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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS PROVIDERS OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES OF THE JUNE 1, 2026 DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) reminds providers of incarcerated people's communications services (IPCS) that the deadline for this year's submission of annual reports and certifications, required pursuant to section 64.6060 of the Commission's rules, was extended and is now June 1, 2026.<sup>1</sup> The forms and instructions for this year's annual reports and certifications are available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ipcs>. All required data must be submitted using the electronic Word and Excel templates provided by the Commission, and in a machine-readable and manipulable format.<sup>2</sup> Public versions of the reports shall also be filed in the electronic Word and Excel templates provided by the Commission, and in a machine-readable and manipulable format, using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.<sup>3</sup>

Any request for confidential treatment must adhere to the standard set forth in section 0.459(b) of the Commission's rules,<sup>4</sup> as applied in the *ICS Annual Report Transparency Order*.<sup>5</sup> In that *Order*, the Bureau explained that information in the 2019 Annual Reports regarding "facility names, inmate calling services rates, [and] the amounts of ancillary service charges" was not entitled to confidential treatment, given the "strong public interest in transparency surrounding rates, charges, terms, and fees for inmate calling services."<sup>6</sup> The Bureau also denied confidential treatment of information on average daily population, because it found no persuasive reason for protecting such information from public disclosure.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 47 CFR § 64.6060, providers must submit annual reports and certifications by April 1 of each year. This deadline was extended for 2026 filings by WCB in an order released on February 25, 2026. *See Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket Nos. 23-62 and 12-375, Order, DA 26-189, para. 1 (WCB Feb. 25, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> Instructions for Completing the Incarcerated People's Communications Services Annual Reporting and Annual Certification Forms (FCC Forms 2301(a) and 2301(b)) at 5-6, available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ipcs> (Current IPCS Annual Reporting Instructions).

<sup>3</sup> *See id.*; Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (May 1, 1998).

<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR § 0.459(b); *see id.* § 0.459(c) (specifying that "[c]asual requests [for confidential treatment] (including simply stamping pages 'confidential') . . . will not be considered").

<sup>5</sup> *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 9267 at para. 1 (WCB 2020) (*ICS Annual Report Transparency Order*).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

These same confidentiality determinations have applied to all IPCS Annual Reports since 2020,<sup>8</sup> and remain applicable to the Annual Reports due June 1, 2026, providing required information for calendar year 2025.

As a result, the Bureau expects the majority of each annual report to be filed publicly via ECFS, with only limited requests, if necessary, for redaction from public inspection. We remind providers that requests for confidential treatment will be subject to challenge and review by any party or by the Commission under the provisions of the relevant Protective Order.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Providers of Inmate Calling Services of the April 1, 2024 Deadline for Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, 39 FCC Rcd 1472 (WCB 2024); *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Providers of Inmate Calling Services of the April 1, 2023 Deadline for Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd 1377 (WCB 2023); *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Providers of Inmate Calling Services of the April 1, 2022 Deadline for Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, 37 FCC Rcd 1214 (WCB 2022); *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Providers of Inmate Calling Services of the April 1, 2021 Deadline for Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 4764 (WCB 2021).

<sup>9</sup> *See Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375, Protective Order, 38 FCC Rcd 2498, 2500, para. 4 (WCB 2023).