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

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 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 OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. 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 and to
Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information
collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0806.

**Title:** Universal Service-Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program, FCC Forms 470 and 471.

**Form Number:** FCC Forms 470 and 471.

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

**Respondents:** State, local or tribal government institutions, and other not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 43,000 respondents; 67,100 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 3.5 hours for FCC Form 470 (3 hours for response; 0.5 hours for
recordkeeping; 4.5 hours for FCC Form 471 (4 hours for response; 0.5 hours for recordkeeping).

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

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information
collection is contained in sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201-205, 214, 254, and 403 of the Communications Act of

**Total Annual Burden:** 273,950 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No Cost.

**Privacy Act Impact Assessment:** No impact(s).

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** There is no assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents
concerning this information collection. However, respondents may request materials or information
submitted to the Commission or to the Administrator be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR
0.459 of the FCC’s rules.
Needs and Uses: The Commission seeks approval to extend the existing collection 3060-0806 (FCC Forms 470 and 471). Collection of the information on FCC Forms 470 and 471 is necessary so that the Commission and USAC have sufficient information to determine if entities are eligible for funding pursuant to the schools and libraries support mechanism, to determine if entities are complying with the Commission’s rules, and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. In addition, the information is necessary for the Commission to evaluate the extent to which the E-rate program is meeting the statutory objectives specified in section 254(h) of the 1996 Act, and the Commission’s performance goals established in the E-rate Modernization Order and Second E-rate Modernization Order.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
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Office of the Secretary.

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