confidential treatment pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission’s rules for such information. See 47 CFR 0.459.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: A request for approval of this new information collection is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain the full three-year clearance from OMB. In its November 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order (FCC 11–161), the Commission established the Mobility Fund, which consists of two phases. Mobility Fund Phase I (MF–I) provided one-time universal service support payments to immediately accelerate deployment of mobile broadband services. MF–II will use a reverse auction to provide ongoing universal service support payments to continue to advance deployment of such services. The Commission adopted the rules and framework for MF–I in the USF/ICC Transformation Order, and sought comment in an accompanying further notice of proposed rulemaking on the proposed framework for MF–II. In its February 2017 Mobility Fund II Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (MF–II Report and Order and/or FNPRM) (FCC 17–11), the FCC adopted the rules and framework for moving forward expeditiously with the MF–II auction. Among other things, the Commission stated in the MF–II Report and Order that, prior to the auction, it would establish a map of areas presumptively eligible for MF–II support based on the most recent available FCC Form 477 mobile wireless coverage data, and provide a limited timeframe for parties to challenge those initial determinations during the pre-auction process. The Commission sought comment in the accompanying Mobility Fund II FNPRM on how to best design a robust, targeted MF–II challenge process that efficiently resolves disputes about areas eligible for MF–II support. In August 2017, the Commission released an Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order (Challenge Process Order) (FCC 17–102) in which it (1) reconsidered its earlier decision to use FCC Form 477 data to compile the map of areas presumptively eligible for MF–II support and decided it would instead conduct a new, one-time data collection with specified data parameters tailored to MF–II to determine the areas in which there is deployment of qualified LTE that will be used (together with high-cost disbursement data available from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)) for this purpose, and (2) adopted a streamlined challenge process that will efficiently resolve disputes about areas deemed presumptively ineligible for MF–II support. The map of areas presumptively eligible for MF–II support will serve as the starting point for the challenge process pursuant to which an interested party (challenger) may initiate a challenge with respect to one or more areas initially deemed ineligible for MF–II support (i.e., areas not listed on the Commission’s map of areas presumptively eligible for MF–II support and challenged parties can respond to challenges. A challenger seeking to initiate a challenge of one or more areas initially deemed ineligible in the Commission’s map of areas presumptively eligible for MF–II support may do so via the online challenge portal developed by USAC for this purpose (the USAC portal). For each state, a challenger must (1) identify the area(s) it seeks to challenge, (2) submit detailed proof of a lack of unsubsidized, qualified 4G LTE coverage in each challenged area in the form of actual outdoor speed test data collected using the standardized parameters specified by the Commission in the Challenge Process Order and any other parameters the Commission or the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau (the Bureaus) may implement, and (3) certify its challenge.

After the challenge window closes, the USAC system will use an automated challenge validation process developed by USAC to validate a challenger’s evidence and will determine which challenged areas pass validation and which fail. Once all valid challenges have been identified, a challenged party that chooses to respond to any valid challenge(s) will have a response window within which to submit additional data via the online USAC portal. A challenged party may submit technical information that is probative regarding the validity of a challenger’s speed tests (i.e., information demonstrating that the challenger’s speed tests are invalid or do not accurately reflect network performance), including speed test data and other device-specific data collected from transmitter monitoring software or, alternatively, may submit its own speed test data that conforms to the same standards and requirements specified by the Commission and the Bureaus for challengers.

In conjunction with the qualified 4G LTE data separately collected pursuant to OMB 3060–1242 that will be used to create the map of areas presumptively eligible for MF–II support, the information collected under this new MF–II challenge process collection will enable the Commission to efficiently resolve disputes concerning the eligibility or ineligibility of an area initially deemed ineligible for MF–II support and establish the final map of areas eligible for such support, thereby furthering the Commission’s goal of targeting MF–II support to areas that lack adequate mobile voice and broadband coverage absent subsidies through a transparent process.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0668]

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 of 1995 (PRA), 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 Office of Management and Budget (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 comments should be submitted on or before February 12, 2018. 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 contacts below as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email: 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, the FCC 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.

OMB Control No.: 3060–0686.

Title: International Section 214 Process and Tariff Requirements—47 CFR Sections 63.10, 63.11, 63.13, 63.18, 63.19, 63.21, 63.24, 63.25 and 1.1311.

Form No.: International Section 214—New Authorization; International Section 214 Authorization—Transfer of Control/Assignment; International Section 214—Special Temporary Authority and International Section 214—Foreign Carrier Affiliation Notification.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 528 respondents; 792 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1–20 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, Quarterly reporting requirement, Recordkeeping requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The Commission’s statutory authority for this information collection under sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 10, 11, 201–205, 208, 211, 214, 218, 219, 220, 303(r), 309, 310, 403 and 571 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 154(l), 160, 161, 201–205, 208, 211, 214, 218, 219, 220, 303(r), 309, 310, 403 and 571.

Total Annual Burden: 3,152 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: $752,400.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission has not granted assurances of confidentiality to those parties submitting the information, except for the list or routes required under 47 CFR 63.22(h) which the Commission will treat as not routinely available for public inspection. In all the other cases where a respondent believes information requires confidentiality, the respondent can request confidential treatment under Section 0.459 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 0.459.

