

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 9,500 respondents; 7,502 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: .25–3 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and every 10-years, reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirements, and third-party disclosure requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 35,242 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$553,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after the 60 day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. The Commission is requesting an extension (there are no changes to the reporting, recordkeeping and/or third party disclosure requirements). Part 101 requires various information to be filed and maintained by the respondent to determine the technical, legal and other qualifications of applications to operate a station in the public and private operational fixed services. The information is also used to determine whether the public interest convenience, and necessity are being served as required by 47 U.S.C. 309. The Commission staff also uses this information to ensure that applicants and licensees comply with ownership and transfer restrictions imposed by 47 U.S.C. 310. The information will continue to be used by the Commission staff in carrying out its duties under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Without this information, the Commission would not be able to carry out its statutory responsibilities.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

January 12, 2009.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the following information collection(s). 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. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB 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 that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before March 17, 2009. 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: Submit your comments by e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov. Include in the email the OMB control number of the collection or, if there is no OMB control number, the Title shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. If you are unable to submit your comments by e-mail contact the person listed below to make alternate arrangements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection(s) or to obtain a copy of the collection send an email to PRA@fcc.gov and include the collection's OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below (or the title of the collection if there is no OMB

control number), or call Judith B. Herman at 202–418–0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0986.

Title: Competitive Carrier Line Count Report, WC Docket No. 05–337, CC Docket No. 96–45.

Form Number(s): FCC Form 525.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,159 respondents; 5,476 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .5–80 hours.

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

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 47,393 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: \$1,895,700.00.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission is not requesting that the respondents submit confidential information to the FCC. Respondents may, however, request confidential treatment for information they believe to be confidential under 47 CFR Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: This collection will be submitted to OMB after the 60-day comment period as a revision to an existing collection. In April 2008, the Commission adopted an order that capped total annual competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) universal service high-cost support for each state at the level of support that competitive ETCs in that state were eligible to receive during March 2008 on an annualized basis. The Commission also adopted two limited exceptions from the application of the interim cap. First, a competitive ETC will not be subject to the interim cap to the extent it files cost data demonstrating that its costs meet the support threshold in the same manner as the incumbent local exchange carrier. Second, the Commission also created a limited exception for competitive ETCs serving tribal lands or Alaska Native regions. *High-Cost Universal Service Support; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket No. 05–337, CC Docket No. 96–45, FCC 08–122. The Commission will not amend FCC Form 525 in order to incorporate the information requests related to the two limited exceptions to the interim cap on high-cost support. The Commission has reviewed the information collection and has revised the estimates that are detailed in the supporting statement.

Additionally, the Commission is revising the collection to incorporate the reporting requirements of OMB 3060-0793 for the self-certification as a rural carrier requirement into this collection under OMB Control Number 3060-0986. The self-certification for rural carriers is rarely filed with the Commission, therefore, its incorporation into OMB 3060-0986 will ease the Commission's administrative burden for complying with information collection requirements. Upon OMB approval of this revision, the Commission will voluntarily discontinue OMB Control Number 3060-0793 and retain this one for OMB's inventory.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 08-2817 and DA 09-15]

Consumer Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission announces the re-chartering and appointment of members to the Consumer Advisory Committee ("Committee") of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"). The Commission further designates the Chairperson of the Committee, and announces the date and agenda of the Committee's first meeting in calendar year 2009.

DATES: The first meeting of the re-chartered Committee will take place on January 30, 2009, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Commission's Headquarters Building, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Marshall, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, (202) 418-2809 (voice), (202) 418-0179 (TTY), or e-mail scott.marshall@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 30, 2008, the Commission released document DA 08-2817, which announced the re-chartering of its Consumer Advisory Committee, announced the appointment of twenty-eight (28) members to the Committee and designated the Committee's chairperson.

On January 9, 2009, the Commission released document DA 09-15, announced the agenda, date and time of the Committee's first meeting in calendar year 2009.

The Committee is organized under and will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988). On November 17, 2008, the Committee was re-chartered for another two-year term.

The mission of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including people with disabilities and underserved populations, such as American Indians and persons living in rural areas) in proceedings before the Commission. Each meeting of the full Committee will be open to the public. A notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting. Records will be maintained of each meeting and made available for public inspection.

Functions

Digital Transition. The digital television transition will remain the principal focus of the Committee through early 2009 as the Commission continues its efforts to assist consumers in understanding and preparing for the transition which, by law, must be completed by February 17, 2009.

Other Topics. In addition to digital television, other topics to be addressed by the Committee will include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

1. Consumer protection and education (e.g., cramming, slamming, consumer friendly billing, detariffing, bundling of services, Lifeline/Linkup programs, customer service, privacy, telemarketing abuses, and outreach to underserved populations, such as Native Americans and persons living in rural areas).
2. Access by people with disabilities (e.g., telecommunications relay services, video description, closed captioning, accessible billing and access to telecommunications products and services).
3. Impact upon consumers of new and emerging technologies (e.g., availability of broadband, digital television, cable, satellite, low power FM, and the convergence of these and emerging technologies).

Appointment of Chairman and Members

The Commission appointed twenty-eight (28) members to its Consumer

Advisory Committee. Of this number, twelve (12) represent interests of consumers, minorities, and low income communities; five (5) represent disabilities communities; six (6) represent the interest of state, local, and Native American interests, and, five (5) represent industry interests. The Committee's slate is designed to be representative of the Commission's many constituencies, and the diversity selected will provide a balanced point of view as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. All appointments are effective immediately and shall terminate November 17, 2010 or when the Committee is terminated, whichever is earlier.

The roster as appointed by Chairman Kevin J. Martin is as follows:

Ms. Debra Berlyn, representing the Digital Television Transition Coalition is hereby appointed as chairperson of the Committee.

Other members by organization and primary representative name include:

1. AARP—Marti T. Doneghy.
2. Alaska State Department of Law—Lew Craig.
3. Alliance for Community Media—Gloria Tristani.
4. American Council of the Blind—Eric Bridges.
5. Appalachian Regional Commission—Harry L. Roesch.
6. Benton Foundation—Charles Benton.
7. Cablevision—Dodie Tschirch.
8. Call For Action—Shirley Rooker.
9. Communication Service for the Deaf—Karen Peltz Strauss.
10. Communications Workers of America—Jeffrey Rechenbach.
11. Consumer Action—Ken McEldowney.
12. Consumer Electronics Association—Jamie Hedlund.
13. Consumer Federation of America—Irene E. Leech.
14. Consumers Union—Gene Kimmelman.
15. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network—Claude Stout.
16. Digital Television Transition Coalition—Debra Berlyn, Chairperson.
17. Dishnetwork Corporation (formerly EchoStar Communications Corporation)—Lori Kalani.
18. Hawaii State Public Utilities Commission—John Cole.
19. Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians—Brandon Stephens.
20. Hearing Loss Association of America—Lise Hamlin.
21. League of United Latin American Citizens—Eduardo Pena, Jr.
22. National Association of Broadcasters—John L. Sander.