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RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals wishing to request access to and/or amendment of records about themselves should follow the Notification Procedure below.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals wishing to request access to and/or amendment of records about themselves should follow the Notification Procedure below.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals wishing to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves may do so by writing to privacy@fcc.gov. Individuals requesting access must also comply with the FCC's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity to gain access to records as required under 47 CFR Part 0, subpart E.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

88 FR 60451 (Sept. 1, 2023).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1287; FR ID 372896]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the

following information collection. 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 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before December 18, 2026. 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 contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1287.

Title: Secure Telephone Identity Governance Authority Token Revocation Review Process.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 50 respondents; 50 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 24 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory and required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for these collections are contained in 47 U.S.C. 227b, 251(e), and 227(e) of the Communications Act of 1934.

Total Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: On December 30, 2019, Congress enacted the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act. The TRACED Act directed the Commission to require, no later than 18 months from enactment, all service providers to implement the STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication framework in the internet protocol (IP) portions of their networks and implement an effective caller ID authentication framework in the non-IP portions of their networks, subject to certain exemptions. To implement the TRACED Act's provisions related to caller ID authentication, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on March 30, 2020, which required service providers to implement the STIR/SHAKEN framework in the IP portions of their voice networks by June 30, 2021. The Commission then adopted a Second Report and Order on September 29, 2020 to further implement the remaining portions of the TRACED Act related to caller ID authentication and STIR/SHAKEN.

On August 5, 2021, the Commission adopted a Third Report and Order, which established a limited role for the Commission to oversee certificate revocation decisions by the private STIR/SHAKEN governance system that would have the effect of placing providers in noncompliance with the Commission's rules. Within the STIR/SHAKEN framework, service providers share a digital certificate along with each call as a means of maintaining trust and accountability. The STIR/SHAKEN governance system can revoke a service provider's access to these digital certificates due to that service provider's violation of a specified list of rules and policies. Because this revocation would place an affected service provider in noncompliance with the Commission's rules, the *Third Report and Order* established an oversight role for the Commission over the governance system's token revocation decisions similar to the one the Commission holds in the context of decisions by the Universal Service Administrative Company. The rules allow for review by the Wireline Competition Bureau in the first instance.

Under the rules adopted in the Third Report and Order, a request for Commission review from a service provider, at a minimum, must contain: (1) a statement setting forth the service provider's asserted basis for appealing the governance system's revocation decision; (2) a full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting affidavits and documentation, including any

background information the service provider deems useful to the Commission's review; and (3) the question presented for review, with reference, where appropriate, to any underlying Commission rule or STIR/SHAKEN governance system policy.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 372594]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC, Commission, or Agency) is modifying an existing system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline Program, subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of records maintained by the agency. The Lifeline Program (or “Lifeline”) provides discounts for one Lifeline Program voice service per household and/or broadband internet access service (BIAS) to qualifying low-income individuals. Individuals may qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in another qualifying program. Since the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act), the Lifeline Program has been administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Commission and, by delegation, of the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB). This system of records contains information about individuals who have started an application online or applied to participate in the Lifeline Program, respondents to consumer surveys related to the Lifeline program, and enrollment representatives. The modification updates the Categories of Records in the System and adds one new routine use.

DATES: This modified system of records will become effective on October 19, 2026. Written comments on the routine uses are due by November 18, 2026. The routine uses in this action will become effective on November 18, 2026, unless

comments are received that require a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Shana Yates, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, care of the Office of General Counsel, Privacy Team; or to *privacy@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FCC Office of General Counsel, Privacy Team, at *privacy@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice modifies FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline Program system of records as a result of necessary changes and updates. The substantive changes and modifications to the previously published version of the FCC/WCB–1 system of records includes updating the Categories of Records in the System and adding one new routine use (listed by the routine use number provided in this notice): (22) Suspension and Debarment Disclosure.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline Program.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), 700 12th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005; and Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

USAC administers the Lifeline Program for the FCC. Address inquiries to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), 700 12th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005; or Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

47 U.S.C. 151–154, 201–205, 214, 254, 403; Safe Connections Act of 2022, Public Law 117–223, 116 Stat. 2280.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The Lifeline Program provides discounts for one Lifeline voice service and/or BIAS per household, and the initial connection charge in certain Tribal areas to support such service, to qualifying low-income individuals, including survivors eligible to receive emergency communications support. Individuals may qualify for Lifeline through proof of income, proof of participation in another qualifying program, or proof of the need for emergency communications support for survivors, including documentation of financial hardship as defined in FCC

regulations and orders. The Lifeline Program system of records is maintained to determine whether the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for initial enrollment and recertification, including the limit of one benefit per household; program administration; dispute resolution; monitoring of enrollment representatives; and consumer surveys.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The categories of individuals in this system include those individuals residing in a single household who have applied for benefits; are currently receiving benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for benefits; are individuals who have received benefits under the Lifeline Program; are survivors seeking emergency communications support and, as required, their alleged abusers; are individuals that respond to a consumer survey developed using information in this system; and are individuals acting as contractor, supplier or enrollment representatives, or their agents or representatives and providing information directly or indirectly into USAC's Lifeline Systems on behalf of an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to enroll subscribers, recertify subscribers, or update subscriber information in the Lifeline Program.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The categories of records in the system include first and last name of the applicant, subscriber, other household members, survivor, alleged abuser, caregiver, or consumer survey participant; date of birth; last four digits of Social Security Number or a full Tribal identification number; residential address; descriptive address; address based on geographic coordinates (geolocation); internet Protocol (IP) address; contact information; evidence of residence on Tribal lands; qualifying program participation; financial information; username and password; account security questions and answers; Lifeline subscriber identification number; assigned Representative ID Number; Lifeline participation status; amount of benefit received; documents demonstrating eligibility; documents showing only one benefit is received per household; voice recordings; USAC-assigned identifying numbers, such as Application ID, Eligibility Check ID, or eligibility ID numbers; for survivors seeking emergency communications support, documentation related to the