

operators and earth station operators, about their anticipated transition work.

We seek comment on the Preliminary Cost Catalog, including whether the draft categories and estimated range of expenses for each category are reasonable. As mentioned, this Preliminary Cost Catalog is based in part on the Lower C-band Final Cost Catalog, and we seek comment whether additional updates are necessary to better suit the specific circumstances of the Upper C-band transition. If so, what additional transition tasks and categories should we include? We note that the Cost Catalog is only intended to cover the most common anticipated transition tasks and is not a comprehensive list of every possible relocation action whose costs may ultimately be deemed reimbursable. Claimants may still submit claims for items not included in the final Cost Catalog, and those claims will be subject to review and disposition by the Upper C-band Clearinghouse as part of its remit to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Further, in formulating this list as a guidance resource, we do not intend for it to constrain the Upper C-band Clearinghouse from exercising its independent judgment on what claims or elements thereof constitute optional upgrades or non-compensable costs as it assesses the specific merits of individual claims. For the initial categories set forth in the Preliminary Cost Catalog, and for any additions that commenters may suggest, commenters seeking adjustments are encouraged to provide specific pricing information for individual items as well as more general information on the costs that incumbents expect to incur.

Incumbent Earth Station Lump Sum Payments. The Preliminary Cost Catalog sets forth specific lump sum categories and amounts for incumbent earth station operators seeking to opt out of the formal transition process led by the eligible space station operators. This mechanism will afford lump sum electees the option to: (1) perform their own transition work to maintain FSS service; (2) migrate to an alternative distribution technology, such as an IP-delivered service; or (3) discontinue service altogether. While the decision to opt for the lump sum payment in lieu of actual cost reimbursement is irrevocable, incumbent earth station operators may elect lump sum payments on a per-site basis to enable operators with a mix of facilities in urban and rural areas to opt for the type of transition that best meets their long-term needs. We reiterate that any incumbent earth station operators electing the lump sum will be

responsible for their own transition work for the relevant sites from that point forward and must comply with the relevant Transition Deadline for the PEA where they are located.

We seek comment on the preliminary lump sum categories and amounts provided in Appendix A, which, as directed by the Commission in the *Upper C-band R&O*, are based upon the average estimated, reasonable costs of transitioning those facilities out of 4.0–4.16 GHz, including costs related to the potential migration of service or links to the Ku-band. We also seek comment on the proposed lump sum amount for each category and the methodology used to arrive at those amounts. Does the methodology described in Appendix A and these amounts reflect the appropriate lump-sum inputs for each class of earth station? Should we make any adjustments to account for other factors? We also seek comment on the specific filing and certification procedures used in connection with the Lower C-band transition and whether to repurpose them here or adjust them, given the shift to a per-site lump sum approach in the instant transition.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Privacy Act System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC, Commission, or Agency) proposes to modify an existing system of records, FCC/CGB–3, National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), 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 Commission uses the information, including personally identifiable information (PII), that is submitted by the certified equipment distribution program in each state, as required by the NDBEDP, to maintain each state's certification to participate in the NDBEDP to support the distribution of

specialized customer premises equipment (CPE) and the provision of associated services. State equipment distribution programs, other public programs, and private entities may apply to the Commission for certification for the state to participate in the NDBEDP and receive reimbursement for its activities. This modification updates the Purposes of the System, Categories of Individuals Covered by the System, and Categories of Records Covered by the System, adds two new routine uses, and updates and revises language in one existing 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 new or revised 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 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 serves to modify FCC/CGB–3 to make various necessary changes and updates. The substantive changes and modifications to the previously published version of the FCC/CGB–3 system of records include:

1. Modifying the language in the Purposes of the System, Categories of Individuals Covered by the System, and Categories of Records in the System to reflect the collection and maintenance of information necessary to identify any waste, fraud, or abuse in the program and to identify prior misconduct by program participants for purposes of a suspension and debarment action;

2. Modifying the Categories of Records to reflect the system includes suspension and debarment history and current status of individuals who participate in the NDBEDP;

3. Adding two new routine uses (listed by the routine use number provided in this notice): (12) Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Disclosure; and (13) Suspension and Debarment Disclosure; and

4. Updating and revising language in the following routine use (listed by the routine use number provided in this notice): (4) Law Enforcement and Investigation.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

FCC/CGB-3, National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), FCC, 45 L Street NE, DC 20554.

