

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0971.

*Title:* Section 52.15, Requests for "For Cause" Audits and State Commissions' Access to Numbering Resource Application Information.

*Form Number:* N/A.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,100 respondents; 63,015 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes to 3.0 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirements; third party disclosure.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Total Annual Burden:* 10,515 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$0.00.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impacts.

*Nature and Extent of confidentiality:* The Commission requires state commissions to treat carriers' applications for initial or growth numbering resources as well as their forecast and utilization data as confidential. In those instances where a state "open records" statute prevents the state from providing confidential protection for such sensitive carrier information the Commission will work with the state commission to enable it to obtain access to such information in a manner that addresses the state's need for this information and also protects the confidential nature of the carrier's sensitive information.

*Needs and Uses:* To ensure that the numbering resources of the North American Numbering Plan are used efficiently, the Commission authorized "for cause" audits as part of its comprehensive audit plan to verify carrier compliance with Federal rules, under 47 CFR 52.15, and orders and industry guidelines. It also provided state commissions with access to copies of carriers' applications for numbering resources. To request a "for cause" audit, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Pooling Administrator or a state commission must draft a request to the auditor stating the reason for the request, such as misleading or inaccurate data, and attach supporting documentation. Requests for copies of carriers' applications for numbering resources are made directly to the carriers by the state commissions. The information collected will be used by the FCC, state commissions, the NANPA and the Pooling Administrator to verify the validity and accuracy of carrier data and to assist state commissions in

carrying out their numbering responsibilities, such as area code relief.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget**

December 10, 2007.

**SUMMARY:** 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.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0166.

*OMB Approval Date:* 11/28/2007.

*Expiration Date:* 11/30/2010.

*Title:* Part 42—Preservation of Records of Communications Common Carriers.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Burdens:* 56 responses; 112 total annual hours; 2 hours per response.

*Needs and Uses:* Part 42 prescribes the regulations governing the preservation of records of communications common carriers that are fully subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC. The requirements are necessary to ensure the availability of carrier records needed by Commission staff for regulatory purposes.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0715.

*OMB Approval Date:* 12/06/2007.

*Expiration Date:* 06/30/2008.

*Title:* Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and Other Customer Information, CC Docket No. 96-115.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Burdens:* 6,017 respondents; 350,704 hours; 58.29 hours per response.

*Needs and Uses:* On January 12, 2007, President George W. Bush signed into law the "Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act of 2006," which

responded to the problem of "pretexting," or seeking to obtain unauthorized access to telephone records, by making it a criminal offense subject to fines and imprisonment. In particular, pretexting is the practice of pretending to be a particular customer or other authorized person in order to obtain access to that customer's call detail or other private communications records. The Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act of 2006 Act found that such unauthorized disclosure of telephone records is a problem that "not only assaults individual privacy but, in some instances, may further acts of domestic violence or stalking, compromise the personal safety of law enforcement officers, their families, victims of crime, witnesses, or confidential informants, and undermine the integrity of law enforcement investigations."

On April 2, 2007, the Commission released the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information; IP-Enabled Services, CC Docket No. 96-115, WC Docket No. 04-36, FCC 07-22, which responded to the practice of pretexting by strengthening its rules to protect the privacy of customer proprietary network information (CPNI) that is collected and held by providers of communications services. Section 222 of the Communications Act requires telecommunications carriers to take specific steps to ensure that CPNI is adequately protected from unauthorized disclosure. Pursuant to section 222, the Commission adopted new rules focused on the efforts of providers of communications services to prevent pretexting. These rules require providers of communications services to adopt additional privacy safeguards that, the Commission believes, will sharply limit pretexters' ability to obtain unauthorized access to the type of personal customer information from carriers that the Commission regulates. In addition, in furtherance of the Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act of 2006, the Commission's rules help ensure that law enforcement will have necessary tools to investigate and enforce prohibitions on illegal access to customer records.

Federal Communications Commission.

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