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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1146]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1146.

Title: Implementation of the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals, CG Docket No. 10-210.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit Institutions; State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 56 respondents; 2,493 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 to 20 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual, monthly, quarterly, and semi-annually reporting requirements; Record keeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in Sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), and 719 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), and 620.

Total Annual Burden: 5,850 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Confidentiality is an issue to the extent that individuals and households provide personally identifiable information (PII), which is covered under the FCC's system of records notice (SORN), FCC/CGB-3, "National Deaf-Blind Equipment distribution Program." As required by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commission also published a SORN, FCC/CGB-3 "National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program," in the Federal Register on January 19, 2012 (77 FR 2721) which became effective on February 28, 2012. Also, the Commission is in the process of preparing the new privacy impact assessment (PIA) related to the PII covered by these information

collections, as required by OMB's Memorandum M-03-22 (September 26, 2003) and by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

Privacy Impact Assessment: Yes. The Commission is in the process of preparing the new privacy impact assessment (PIA) related to the PII covered by these information collections, as required by OMB's Memorandum M-03-22 (September 26, 2003) and by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

Needs and Uses: On April 6, 2011, in document FCC 11-56, the Commission released a Report and Order adopting final rules to implement section 719 of the Communications Act of 1934 (the Act), as amended, which was added to the Act by the "Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" (CVAA). See Pub. L. 111-260, § 105. Section 719 of the Act authorizes up to $10 million annually from the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service Fund (TRS Fund) to support eligible programs that distribute equipment designed to make telecommunications service, Internet access service, and advanced communications accessible by low-income individuals who are deaf-blind. Specifically, the rules adopted in document FCC 11-56 established the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP) as a pilot program. The rules adopted in document FCC 11-56 have the following information collection requirements:

(a) State equipment distribution programs, other public programs, and private entities may submit applications for NDBEDP certification to the Commission. For each state, the Commission certifies a single program as the sole authorized entity to participate in the NDBEDP and receive reimbursement from the TRS Fund.

(b) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must submit certain program-related data electronically to the Commission, as instructed by the NDBEDP Administrator, every six months, commencing with the start of the pilot program.

(c) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must retain all records associated with the distribution of equipment and provision of related services under the NDBEDP for two years following the termination of the pilot program.

(d) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must obtain verification that NDBEDP applicants meet the definition of an individual who is deaf-blind.

(e) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must obtain verification that NDBEDP applicants meet the income eligibility requirements.

(f) Programs certified under the NDBEDP are reimbursed for the cost of equipment that has been distributed to eligible individuals and authorized related services, up to the state's funding allotment under this program. Within 30 days after the end of each six-month period of the Fund Year, each program certified under the NDBEDP pilot must submit documentation that supports its claim for reimbursement of the reasonable costs of equipment and related services.

On March 20, 2012 in document DA 12-430, the Commission released an Order to conditionally waive the requirement in section (f), above, for NDBEDP certified programs to submit reimbursement claims at the end of each six-month period of the TRS Fund Year to permit certified programs to submit reimbursement claims as frequently as monthly. Each certified program that wishes to take advantage of this waiver to elect a monthly or quarterly reimbursement schedule, must notify the TRS Fund Administrator of its election at the start of each Fund Year, and must maintain that schedule for the duration of the Year.

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