

2024, the Commission released the *2024 IPCS Order*, FCC 24–75, 89 FR 77244 (Sept. 20, 2024), which fundamentally reforms the regulation of IPCS in all correctional facilities, regardless of the technology used to deliver these services, and significantly lowers the IPCS rates that incarcerated people and their loved ones will pay.

The *2024 IPCS Order* comprehensively reforms the regulation of the IPCS industry to implement the Martha Wright-Reed Act, addressing six major rulemaking areas that implicate the PRA. This submission seeks OMB review of five of these areas: disability access (new paperwork requirements), alternate pricing plans (new paperwork requirements), inactive accounts (new paperwork requirements), consumer disclosure (revised paperwork requirements), and waiver requests (revised paperwork requirements). These revisions include the addition of new rules addressing disability access, alternate pricing plans, and inactive accounts; and changes to the rules addressing consumer disclosure, annual reporting and certification rules, waiver reporting, rate cap, site commission, and ancillary service charges. Separately, we are seeking comment on paperwork burdens arising from the sixth area—revisions to the annual reporting and certification rules.

New Rules Requiring OMB Review

47 CFR 64.6040(f) (Accessible formats)—requiring among other information collection requirements, that the information and documentation IPCS providers furnish to current or potential consumers of IPCS is accessible;

47 CFR 64.6130(d) through (f) and (h) through (k) (Protection of consumer funds in inactive accounts)—requiring, among other information requirements, that providers follow certain specified procedures when an IPCS account is deemed inactive, including contacting account holders when an incarcerated person is released or transferred; and

47 CFR 64.6140(c) and (d), (e)(2) through (4), and (f)(2) and (4) (Alternate Pricing Plans)—requiring, among other information collection requirements, that providers choosing to offer alternate pricing plans comply with the rules generally applicable to all IPCS, in addition to specific consumer protection and disclosure rules.

Revised Requirements for Which the Commission Is Seeking OMB Review

47 CFR 64.6110(a) and (c) through (g) (Consumer Disclosure of Incarcerated People's Communications Services Rates)—requiring, among other

information collection requirements, that providers post on their public websites clear, accurate, and conspicuous information about their IPCS offerings, including information on rates, charges, and associated practices; and

47 CFR 64.6120 (Waiver process)—requiring, among other information collection requirements, that providers follow certain procedures when filing waiver requests, including a showing that the request will not result in unjust and unreasonable IPCS rates and charges.

Previously-Approved Information Collection Requirements

47 CFR 64.6040(c) (Communications Access for Incarcerated People with Communications Disabilities)—requiring, among other information collection requirements, that providers, as part of their obligation to provide access to Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), notify the TRS provider(s) when an incarcerated person who has individually registered to use Video Relay Service (VRS), internet Protocol Relay Service (IP Relay), or internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) is released from incarceration or transferred to another correctional facility.

47 CFR 64.6060 (Annual Reporting and Certification Requirements)—requiring IPCS providers, among other information collection requirements, to file certain pricing and related data and information annually to promote transparency and heighten IPCS providers' accountability. In 2015, the Commission released the Second Report and Order and Third Notice of Further Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 12–375, 30 FCC Rcd 12763, 80 FR 79135 (Dec. 18, 2015) (2015 ICS Order), in which it required that inmate calling services (ICS) providers file Annual Reports providing data and other information on their ICS operations, as well as Annual Certifications that the reported information is complete and accurate and complies with the Commission's ICS rules. Pursuant to the authority delegated them by the Commission, WCB and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (collectively, the Bureaus) released an Order on January 8, 2025, WC Docket Nos. 23–62, 12–375, DA 25–23 (rel. Jan. 8, 2025) (*2025 Annual Reports Order*), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/2025-ipc-annual-reports-order>, revising the instructions and reporting templates for the Annual Reports, as well as the associated certification form. The revisions reflect previous proposals by the Bureaus, including those regarding

access to IPCS and TRS by persons with communication disabilities, as well as refinements and modifications made in response to comments in support of more streamlined, and therefore less burdensome, overall reporting obligations. The revisions also reflect the Commission's expanded authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Act, including authority over video IPCS and video-only IPCS providers.

In this submission, we are seeking OMB review of the paperwork burdens arising from the new rules addressing disability access, alternate pricing plans and inactive accounts and from the revisions to the consumer disclosure rules and waiver reporting requirements. We are also seeking renewal of the previously-approved paperwork requirements for communications access for incarcerated people with communication disabilities in section 64.6040(c) of the Commission's rules, as well as renewal of the previously approved paperwork requirements for the annual reporting and certification rule.

We will continue to address the paperwork burdens associated with the revisions to the annual reporting and certification rules separately.

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PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: Thursday, March 27, 2025, following the conclusion of the audit hearing.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The following item was also discussed:

Draft Advisory Opinion 2025–04:

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