SYSTEM MANAGER:

CGB, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

47 U.S.C. 154, 201, 218, 222, 225, 226, 228, 254(k), and 620; Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 014-104, 110 Stat. 56; Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, as amended, Public Law 111-265, 124 Stat 2795.

PURPOSES OF THE SYSTEM:

This system collects records submitted by the certified equipment distribution program in each state, as required by the NDBEDP, to maintain each state's certification to participate in this program. Collecting and maintaining the required types of information allows staff access to documents necessary for key activities discussed in this SORN, including maintaining information regarding certified program participants; analyzing effectiveness and efficiency of this and related FCC programs; informing future rule and policy-making activity; identifying any waste, fraud, and abuse in the program; identifying prior misconduct of program participants for purposes of a suspension or debarment action; and improving staff efficiency. Records in this system are available for public inspection, *e.g.*, in response to requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), after redaction of information that could identify a complainant or correspondent, such as the complainant's name, address, telephone number, fax number, and/or email address.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

1. Individuals who request or receive the NDBEDP equipment;
2. Individuals who attest to the disability of the individual receiving the NDBEDP equipment and/or matters related to the eligibility requirements, qualifications, and regulations, etc., for those seeking to participate in the NDBEDP;

3. Individuals who may file complaints, and parties named in or involved with the complaint, including, but not limited to, both formal and informal complaints, and inquiries on behalf of themselves or NDBEDP participants and matters related to NDBEDP rules and regulations;

4. Individuals, including points of contact for and those who certify on behalf of entities, that participate in the NDBEDP; and

5. Certain non-Federal personnel performing services or activities related to this system of records, including, but not limited to, representatives of equipment distribution programs.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

1. The name and contact information, including street address, email address, and phone number for the individuals requesting or receiving the NDBEDP equipment;

2. The name and contact information, including street and email addresses, phone number(s), and fax number(s) for the individuals attesting to the disability of the individual who is deaf-blind;

3. Other miscellaneous PII related to the individuals who participate in this program, *e.g.*, response data for equipment requests, users' complaints, evaluation of the users' needs, user training data, outreach activities, equipment request denial data, and medical attestations or records regarding disability qualifications and eligibility requirements;

4. The name and contact information, including street and email addresses, phone number(s), and fax number(s) for certain non-Federal personnel performing services or activities related to this system of records, including, but not limited to, representatives of equipment distribution programs;

5. Suspension and debarment history and current status, as well as history of misconduct of individuals (including points of contact for and those who certify on behalf of entities) who participate in the NDBEDP;

6. The name and contact information, including street and email addresses, phone number(s), and fax number(s) for individuals who make or have made formal and informal complaints and inquiries (including related supporting information), and parties named in or involved with the complaint or inquiry, in any format (including but not limited to paper, telephone, TTY, recording, Braille, and electronic submissions, such as email, internet, etc.) on behalf of themselves or NDBEDP participants; and

7. Commission correspondence, *e.g.*, letters and related communications

regarding formal and informal complaints and inquiries (which may include PII and related information) that pertain to the NDBEDP programs, NDBEDP participants, involved parties, and the certification and participation of each entity approved by the Commission to participate in the NDBEDP.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system is provided by individuals who request or receive the NDBEDP equipment; individuals, groups, and other entities who attest to the disability of the individual requesting or receiving the equipment; individuals, including points of contact for and those who certify on behalf of entities, that participate in NDBEDP; and other individuals, groups, and other entities who have a connection to the NDBEDP and its participants, *e.g.*, those filing or involved with formal and informal complaints or inquiries on behalf of the participants or otherwise performing services or activities related to this system of records.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Information about individuals in this system of records may routinely be disclosed under the following conditions:

1. Formal or Informal Complaints—When a record in this system involves a formal or informal complaint, and/or inquiry filed against an NDBEDP certified program and related entities, the complaint or inquiry may be forwarded to the subject certified program for that state, the appropriate State and Federal medical boards, certifying associations, and related groups, and personal physicians (who may determine whether an individual meets the eligibility criteria for participation in the NDBEDP) for a response.

