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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REVISIONS TO FCC FORMS 470 AND 471

CC Docket No. 02-6

Comment Date: August 16, 2013

Reply Comment Date: August 30, 2013

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA),¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau is revising existing collection 3060-0806.² In this notice, we seek comment on proposed revisions to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Forms 470 and 471, which are used by applicants seeking support from the E-rate program (more formally known as the schools and libraries universal service support program). Copies of the proposed revised forms are attached to this notice.

The purpose of the FCC Form 470 is to open a competitive bidding process for E-rate eligible services.³ After entering into agreements for services eligible for E-rate support, applicants file the FCC Form 471 to identify the services for which they will seek reimbursement from the E-rate program.⁴ Both forms include certifications to insure that applicants are complying with program rules.⁵

The proposed changes to the forms include:

- Inquiring about broadband connectivity based on individual funding requests;
- Requesting additional information about the current number of broadband connections, their type, and the speeds;
- Consolidating telecommunications and Internet access services into one field on the FCC Form 470 so applicants are no longer required to specify whether they are seeking telecommunications or Internet access services; and
- Adding a check box for “Federal Entity” applicants on the FCC Form 471.

¹ See 44 U.S.C. § 3507 (setting forth requirements for an agency seeking to adopt or revise a public information collection).

² See 60-Day PRA Notice for Collection 3060-0806, 78 FR 40475 (July 5, 2013). The current forms expire October 31, 2013.

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.503(c).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(a).

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.503(c)(2), 54.504(a)(1).

We seek comment on all of the proposed changes to the forms. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **August 16, 2013**, and reply comments on or before **August 30, 2013**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 02-6**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
 - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

In addition, we request that one copy of each pleading be sent to each of the following:

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