

licensees.¹ The recordkeeping requirements for FCC Form 2100, Schedule 396 are covered under OMB control number 3060–0214.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (“Privacy Act”), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission or Agency) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Georgia Department of Human Services, Department of Family and Children Service. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, which is administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about this program is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before October 29, 2026. This computer matching program will commence on October 29, 2026, and will conclude after 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Shana Yates, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shana Yates at (202) 418–0683 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

¹ In 1997, the Commission determined that SDARS licensees must comply with the Commission’s EEO requirements. See Establishment of Rules and Policies for the Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service in the 2310–2360 MHz Frequency Band, 12 FCC Rcd 5754, 5791, 91 (1997) (“1997 SDARS Order”), FCC 97–70. In 2008, the Commission clarified that SDARS licensees must comply with the Commission’s EEO broadcast rules and policies, including the same recruitment, outreach, public file, website posting, record-keeping, reporting, and self-assessment obligations required of broadcast licensees, consistent with 47 CFR 73.2080, as well as any other Commission EEO policies. See Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses, SM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., Transferor, to Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., Transferee, 23 FCC Rcd 12348, 12426, 174, and note 551 (2008) (“XM-Sirius Merger Order”).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

Participating Agencies

Georgia Department of Human Services, Department of Family and Children Service (source agency); Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency) and Universal Service Administrative Company.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC’s Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254(a) through (c), and (j).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this new matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program by checking an applicant’s/subscriber’s participation in SNAP in Georgia Department of Human Services, Department of Family and Children Service. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching

program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline; are currently receiving Lifeline; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline; or are individuals who have received Lifeline.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security Number, date of birth, first and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Georgia Department of Human Services, Department of Family and Children Service which will respond either “yes” or “no” that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: SNAP administered by the Georgia Department of Human Services, Department of Family and Children Service.

System(s) of Records

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 91 FR 9251 (Feb. 25, 2026).

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Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act; Open Commission Meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2026

September 23, 2026.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

While attendance at the Open Meeting is available to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: www.fcc.gov/visit. Open