2. Medical Records—A medical attestation or record (including but not limited to third-party attestations, certifications, and declarations of disability) from this system may be disclosed to appropriate entities, including, but not limited to, the subject certified program for that state, the appropriate State and Federal medical boards, certifying associations, and related groups, and personal physicians for the purposes of determining whether an individual meets the eligibility criteria of being deaf-blind required to participate in the NDBEDP.

3. Income Eligibility Records—A record from this system may be disclosed to appropriate entities,

including but not limited to the subject certified program for that state, as well as the appropriate State and Federal certifying boards and authorities, for the purposes of determining whether an individual meets the income eligibility criteria required to participate in the NDBEDP.

4. Law Enforcement and Investigation—When the FCC investigates any violation or potential violation of a civil or criminal law, regulation, policy, executed consent decree, order, or any other type of compulsory obligation and determines that a record in this system, either alone or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, regulation, policy, consent decree, order, or other compulsory obligation, the FCC may disclose pertinent information as it deems necessary to the target of an investigation, as well as with the appropriate Federal, State, local, Tribal, international, or multinational agencies, or a component of such an agency, responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, order, or other compulsory obligation.

5. Litigation—Records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice (DOJ) when: (a) the FCC or any component thereof; (b) any employee of the FCC in his or her official capacity; (c) any employee of the FCC in his or her individual capacity where the DOJ or the FCC has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States Government is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the FCC determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation, and the use of such records by the DOJ is for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which the FCC collected the records.

6. Adjudication—Records may be disclosed in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body, when: (a) the FCC or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the FCC in his or her official capacity; or (c) any employee of the FCC in his or her individual capacity; or (d) the United States Government, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the FCC determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation, and that the use of such records is for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records.

7. Congressional Inquiries—Information may be provided to a Congressional office in response to an inquiry from that Congressional office

made at the written request of the individual to whom the information pertains.

8. Government-wide Program Management and Oversight—Records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to obtain that department's advice regarding disclosure obligations under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); or to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain that office's advice regarding obligations under the Privacy Act.

9. Breach Notification—Records may be disclosed to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when: (a) the Commission suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of PII maintained in the system of records; (b) the Commission has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the Commission (including its information system, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Commission's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

10. Assistance to Federal Agencies and Entities Related to Breaches—Records may be disclosed to another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Commission determines that information from this system is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in: (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, program, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

11. Non-Federal Personnel—Records may be disclosed to non-Federal personnel, including contractors, other vendors (e.g., identity verification services), grantees, and volunteers who have been engaged to assist the FCC in the performance of a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other activity related to this system of records and who need to have access to the records in order to perform their activity.

12. Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Disclosure—Records may be disclosed to Federal agencies, non-Federal entities, their employees, and agents (including contractors, their agents or employees; employees or contractors of the agents or designated agents); or contractors, their employees

or agents with whom the FCC has a contact, service agreement, cooperative agreement, or computer matching agreements for the purpose of: (1) detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments; (2) detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse in Federal programs administered by a Federal agency or non-Federal entity; (3) detection of fraud, waste, and abuse by individuals in their operations and programs, but only to the extent that the information shared is necessary and relevant to verify pre-award and prepayment requirements prior to the release of Federal funds, prevent and recover improper payments for services rendered under programs of the FCC or of those Federal agencies and non-Federal entities to which the FCC provides information under this routine use.

13. Suspension and Debarment Disclosure—The FCC may disclose information from this system to other Federal agencies considering suspension or debarment action if the information is relevant to the suspension and debarment action.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

This electronic system of records resides on the FCC's network or on an FCC vendor's network.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records in this system of records can be retrieved by any category field, e.g., the individual's contact information, including the individual's name(s), street address, email address(es), landline phone and cell phone number(s), complainant(s), and description fields.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

The information in this system is maintained and disposed of in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) General Records Schedule DAA-0173-2017-0002.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

The electronic records, files, and data are stored within FCC or a vendor's accreditation boundaries and maintained in a database housed in the FCC's or vendor's computer network databases. Access to the electronic files is restricted to authorized employees and contractors; and to IT staff, contractors, and vendors who maintain the IT networks and services. Other employees and contractors may be granted access on a need-to-know basis.

The electronic files and records are protected by the FCC and third-party privacy safeguards, a comprehensive and dynamic set of IT safety and security protocols and features that are designed to meet all Federal privacy standards, including those required by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA), OMB, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

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:

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Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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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