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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU REMINDS SUBMARINE CABLE OPERATORS OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW OUTAGE REPORTING RULES**

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The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection associated with the *Report and Order*[[1]](#footnote-2)and *Order on Reconsideration*[[2]](#footnote-3) to improve outage reporting for submarine cables and enhanced submarine cable outage data.[[3]](#footnote-4) By Public Notice, the Commission reminds submarine cable providers that the compliance date for these new rule provisions requiring mandatory reporting of qualifying submarine cable outages is **October 28, 2021**.[[4]](#footnote-5)

Specifically, submarine cable licensees must report unplanned outages greater than 30 minutes on a portion of the cable system between submarine line terminal equipment (SLTE) or greater than four hours when it affects a fiber pair.[[5]](#footnote-6) Licensees must submit this information using the FCC’s Network Outage Reporting System (NORS).[[6]](#footnote-7) The NORS user manual and glossary, including information on filing submarine cable outage reports, may be found at: <https://www.fcc.gov/files/nors-user-manualpdf>.

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1. *Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data*, GN Docket No. 15-206, Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 7947 (2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data,* GN Docket No. 15-206, Order on Reconsideration, 34 FCC Rcd 13054 (2019) (*Recon. Order)*. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. OMB Control # 3060-1283. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Federal Communications Commission, Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data, 86 Fed Reg. 22360 (Apr. 28, 2021); *Recon. Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 13067, para. 42. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. *Recon. Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 13057-9, para. 11, 16-18. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. *Network Outage Reporting System* (Feb. 3, 2021), <https://www.fcc.gov/network-outage-reporting-system-nors>. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)