

auction participants. For example, given the numerous resources that will be made available from the Commission at no cost to potential applicants and bidders, the processes and procedures proposed in the *Auction 115 Comment Public Notice* should result in minimal economic impact on small entities. Prior to the start of bidding, the Commission will hold a mock auction to allow qualified bidders the opportunity to familiarize themselves with both the bidding processes and systems that will be used in Auction 115. During the auction, participants will be able to access and participate in bidding via the internet using a web-based system, or telephonically, providing two cost-effective methods of participation and avoiding the cost of travel for in-person participation. Further, small entities as well as other auction participants will be able to avail themselves of a telephone hotline for assistance with auction processes and procedures, as well as a telephone technical support hotline to assist with issues such as access to or navigation within the short-form application and use of the FCC's auction system. All auction participants, including small business entities, will also have access to various other sources of information and databases through the Commission that will aid in both their understanding of and participation in the process. These mechanisms are made available to facilitate participation by all qualified bidders and may result in significant cost savings for small business entities that utilize these mechanisms. Alternatively, OEA and WTB will continue to consider additional ways to assist small entities, many of which have limited resources, in their efforts to participate more efficiently in Auction 115 and seek comment on such proposals. These steps, coupled with the advanced description of the bidding procedures, should ensure that the auction will be administered efficiently and fairly, thus providing certainty for small entities.

109. Lastly, in the *Auction 115 Comment Public Notice*, OEA and WTB seek to promote opportunities and reduce economic barriers to entry for small entities wishing to grow their businesses through the auction process. In keeping with these objectives, for Auction 115, OEA and WTB propose a \$25 million cap on the total amount of bidding credits that may be awarded to an eligible small business and a \$10 million cap on the total amount of bidding credits that may be awarded to a rural service provider. In addition, OEA and WTB propose a \$10 million cap on the overall amount of bidding credits that any winning small business

bidder may apply to winning licenses in markets with a population of 500,000 or less. Based on the technical characteristics of the Upper C-band licenses and an analysis of past auction data, OEA and WTB anticipate that the proposed caps will allow the majority of small businesses in each auction to take full advantage of the bidding credit program, thereby lowering the relative costs of participation for small businesses. OEA and WTB seek comment on, and will consider alternatives to, the proposed cap levels in an effort to maximize small entity participation in the auction process, while minimizing potential abuse of the bidding credit program, thereby protecting its integrity.

110. To assist with the Commission's evaluation of the economic impact on small entities that may result from the actions and alternatives that have been discussed in this proceeding, the *Auction 115 Comment Public Notice* seeks alternative proposals, and requests information on the potential costs of such alternatives to small entities. The Commission expects to consider more fully the economic impact on small entities following its review of comments filed in response to the *Auction 115 Comment Public Notice*, including costs and benefits information. The Commission's evaluation of the comments filed in this proceeding will shape the final conclusions it reaches, the final alternatives it considers, and the actions it ultimately takes in this proceeding to minimize any significant economic impact on small entities resulting from the final procedures that are ultimately adopted.

111. *Federal Rules that may Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict with the Proposed Rules.* None.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Gary Michaels,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[CG Docket No. 02-6; WC Docket No. 21-455; Report No. 3235; FR ID 360032]

#### Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for reconsideration.

**SUMMARY:** Petitions for Reconsideration (Petitions) have been filed in the Commission's proceeding by Chris Webber on behalf of CRW Consulting LLC and Kristen Corra on behalf of Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition.

**DATES:** Oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before August 18, 2026. Replies to oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before August 28, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's document, Report No. 3235, released on July 28, 2026. The full text of the Petition can be accessed online via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/> and downloaded at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-423672A1.pdf>. The Commission will not send a Congressional Review Act (CRA) submission to Congress or the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because no rules are being adopted by the Commission.

**Subject:** In the Matter of Promoting Fair and Open Competitive Bidding in the E-Rate Program Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism WC Docket No. 21-455 CC Docket No. 02-6.

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Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 210

[Docket No. FRA-2025-0786, Notice No. 1]

RIN 2130-AC83

#### High-Speed Train Noise Emission Standards

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); request for comments.