice Scorecard to continue to promote transparency and accountability to the public?

(5) *Justice40 Initiative*: How can the Federal government improve access to and awareness of Justice40 Initiative covered programs for entities eligible to apply for funding from those programs?

More information on WHEJAC Workgroup charges is located online at: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>, under WHEJAC Membership, Workgroups, and Charges.

Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. EPA will give priority to speak during the meeting to public commenters with comments relevant to the topics and questions listed above. The WHEJAC will make every effort to hear from each public commenter who has registered to

provide oral comments during the time specified on the agenda but, in the interest of time, commenters are strongly encouraged to consider submitting written comments for the record. You can submit your written comments by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/forms/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council-whejac-public-comment>; by emailing comments to [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov); or by visiting <http://www.regulations.gov> and opening Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2024-0147. The WHEJAC will accept written comments through Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

**B. Information About Services for Individuals with Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance:** For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, contact Audrie Washington at [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov). To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting to give EPA sufficient time to process your request.

**Deeohn Ferris,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1228; FR ID 247230]

### 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 (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. 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.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 25, 2024. 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:** The FCC 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 PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-1228.  
**Title:** Connect America Fund—High Cost Portal Filing.

**Form Number:** N/A.

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

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 2,015 unique respondents; 4,590 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 8 hours–60 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion, quarterly reporting requirements, annual reporting requirements, and recordkeeping requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 155, 201–206, 214, 218–220, 251, 252, 254, 256, 303(r), 332, 403, 405, 410, and 1302.

**Total Annual Burden:** 86,263 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No Cost.

**Needs and Uses:** Through several orders, the Federal Communications Commission (the Commission) has recently changed or modified reporting obligations for high-cost support. Pursuant to the following orders, this

collection includes location reporting and related certification requirements of high-cost support recipients: *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087 (2016) (*2016 Rate-of-Return Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 5949 (2016) (*Phase II Auction Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 12086 (2016) (*ACS Phase II Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 876 (2014) (*Rural Broadband Experiments Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 15644 (2014) (*Price Cap Order*); *Technology Transitions et al.*, Order *et al.*, 29 FCC Rcd 1433 (2014) (*Tech Transitions Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 10139 (2016) (*Alaska Plan Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 968 (2017) (*New York Auction Order*); *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order on Reconsideration, 33 FCC Rcd 11–893 (2018) (*2018 Rate-of-Return Order*); *The Uniendo a Puerto Rico and the Connect USVI Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 34 FCC Rcd 9109 (2019) (*PR-USVI Stage 2 Order*); *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund et al.*, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 686 (2020) (*2020 Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order*); *Enhanced A–CAM Report and Order*, FCC 23–60; *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10–90 *et al.* WT Docket No. 10–208, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Report and Order, FCC 23–87 (Oct. 20, 2023) (*Administrative Order*).

This information collection addresses the requirement that certain carriers with high-cost reporting obligations file information about the locations to which they have deployed broadband service meeting applicable public interest requirements (location information). The HUBB, a web-based portal, is used to accept this information. The Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will use this information to monitor the deployment progress of reporting carriers, to verify the reporting carriers' claims of service at the reported locations, and to conform broadband deployment data between the HUBB and BDC. Such activities help the Commission ensure that support is being used as intended.

In addition, because data filed in the HUBB is publicly accessible, the reporting helps ensure public accountability and transparency.

This information collection further addresses the Commission's efforts to develop and establish a uniform national dataset of locations where broadband could be deployed and upon which new coverage data could be overlaid using a single methodology to harmonize fixed broadband reporting nationwide with granular location data as part of the BDC and required by the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technology Availability Act, Public Law 116–130, 134 Stat. 228 (2020) (Broadband DATA Act). In furtherance of its obligations, the Commission established the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric (Fabric), which consists of a single, nationwide fabric that will contain geocoded information for all locations where a broadband connection can be installed in the United States and territories (Broadband Serviceable Location or BSL). Each BSL contained in the Fabric is provided a unique identification number. The HUBB portal will be updated in order to have support recipients include the unique Fabric identification number when reporting or revising high-cost broadband deployment location data. Including the BSL Fabric Identification Number in HUBB reporting will improve the accuracy and reliability of the broadband data used to monitor progress and ensure accountability with Commission programs. All BSL Fabric Identification Numbers are associated with the latitude, longitude, address, and number of units at the location. Accordingly, reporting the BSL Fabric Identification Number associated with a location encompasses the latitude, longitude, address, and number of units at the location.

This information collection addresses the location reporting and related certification requirements of high-cost support recipients electing to receive support through the Enhanced A–CAM program, *see generally Enhanced A–CAM Order*, and other programs. On October 30, 2023, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) authorized 368 rate-of-return carriers to receive Enhanced A–CAM support in various states. Of this number, 100 electing carriers had been receiving cost-based CAF BLS support in 118 unique study areas, and 216 electing carriers had been receiving model-based support (A–CAM). The interim and final deployment milestones required for the Enhanced A–CAM program will supersede the existing interim and final deployment milestones for the carriers

participating in eligible programs. However, Enhanced A–CAM carriers were required to still report in the HUBB their deployments for calendar year 2023 prior to the start of the support term for Enhanced A–CAM program (January 1, 2024) to ensure carriers continue in good faith to deploy broadband pursuant to existing commitments.

Carriers receiving high-cost support to serve locations are subject to specific public interest obligations related to speed, usage, latency, and price as well as certain deployment milestones. Specifically, the Commission imposed defined deployment obligations and associated HUBB reporting requirements (annual location reporting and build-out certifications) for all fixed support recipients as well as annual reporting and certification requirements for Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 mobile support recipients.

We therefore propose to revise this information collection. Finally, we propose to modify the burdens associated with existing and new reporting requirements to account for additional carriers that will be subject to these requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0166; FR ID 247327]

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

**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 (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. 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;