Needs and Uses: The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve a revision of OMB Control No. 3060–0686 titled, "International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements—47 CFR Sections 63.10, 63.11, 63.13, 63.18, 63.19, 63.21, 63.24, 63.25 and 1.1311." The purpose of this revision is to obtain OMB approval for the reporting requirements under newly adopted 47 CFR 63.22(h), which requires facilities-based international service providers electronically to submit, and maintain, a list of routes on which they have direct termination arrangements with a foreign carrier. In addition, this list may be used to initiate targeted data collections regarding those routes. Finally, we remove from this collection the requirements related to 47 U.S.C. 310(b) which are now included in the collection under OMB Control No. 3060–1163.

The current title of OMB Control No. 3060–0686 is “International Section 214 Process and Tariff Requirements—47 CFR Sections 63.10, 63.11, 63.13, 63.18, 63.19, 63.21, 63.24, 63.25 and 1.1311". The Commission would like to change the title to “International Section 214 Process and Tariff Requirements—47 CFR Sections 63.10, 63.11, 63.13, 63.18, 63.19, 63.21, 63.24, 63.25 and 1.1311" to reflect the addition of 47 CFR 63.22(h) to the information collection.

The information will be used by the Commission staff in carrying out its duties under the Communications Act. The information collections pertaining to Part 63 are necessary largely to determine the qualifications of applicants to provide common carrier international telecommunications service under section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 214, including applicants that are, or are affiliated with, foreign carriers, and to determine whether and under what conditions the authorities are in the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The information collections are also necessary to maintain effective oversight of U.S. international carriers generally.

The frequency of filing applications pursuant to Sections 214 will be determined largely by the applicant seeking to provide U.S international common carrier service under section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 214. Carriers will also determine the frequency of filing under the other rules included in this collection, with the exception of the quarterly reports required of certain carriers under 47 CFR 63.10(c) and the list of routes for which a facilities-based international service provider must make a one-time filing and update as necessary under 47 CFR 63.22(h). If the collections are not conducted or are conducted less frequently, applicants will not obtain the authorizations necessary to provide telecommunications services, and the Commission will be unable to carry out its mandate under the Communications Act of 1934. In addition, without the information collections, the United States would jeopardize its ability to fulfill the U.S. obligations as negotiated under the World Telecommunications Agreement because these collections are imperative to detecting and deterring anticompetitive conduct. They are also necessary to preserve the Executive Branch agencies’ and the Commission’s ability to review foreign investments for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, and trade concerns.

Regarding 47 CFR 63.11, carriers determine largely when to notify the Commission of planned investments by or in foreign carriers. If the information is not collected by the Commission, we will not be able to prevent carriers that control bottleneck facilities in foreign countries from using those bottlenecks to discriminate against unaffiliated U.S. carriers.
Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary, Office of the Secretary.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this document advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC or Commission) Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) VI will hold its third meeting.

DATES: December 12, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room TW–C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–1916 (voice) or jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov (email); or Suzon Cameron, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–1916 (voice) or suzon.cameron@fcc.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of this meeting was first published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2017, only 7 days in advance of the meeting. While the publication did not meet the 15-day requirement for advance publication, exceptional circumstances warrant proceeding with the December 12, 2017 CSRIC meeting. CSRIC members and the public were informed of the December 12 meeting at the October 26, 2017 public meeting of the Council, and CSRIC members have been advised informally of the December meeting date on more than one occasion since then. In addition, the date of the December meeting has been available on the FCC’s CSRIC website for at two months. A significant number of Council members have made business and travel plans in accordance with this schedule, and there is no date within one month of the planned date that will accommodate Council members’ schedules. Delaying the meeting will cause undue financial burdens on many of the members and any members of the public who have made travel arrangements. In addition, it is not possible at this time to schedule a half-day meeting in the FCC’s Commission Meeting Room for any date within one month of December 12, 2017. As the December 2017 meeting date was announced at the October 2017 public meeting of the Council, the meeting has now been broadly announced to the public more than once.


Additional information regarding the CSRIC can be found at: https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council.

Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Quarterly Savings and Loan Holding Company Report.


OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 13, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB’s public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:


Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondents: Savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs) that are currently exempt from filing other Federal Reserve regulatory reports.

Estimated number of respondents: 15.

Estimated average hours per response: 2.5 hours.

Estimated annual burden hours: 150 hours.

General Description of Report: The FR 2320 collects select parent only and consolidated balance sheet and income statement financial data and organizational structure data from SLHCs that are currently exempt from filing other Federal Reserve regulatory reports (exempt SLHCs). The FR 2320 is used by the Board to analyze the overall financial condition of exempt SLHCs to ensure safe and sound operations. These data assist the Board in the evaluation of a diversified holding company and in determining whether an institution is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The Board has determined that the Home Owners’ Loan Act authorizes the Board to require SLHCs to file “such reports as may be required by the Board” and instructs that such reports “shall contain such information concerning the operations of such savings and loan holding

To be exempt, an SLHC must meet one of the following criteria: (1) The SLHC was formed under section 10(c)(9)(C) of the Home Owners’ Loan Act (HOLA) and the consolidated assets of its saving association subsidiaries make up less than 5 percent of the total consolidated assets of the SLHC; or (2) its top-tier holding company is an insurance company that only prepares financial statements using statutory accounting principles.