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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

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 an annual reporting and certification requirement,³ and a one-time mandatory data collection.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 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

Specifically, in accordance with the *2015 ICS Order*, ICS providers must comply immediately with the Commission's consumer disclosure requirements.⁷ ICS providers also must submit the annual

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*).

² *Id.* at 12893-98, paras. 274-288; 47 CFR § 64.6110.

³ *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12890-93, paras. 263-273; 47 CFR § 64.6060.

⁴ *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12862-64, paras. 197-202.

⁵ *Id.* at 12918, para. 336.

⁶ 82 Fed. Reg. 12182 (March 1, 2017).

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.

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 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 Subsequent reports and certifications will be due to the Commission by April 1 of each year.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 The forms and instructions for the Mandatory Data Collection are also available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections>.¹²

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⁸ *2015 ICS Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12892, para. 268.

⁹ See FCC Form 2301(a) (reporting); FCC Form 2301(b) (certification).

¹⁰ 47 CFR § 64.6060(a).

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*.

¹² See FCC Form 2300.