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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF OMB REVIEW AND KEY DATES FOR AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM TRANSPARENCY DATA COLLECTION

WC Docket No. 21-450

On November 15, 2022, the Commission adopted a *Report and Order* establishing the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection to collect information related to the price, subscription rates, and plan characteristics of the internet service offerings of participating providers, as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.¹ In the *Report and Order*, the Commission directed the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) to establish a compliance date, or data submission deadline, which could be no sooner than ninety days after the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has completed its review required under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).² The *Report and Order* also directed the Bureau to announce a "snapshot" date for the data collection.³ By this Public Notice, the Bureau announces that OMB completed its PRA review on August 11, 2023.⁴

Accordingly, we establish a compliance date, or data submission deadline, for the collection of November 9, 2023, based on a reference or snapshot date of August 1, 2023. ACP providers must submit data through the ACP Data Collection System hosted by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Providers can begin submitting data on September 8, 2023. USAC will provide a staging environment, training, and office hours ahead of the opening of the data submission for providers to navigate the data submission process. More information about the ACP Transparency Data Collection is available at: https://www.usac.org/about/affordable-connectivity-program/participate-in-acp/annual-requirements/.

The Commission will publish a corresponding effective date notice and rule revision for the ACP Transparency Data Collection rules in the Federal Register shortly.

For technical questions or issues relating to accessing or submitting data, please email <u>ACProgram@usac.org</u>. For other questions concerning the ACP Transparency Data Collection, please email <u>ACPdatacollection@fcc.gov</u>.

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¹ Affordable Connectivity Program, WC Docket No. 21-450, Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 22-87, para. 1 (2022) (Report and Order).

² *Id.* at 31, 54, paras. 60, 129; 47 CFR § 54.1813(g).

³ Report and Order at 32-33, para. 64 (establishing snapshot date).

⁴ OMB Control No. 3060-1310.