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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DUE DATES FOR INMATE CALLING SERVICES INFORMATION COLLECTIONS AND CONSUMER DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

**WC Docket No. 12-375**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the due dates of certain requirements associated with the *2015 ICS Order* that were subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).[[1]](#footnote-1)

In the *2015 ICS Order*, the Commission charged the Bureau with implementing requirements designed to assist the Commission in monitoring the rates, fees, and practices of providers of inmate calling services (ICS). These requirements include a consumer disclosure requirement,[[2]](#footnote-2) an annual reporting and certification requirement,[[3]](#footnote-3) and a one-time mandatory data collection.[[4]](#footnote-4) Because these requirements involve Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) burdens, they could not be fully implemented until they were approved by OMB and that approval was published in the Federal Register.[[5]](#footnote-5) Notice of the necessary approvals was published in the Federal Register on March 1, 2017, triggering the compliance deadlines established in the *2015 ICS Order*.[[6]](#footnote-6)

Specifically, in accordance with the *2015 ICS Order*, ICS providers must comply immediately with the Commission’s consumer disclosure requirements.[[7]](#footnote-7) ICS providers also must submit the annual reporting and certification forms (FCC Forms 2301(a) and 2301(b)) to the Commission. The *2015 ICS Order* set April 1 as the annual reporting deadline.[[8]](#footnote-8) Because OMB approval was not published in the *Federal Register* until March 1, we grant, on our own motion, a one-time extension of the deadline until June 1, 2017. The annual reporting and certification forms are available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections>.[[9]](#footnote-9) Subsequent reports and certifications will be due to the Commission by April 1 of each year.[[10]](#footnote-10)

Finally, ICS providers must submit responses to the second one-time Mandatory Data Collection to the Commission by March 1, 2019, two years from the date that notice of OMB’s approval of the information collection was published in the Federal Register.[[11]](#footnote-11) The forms and instructions for the Mandatory Data Collection are also available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections>.[[12]](#footnote-12)

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1. *See* *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 12763 (2015) (*2015 ICS Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Id.* at 12893-98, paras. 274-288; 47 CFR § 64.6110. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12890-93, paras. 263-273; 47 CFR § 64.6060. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12862-64, paras. 197-202. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. *Id.* at 12918, para. 336. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. 82 Fed. Reg. 12182 (March 1, 2017). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. *See id.* at 12895-96, 12918, paras. 278-80, 336; *see also* 47 CFR § 64.6110. Global Tel\*Link Corporation’s (GTL’s) Petition for Waiver of the consumer disclosure deadline appears now to be moot. *See* Petition of Global Tel\*Link for Waiver of Deadline to Implement Rule 64.6110 for Prisons, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Jan. 5, 2016) (arguing that GTL needed additional time to update its website and explaining that the necessary updates were scheduled to be completed by June 20, 2016); *see also* letter from Chérie R. Kiser, counsel to GTL, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Jan. 14, 2016) (agreeing that “[o]nce the PRA review process is completed and OMB approval has been issued, the Commission will . . . address GTL’s waiver . . . unless resolution of the PRA issues renders GTL’s waiver moot.”) If that is not the case, GTL may file a new or modified petition for waiver. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12892, para. 268. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. *See* FCC Form 2301(a) (reporting); FCC Form 2301(b) (certification). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. 47 CFR § 64.6060(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12862, para. 198. The notice published in the Federal Register erroneously listed the due date for responses to the Mandatory Data Collection as March 1, 2017. The correct date for responses to the Mandatory Data Collection is March 1, 2019. A correction will be published in the Federal Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. *See* FCC Form 2300. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)