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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1053]

Information Collection Approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a revision of a currently approved public information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number, and no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Comments concerning the accuracy of the burden estimates and any suggestions for reducing the burden should be directed to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Williams, Office of the Managing Director, at (202) 418-2918, or email: Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1053.

OMB Approval Date: March 31, 2015.

OMB Expiration Date: March 31, 2018.

Title: Two-Line Captioned Telephone Order, IP Captioned Telephone Service Declaratory Ruling; and Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service Reform Order, CG Docket Nos. 13-24 and 03-123.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Responses: 148,006 respondents; 556,010 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.25 hours (15 minutes) to 8 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual, every five years, on-going, and one-time reporting requirement; Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for the information collection requirements is found at sec. 225 [47 U.S.C. 225] Telecommunications Services for Hearing-Impaired Individuals; The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (ADA), Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, 366-69, was enacted on July 26, 1990.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 399,072 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$1,680,000.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: An assurance of confidentiality is not offered because this information collection does not require the collection of personally identifiable information by the FCC from individuals.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: On August 1, 2003, the Commission released Telecommunication Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CC Docket No. 98-67, Declaratory Ruling, 68 FR 55898, September 28, 2003, clarifying that one-line captioned telephone voice carry over (VCO) service is a type of telecommunications relay service (TRS) and that eligible providers of such services are eligible to recover their costs from the Interstate TRS Fund (Fund) in accordance with section 225 of the Communications Act. The Commission also clarified that certain TRS mandatory minimum standards do not apply to one-line captioned telephone VCO service and waived 47 CFR 64.604(a)(1) and (a)(3) for all current and future captioned telephone VCO service providers, for the same period of time beginning August 1, 2003. The waivers were contingent on the filing of annual reports.

On July 19, 2005, the Commission released Telecommunication Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CC Docket No. 98-67 and CG Docket No. 03-123, Order, 70 FR 54294, September 14, 2005, clarifying that two-line captioned telephone VCO service, like one-line captioned telephone VCO service, is a type of TRS eligible for compensation from the Fund.

On January 11, 2007, the Commission released Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket No. 03-123, Declaratory Ruling, 72 FR 6960, February 14, 2007, granting a request for clarification that Internet Protocol (IP) captioned telephone relay service (IP CTS) is a type of TRS eligible for compensation from the Fund. The Commission also waived certain TRS mandatory minimum standards that do not apply to IP CTS, contingent on the filing of annual reports.

On August 26, 2013, the Commission issued Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket Nos. 13-24 and 03-123, Report and Order, 78 FR 53684, August 30, 2013, to regulate practices relating to the marketing of IP CTS, impose certain requirements for the provision of this service, and mandate registration and certification of IP CTS users.

On June 20, 2014, the DC Circuit vacated the rule prohibiting compensation to providers for minutes of use generated by equipment consumers received from providers for free or for less than \$75 (\$75 equipment charge rule) and the rule requiring providers to maintain captions off as the default setting for IP CTS equipment. Sorenson Communications, Inc. and CaptionCall, LLC v. FCC, 755 F.3d 702 (D.C. Cir. 2014) (DC Circuit IP CTS Order).

On August 22, 2014, the Commission issued Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Waivers of iTRS Mandatory Minimum Standards, CG Docket No. 03-123, Report and Order, 79 FR 62875, October 21, 2014 (iTRS Waiver Order), to make permanent waivers of certain TRS mandatory

minimum standards and eliminate waivers of other TRS mandatory minimum standards for IP CTS and CTS. The Commission also eliminated the requirement that IP CTS and CTS providers file annual reports regarding the TRS mandatory minimum standards.

This notice pertains to OMB approval of revisions to the information collection requirements as a result of the iTRS Waiver Order eliminating the requirement that IP CTS and CTS providers file annual reports regarding the TRS mandatory minimum standards and as a result of the DC Circuit IP CTS Order vacating the \$75 equipment charge rule and the rule requiring providers to maintain captions off as the default setting for IP CTS equipment.

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Office of the Managing Director.

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