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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR REVISED FORMS 470 AND 471 AND ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that revised FCC Forms 470 and 471 and their accompanying instructions have been approved for use by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The final drafts of the forms and instructions, to be used for informational purposes only, accompany this public notice. They will be available for actual use by E-rate participants after being posted on USAC's website by January 11, 2011, before the opening of the 2011 application filing window.¹ Applicants should NOT use the new forms until they are posted on USAC's website. On that date, applicants will be able to file electronically or download a copy of the revised forms from USAC's website, www.usac.org/sl.

USAC will accept the previous FCC Forms 470 and 471, dated November 2004, for funding year 2011 and FCC Forms 470 that have already been filed do not need to be resubmitted. In addition, applicants that file the currently available Form 470, dated November 2004, will not have to have a technology plan for priority one services for funding year 2011, even though the certification at block 5, item number 21, indicates that such a technology plan is required.²

The Bureau submitted a revision of FCC Forms 470 and 471, collection 3060-0806, for OMB approval pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.³ The Bureau sought comment on the proposed changes July 1, 2010.⁴ The revisions streamline the forms by eliminating questions that are no longer useful and limit data collection to information that is not already available elsewhere. Also, the FCC Form 471 now requires information about the current number of broadband connections and their speeds and requires that the Item 21 attachment be submitted with the form. The forms also gather specific information about the type of entity filling out the forms or applying for E-rate

¹ See *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, A National Broadband Plan For Our Future*, CC Docket No. 02-6, GN Docket No. 09-51, Sixth Report and Order, FCC 10-175, para. 98 (rel. Sept. 28, 2010) (*Schools and Libraries Sixth Report and Order*).

² *Id.* at para. 60.

³ Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested for Collection 3060-0806, 75 Fed. Reg. 28,806 (May 24, 2010); Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Comments Requested for Collection 3060-0806, 75 Fed. Reg. 45,113 (Aug. 2, 2010).

⁴ *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Revisions to FCC Forms 470 and 471 Under the Paperwork Reduction Act*, CC Docket 02-6, Public Notice, 25 FCC Rcd 8515 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. July 1, 2010).

funding. Finally, the forms are updated to reflect changes in program rules and citations. The forms were approved by OMB on October 8, 2010 and expire in 2013.⁵

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⁵ See OMB Website, OMB Control Number History, <http://reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAOMBHistory?ombControlNumber=3060-0806> (last visited Nov. 17, 2010).