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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REVISIONS TO FCC FORMS 470 AND 471 UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

CC Docket No. 02-6

Comment Date: July 30, 2010

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Wireline Competition Bureau is revising existing collection 3060-0806 (FCC Forms 470 and 471).¹ In this notice, we seek comment on the attached revised FCC Forms 470 and 471.

The purpose of the FCC Form 470 is to open a competitive bidding process for E-rate eligible services.² After entering into agreements for the services, applicants file the FCC Form 471 to identify the services for which they will seek reimbursement.³ Both forms include certifications to insure that applicants are complying with program rules.⁴

The proposed changes to the forms include:

- eliminating questions that are no longer useful;
- limiting data collection to information that is not already available through other USAC forms or review processes;
- requiring information about the current number of broadband connections and their speeds;
- requiring the Item 21 attachment to be filed within the filing window;
- gathering specific information about the type of entity filling out the forms and/or applying for E-rate funding; and
- updating to reflect changes in program rules and citations.

We seek comment on all of the proposed changes to the forms. In addition, we specifically seek comment on whether the requirement to file the Item 21 attachment within the filing window should be

¹ See 60-Day PRA Notice for Collection 3060-0806, 75 Fed. Reg. 28,806 (May 24, 2010). The current forms expire in December 2010.

² See 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(c).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.504(b)(2), (c)(1).

implemented in funding year 2011 or in a future funding year.⁵ Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file **comments on or before July 30, 2010**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 02-6**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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⁵ Section 54.504(c) of the Commission's rules require the application to be "completed" when filed. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(c). We understand, however, that the practice has been to allow Item 21 attachments to be filed after the filing window has closed.