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RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST FILERS IN CONNECTION WITH REVISED FCC FORM 477 FOR THE MARCH 2, 2009 FILING DEADLINE

On June 12, 2008, the Commission released orders adopting revisions to FCC Form 477, which required approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before becoming effective.¹ On January 30, 2009, OMB approved the modified information collection (OMB Control Number: 3060-0816).² Accordingly, the data collection revisions will be in effect for the upcoming March 2, 2009 filing deadline.³

The new Web-based interface through which filers will submit their Form 477 will be available on the FCC's Webpage as soon as possible. In the interim, information on the new filing can be accessed at www.fcc.gov/form477, including:

- Screen shots of the electronic filing interface:
<http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form477/477screen-shots.pdf>
- Form 477 instructions:
<http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form477/477inst.pdf>
- Frequently Asked Questions:
<http://www.fcc.gov/form477/techfaqs.html>

¹ *Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscribership Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscribership*, WC Docket No. 07-38, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 23 FCC Rcd 9691 (2008); Order on Reconsideration, 23 FCC Rcd 9800 (2008).

² OMB approval of the modified information collection is effective for one year on a pilot basis. In terms of clearance accompanying its approval, OMB notes that, due to significant changes and increased burden from the proposed revisions, the Commission should be flexible with and assist respondents who may have difficulty in submitting information in the new format. Additionally, the terms of clearance note that the Commission should reevaluate the reporting requirements and reporting methods to determine the true burden and cost of the collection to respondents, especially small entities, and make revisions where necessary to minimize the reporting burden while maximizing the practical utility of the information collection, and that the results of this evaluation will be considered during the next OMB review of this information collection.

³ Consistent with the Form 477 Instructions and section 1.4 of the Commission's rules, the filing will be due on Monday, March 2, 2009, which is the next business day after the March 1st deadline for filing data as of December 31 of the preceding year.

In addition, filers with technical questions or comments about the filing process can email them to: 477Info@fcc.gov.

The Wireline Competition Bureau will issue a further Public Notice when the interface is available for public access.

Further Information

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