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## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM TRANSPARENCY DATA COLLECTION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 30, 2023

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By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau extends the November 9, 2023 compliance date, or data submission deadline, for the submission of Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection data based on a reference or snapshot date of August 1, 2023, by granting a limited waiver<sup>1</sup> of section 54.1813(c) of the Commission's rules. **All ACP Transparency Data Collection data based on a reference or snapshot date of August 1, 2023 are now due November 30, 2023.**

This extension allows ACP providers additional time to submit their data. The Universal Service Administrative Co. (USAC), the administrator of the ACP and the Transparency Data Collection, has identified technical issues that may have affected certain filers. We find that extending the compliance date, or data submission deadline until November 30, 2023 will allow USAC to confirm that technical issues have been mitigated and will allow affected filers additional time to submit any remaining data. This extended deadline also takes into account the two intervening Federal holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.<sup>2</sup> We encourage filers to file well ahead of the extended November 30, 2023 compliance date, or data submission deadline.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's rules provides that the Commission may, on its own motion, waive a rule "for good cause shown, in whole or in part, at any time."<sup>3</sup> The technical system issues warrants deviating from the rule that ACP Transparency System Data be submitted by November 9, 2023. This extension strikes a balance by enabling time for providers to submit and certify their data and at the same time ensuring that the deadline extension will not unduly delay in making the data public.

More information about the ACP Transparency Data Collection is available at: <https://www.usac.org/about/affordable-connectivity-program/participate-in-acp/annual-requirements/>. For technical questions or issues relating to accessing or submitting data, please email [ACPdatacollection@usac.org](mailto:ACPdatacollection@usac.org). For other questions concerning the ACP Transparency Data Collection, please email [ACPdatacollection@fcc.gov](mailto:ACPdatacollection@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 54.1813(c) (establishing November 9, 2023 as a submission deadline).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 2023 Federal Holidays, <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/federal-holidays/#url=2023> (last visited Nov. 9, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 1.3. See, e.g., *Ne. Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990); see *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1155-59 (D.C. Cir. 1969) (*WAIT Radio*).