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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET'S APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION'S REVISED ANNUAL REPORT COLLECTION FOR INMATE CALLING SERVICES PROVIDERS

WC Docket No. 12-375

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the Commission's revised Annual Report Data Collection related to calling services for incarcerated people.¹ Inmate calling services (ICS) providers' next Annual Reports and Certifications will be due April 3, 2023.²

In the *2015 ICS Order*,³ the Commission required that all ICS providers file Annual Reports providing data and other information on their ICS operations, as well as annual certifications that the reported data are complete and accurate and comply with the Commission's rules. Pursuant to the authority delegated to it by the Commission in the *2015 ICS Order*,⁴ WCB created a standardized reporting template (FCC Form No. 2301(a)) and a related certification of accuracy (FCC Form No. 2301(b)), as well as instructions to guide ICS providers through the reporting process.

In the *2021 ICS Order*,⁵ the Commission revised its ICS rules, which necessitated changes to the Annual Reports. On December 21, 2021, WCB issued a Public Notice seeking comment on its proposed revisions to the instructions and annual reporting and certification templates for the Annual Reports.⁶ After considering the comments and replies submitted in response to the Public Notice, WCB released the *Annual Report Adoption Order* on June 24, 2022, revising the instructions, the reporting template, and the

¹ See Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action for New Collection OMB Control No. 3060-1222, <https://omb.report/search.php?terms=3060-1222> (approved Oct. 3, 2022) (OMB Approval Notice).

² Although the Commission's ICS rules specify that providers must file their Annual Reports by April 1 of each year, 47 CFR § 64.6060(a), April 1, 2023 falls on a Saturday. Under the Commission's rules for computation of time, the providers' next Annual Reports will be due on later than Monday, April 3, 2023, the first business day after April 1, 2023. 47 CFR § 64.6060(j).

³ *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 12763, 12891-92, paras. 266-67 (2015) (*2015 ICS Order*).

⁴ *Id.* at para. 12892, para. 268.

⁵ *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Third Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 36 FCC Rcd 9519 (2021) (*2021 ICS Order*).

⁶ *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Revisions to Annual Reporting and Certification Requirements for ICS Providers*, WC Docket No. 12-375. Public Notice, DA 21-1583 (WCB Dec. 15, 2021).

certification form.⁷

The Commission submitted the revised collection to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), and OMB approved the collection on October 3, 2022.⁸

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⁷ *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Order, DA 22-676 (WCB June 24, 2022) (*Annual Report Adoption Order*). The *Order* largely adopted the proposals contained in the Public Notice, with certain minor refinements and reevaluations responsive to comments and replies filed in response to the Public Notice.

⁸ See OMB Approval Notice, *supra*. On October 17, 2022, the Federal Register published a Notice announcing OMB's approval and establishing that date as the effective date for the revised collection. *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, 87 Fed. Reg. 62736 (Oct. 17, 2022).