

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

[FR ID 369513]

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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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

Meetings are streamed live at:

www.fcc.gov/live and on the FCC's
YouTube channel.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Wireless Telecommunications	<i>Title:</i> Modernizing the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act Rules (WT Docket No. 25–217). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to overhaul the Commission's outdated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules. These reforms will clarify the scope of Commission actions subject to environmental review and streamline and expedite the review process to ensure NEPA serves as a tool for informed decision-making rather than a barrier to investment, innovation, and connectivity.
2	Space	<i>Title:</i> Satellite Spectrum Abundance (SB Docket No. 25–180); Spectrum Abundance for Weird Space Stuff (SB Docket No. 26–54); Expanding Use of the 12.7–13.25 GHz Band for Mobile Broadband or Other Expanded Use (GN Docket No. 22–352); Shared Use of the 42–42.5 GHz Band (WT Docket No. 23–158); Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services (GN Docket No. 14–177). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification and two Further Notices of Proposed Rulemaking that would increase the amount of spectrum available in order to support innovation in the American space economy. The Order would unlock more than 1,000 megahertz of spectrum in the 12.7 GHz and 42 GHz bands to provide greater capacity for satellite broadband to the home or for in-flight connectivity and the like. One FNPRM would seek comment on unlocking an additional 1,175 megahertz of spectrum in the Ku- and Ka-bands and 138.25 gigahertz in the D-band for more intensive use by satellite communications. The other FNPRM would seek comment on three new bands across thousands of megahertz that might be able to be used to control spacecraft or to provide data communications in support of emergent space activities, such as in-space servicing, assembly, and manufacturing.
3	Office of Engineering and Technology	<i>Title:</i> Unleashing the Power of Unlicensed UWB Devices (ET Docket No. 26–245). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would modernize the rules for unlicensed Ultra-Wideband (UWB) devices. UWB devices operate under part 15 of the Commission's rules and support a wide variety of applications, including automobile sensors, door locks, ground- and wall-penetrating radars, and location tracking for NFL players during games. The NPRM would modernize the UWB rules by updating definitions, measurement procedures, technical parameters, and outdated restrictions, while removing unnecessary coordination requirements. The NPRM would also create a new UWB device category for emerging applications like AI-enabled sensing and overall seek to future-proof UWB regulations for the next wave of innovation while maintaining protections for incumbent services.
4	Public Safety and Homeland Security	<i>Title:</i> Modernizing the 911 Framework (PS Docket No. 26–197). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry exploring modernization of the 911 framework to ensure the public can continue to effectively and reliably access emergency services in this era of rapid technological change.
5	Consumer and Governmental Affairs	<i>Title:</i> Enhancing the Ability of Consumers to Control Which Calls That They Wish to Receive (CG Docket No. 02–278). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking modernizing its Telephone Consumer Protection Act rules to ensure that consumers have easily accessible ways to opt-out of robocalls while streamlining callers' ability to process consent revocation requests.

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The meeting will be webcast at: www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided as well as a text only version on the FCC website. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. In your request, include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530.

Press Access—Members of the news media are welcome to attend the meeting and will be provided reserved

seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the meeting, the Chairman may hold a news conference in which he will take questions from credentialed members of the press in attendance. Also, senior policy and legal staff will be made available to the press in attendance for questions related to the items on the meeting agenda. Commissioners may also choose to hold press conferences. Press may also direct questions to the Office of Media Relations (OMR): MediaRelations@fcc.gov. Questions about credentialing should be directed to OMR.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418–0500. Audio/Video coverage of the

meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

Authority: This meeting is held, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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