FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[RWC Docket No. 13–39; FCC 13–135]

Rural Call Completion Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission. ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of three years, the information collection associated with the Commission’s Report and Order (Order), WC Docket No. 13–39, FCC 13–135. This document is consistent with the Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the Federal Register announcing OMB approval and the effective date of the requirements.

DATES: 47 CFR 64.2103, 64.2105, 64.2107, and the information collection in paragraph 67 of this Report and Order, which contains information collection requirements published at 78 FR 76218, December 17, 2013 are effective on March 4, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Clarke, Acting Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418–1587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that, on January 29, 2015, OMB approved, for a period of three years, the information collection requirements contained in the Commission’s Order, FCC 13–135, published at 78 FR 76218, December 17, 2013. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1186. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of paragraphs 66 and 67, of document WC Docket No. 13–39, FCC 13–135. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed below, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Nicole Ongle, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–620, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via email at: Nicole.Ongle@fcc.gov. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060–1186, in your correspondence. The Commission also will accept comments via email. Please send them to PRA@fcc.gov.

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Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on January 29, 2015, for the information collection requirements contained in 64.2103, 64.2105, and 64.2107 of the Commission’s Rules and the information collection in paragraph 67 of the Order.

Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1186.


The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060–1186.
OMB Approval Date: January 29, 2015.
OMB Expiration Date: January 31, 2018.
Title: Rural Call Completion Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.
Form Number: FCC Form 480.
Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 225 respondents; 940 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 12.5 hours (per quarter).
Frequency of Response: Quarterly and one-time reporting requirements and recordkeeping requirement.
Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 201(b), 202(a), 218, 220(a), 251(a), 403. Total Annual Burden: 11,280 hours.
Total Annual Cost: $793,750.
Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact (s).
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: An assurance of confidentiality is not offered because this information collection does not require the collection of personally identifiable information from individuals. If the FCC requests that respondents submit information which respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to Section 0.459 of the FCC’s rules, 47 CFR 0.459.

Needs and Uses: On October 28, 2013, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Report and Order (Order), in WC Docket No. 13–39; FCC 13–135, 78 FR 76218, Rural Call Completion. Under the rules adopted by the Order, submission of Form 480 is mandatory for a “covered provider” as defined in 47 CFR 64.2101(c). A covered provider failing to file Form 480 in a timely fashion may be subject to penalties under the Communications Act, including sections 502 and 503(b).

In the Order the Commission improves its ability to monitor problems with completing calls to rural areas, and enforce restrictions against blocking, choking, reducing, or restricting calls. The Order applies the new rules to “covered providers,” meaning providers of long-distance voice service that make the initial long-distance call path choice for more than 100,000 domestic retail subscriber lines, counting the total of all business and residential fixed subscriber lines and mobile phones and aggregated over all of the providers’ affiliates. In most cases, this is the calling party’s long-distance provider. Covered providers include LECs, interexchange carriers (IXCs), commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers, and VoIP service providers. These rules do not apply to intermediate providers. Covered providers must file quarterly reports and retain the call detail records for at least six calendar months. Long-distance voice service providers that have more than 100,000 domestic retail subscriber lines but that, for reasons set forth in paragraph 67 of the Order, are not required to file quarterly reports are required to file a one-time letter in WC Docket No. 13–39 explaining that they do not make the initial long-distance call path choice for more than 100,000 long-distance voice service subscriber lines and identifying the long-distance provider or providers to which they hand off their end-user customers’ calls. The Order also allows qualifying providers to certify that they meet the conditions for a Safe Harbor that would reduce reporting and retention obligations. In addition, the Commission has delegated to the
The public comment period on the proposed rule closed on January 22, 2015. No comments were received. Accordingly, the Department is adopting the provisions of the proposed rule without change.

**Regulatory Planning and Review**

This rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866. Therefore a regulatory assessment is not required.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) generally requires agencies to conduct an initial regulatory flexibility analysis and a final regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements, unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. It is hereby certified that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Although the rule may affect a substantial number of small entities, the rule is limited to nonsubstantive, editorial changes to the DTAR, which are anticipated to have no economic impact. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

The information collections contained in this rule have been previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and assigned OMB control numbers 1505–0081; 1505–0080; and 1505–0107. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Chapter 10**

Government procurement.

Accordingly, the Department of the Treasury amends 48 CFR chapter 10 as follows:

**PART 1001—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ACQUISITION REGULATION (DTAR) SYSTEM**

1. The authority citation for part 1001 is revised to read as follows:

   **Authority:** 41 U.S.C. 1707.

2. Amend section 1001.670 by removing in the first sentence the word “Technical” and revising “COTR” to read “COR” wherever it occurs.

**PART 1002—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS**

3. The authority citation for part 1002 is revised to read as follows:

   **Authority:** 41 U.S.C. 1707.

4. Section 1002.101 is revised to read as follows:

   **1002.101 Definitions.**

   **Bureau** means any one of the following Treasury organizations:

   (1) Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB);

   (2) Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP);

   (3) Bureau of the Fiscal Service (formerly Bureau of Public Debt and Financial Management Service);

   (4) Departmental Offices (DO);

   (5) Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN);

   (6) Office of the Inspector General (OIG);

   (7) Internal Revenue Service (IRS);

   (8) Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC);

   (9) Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP);

   (10) Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); or

   (11) United States Mint.

**1002.70 [Amended]**

5. Amend section 1002.70 by—

   a. Removing “COTR Contracting Technical Officer’s Representative” and adding “COR Contracting Officer’s Representative” in its place.

   b. Removing “IPP Internet Payment Platform” and adding “IPP Invoice Processing Platform” in its place.

**PART 1016—TYPES OF CONTRACTS**

6. The authority citation for part 1016 is revised to read as follows:

   **Authority:** 41 U.S.C. 1707.

**1016.505 [Amended]**

7. Section 1016.505 is revised to read as follows:

1016.505 **Ordering.**

   (b)(8) The HCA shall designate a task and delivery order ombudsman in accordance with bureau procedures and provide a copy of the designation to the agency task and delivery order ombudsman. Bureau task and delivery order ombudsmen shall review complaints from contractors concerning task and delivery orders placed by the contracting activity and ensure they are afforded a fair opportunity to be considered, consistent with bureau procedures in the contract. In the absence of a designation, the Bureau

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

48 CFR Parts 1001, 1002, 1016, 1019, 1028, 1032, 1034, 1042, and 1052

Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments

**AGENCY:** Office of the Procurement Executive, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury is amending the Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulation (DTAR) in order to make editorial changes. These editorial changes are in response to updates made to the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Treasury bureau organizational restructuring, and other internal updates that have occurred since the 2013 edition.

**DATES:** Effective: April 3, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas O’Linn, Procurement Analyst, Office of the Procurement Executive, at (202) 622–2092.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DTAR, which supplant the Federal Acquisition Regulation, are codified at 48 CFR Chapter 10. In order to update certain elements in 48 CFR part 10, the Department issued a proposed rule on December 23, 2014 (79 FR 76948) to solicit comments on certain editorial changes to the DTAR, which include updating Treasury bureau names and updating titles and dates, and other nonsubstantive revisions. This proposed rule also invited comments on removal of the Earned Value Management System provisions codified at section 1052.234–72. There is no longer a need for Treasury-specific coverage in this area.