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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Ray, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418–0357, or by email at Michael.Ray@fcc.gov. For additional information concerning the Paperwork Reduction Act information collection requirements, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991 or nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

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The OMB Control Number is 3060–0392. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of those rules.


§52.1886 [Removed and Reserved]
3. Section 52.1886 is removed and reserved.

Federal Register
announcing the
effective date of those rules.

Federal Communications
Commission

47 CFR Part 1
[WC Docket No. 17–84; FCC 17–154]

Accelerating Wireline Broadband
Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of
effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the
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 pole attachment
complaint rules. This document is
consistent with the Accelerating
Wireline Broadband Deployment by
Removing Barriers to Infrastructure
Investment Report and Order, Declaratory
Ruling, and Further Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking, FCC 17–154, which stated that the Commission
would publish a document in the

Federal Register
announcing the
effective date of those rules.

DATES: The amendment to 47 CFR
1.1424, published at 82 FR 61453,
December 28, 2017, is effective on May
10, 2018.

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0392. The Commission publishes this
document as an announcement of the
effective date of the rules. 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 Ongele, Federal
Communications Commission, Room 1–
A620, 445 12th Street SW, Washington,
DC 20554. Please include the OMB
Control Number, 3060–0392, in your
correspondence. The Commission will
also accept your comments via email at
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418–0350 (voice), (202) 418–0432
(TTY).

Synopsis
As required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507),
the FCC is notifying the public that it
received final OMB approval on May 1,
2018, for the information collection
requirements contained in the
modifications to the Commission’s pole
attachment rules in 47 CFR 1.1424.

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
3060–0392.

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

OMB Control Number: 3060–0392.
OMB Approval Date: May 1, 2018.
OMB Expiration Date: May 31, 2021.
Title: 47 CFR Part 1, Subpart I—Pole Attachment Complaint Procedures.
Form Number: N/A.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,775 respondents; 1,775 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 0.5–1.66 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion and third-party disclosure requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 224.

Total Annual Burden: 2,941 hours.
Total Annual Cost: $450,000.
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: No questions of a confidential nature are asked. However, respondents may request that materials or information submitted to the Commission in a complaint proceeding be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is requesting OMB approval for a revision to an existing information collection. 47 CFR 1.1424 states that the procedures for handling pole attachment complaints filed by incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) are the same as the procedures for handling other pole attachment complaints. Currently, OMB Collection No. 3060–0392, among other things, tracks the burdens associated with utilities defending against complaints brought by ILECs related to unreasonable rates, terms, and conditions for pole attachments. In Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17–84, Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 17–154 (rel. Nov. 29, 2017) (Wireline Infrastructure Order), the Commission, among other things, expanded the type of pole attachment complaints that can be filed by ILECs, now allowing them to file complaints related to a denial of pole access by utilities. The Commission will use the information collected under this revision to 47 CFR 1.1424 to hear and resolve pole access complaints brought by ILECs and to determine the merits of the complaints. Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene Dortch.
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
47 CFR Part 64
[WC Docket No. 13–39; FCC 18–45]

Rural Call Completion

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission reorients its existing rural call completion rules to better reflect strategies that have worked to reduce rural call completion problems while at the same time reducing the overall burden of its rules on providers. This Second Report and Order (Order) adopts a new rule requiring “covered providers”—entities that select the initial long-distance route for a large number of lines—to monitor the performance of the “intermediate providers” to which they hand off calls. The Order also eliminates the call completion reporting requirement for covered providers that was established by the Commission in 2013.

DATES: Effective June 11, 2018, except for the rule contained in 47 CFR 64.2113, which requires approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission will publish a document in the Federal Register announcing approval of this requirement and the date the rule will become effective.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Zach Ross, at (202) 418–1033, or zachary.ross@fcc.gov. For further information concerning the Paperwork Reduction Act information collection requirements contained in this document, send an email to PRA@fcc.gov or contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission’s Second Report and Order in WC Docket No. 13–39, adopted and released on April 17, 2017. The full text of this document, including all Appendices, is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW, Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. It is also available on the Commission’s website at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-takes-new-steps-improve-rural-call-completion-0.

1. Synopsis

A. Covered Provider Monitoring of Performance

1. Monitoring Requirement

1. The record in this proceeding and our complaint data establish that rural call completion issues persist. Covered providers have incentives both to serve customers well and minimize routing costs; but these incentives are in tension because least-cost routing can lead to poor call completion performance. While intercarrier compensation reform has the potential to greatly improve rural call completion, it is unlikely to eliminate all incentives that may lead to call completion issues in the foreseeable future. We are committed to refining our approach to better target these important issues.

2. Building on our proposal in the RCC 2nd FNPRM, 82 FR 34911, we specifically require that for each intermediate provider with which it contracts, a covered provider shall: (a) Monitor the intermediate provider’s performance in the completion of call attempts to rural telephone companies from subscriber lines for which the covered provider makes the initial long-distance call path choice; and (b) based on the results of such monitoring, take steps that are reasonably calculated to correct any identified performance problem with the intermediate provider, including removing the intermediate provider from a particular route after sustained inadequate performance. We advise subsection (b) of the rule from our proposal in the RCC 2nd FNPRM to direct covered providers to correct performance problems, rather than hold intermediate providers accountable. To be clear, taking steps that are reasonably calculated to correct any identified performance problem with the intermediate provider often will involve holding the intermediate provider accountable for its performance. Nevertheless, we find this change to the rule text warranted to focus subsection (b) directly on resolving rural call completion problems, rather than a particular means for doing so.

Additionally, the RCC Act gives us authority to hold intermediate providers accountable for meeting service quality standards, so specifically directing covered providers to hold intermediate providers accountable is less beneficial than prior to the RCC Act’s enactment. We include the phrase “take steps that