



## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[OMB 3060-0972; FR ID 311979]**

### **Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority**

**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 (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. 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 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 Office of Management and Budget (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](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [nicole.ongele@fcc.gov](mailto: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:** 3060-0972.

**Title:** Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan Order, Parts 54 and 69 Filing Requirements for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers.

**Form Number(s):** N/A.

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

**Respondents:** Business or other for profit.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 201 respondents; 68 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 20-90 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion and three-year reporting requirements.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1-4, 10, 154(i), 154(j), and 201-205.

**Total Annual Burden:** 1,422 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$1,040.

**Needs and Uses:** Following the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act), the Commission adopted interstate access charge and universal service support reforms. These reforms were designed to establish a “pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework” for the United States telecommunications industry. Specifically, the Commission aligned the interstate access rate structure more closely with the manner in which costs are incurred, and created a universal service support mechanism for rate-of-return carriers (Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)) to replace implicit support in interstate access charges with explicit support that is portable to all eligible telecommunications carriers. More recently, the Commission reformed this universal service support mechanism, enabling rate-of-return carriers to elect to receive fixed support or to continue to receive cost-based support. The new cost-based support is known as Connect America Fund Broadband Loop (CAF BLS) support.

To administer the CAF BLS support mechanism, the Universal Service Administrative Company collects demand, cost, and revenue data from rate-of-return carriers that did not elect to receive fixed support. In

addition, rate-of-return carriers are required to submit demand, cost, and revenue data to the Commission to ensure that their cost-based rates are just and reasonable.

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