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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket No. 25–59; DA 26–1099; FR ID 373608]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Upper C-Band Clearinghouse Selection Criteria and Submission Process

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that it has received detailed selection criteria and related submission instructions for proposals for the position of Upper C-band Clearinghouse. In *Upper C-band (3.98–4.2 GHz); Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band*, GN Docket Nos. 25–59 and 18–122, Report and Order, Order of Proposed Modification, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 26–46 (July 24, 2026) (*Upper C-band R&O*), the Commission provided for the creation of an independent, third-party Upper C-band Clearinghouse to oversee the cost-related aspects of the Upper C-band transition, including the receipt, review, and disposition of all actual cost and lump sum reimbursement claims. The Upper C-band Clearinghouse will also administer the rebates for adjacent band radio altimeter retrofits.

DATES: Potential clearinghouse candidates must email the selection committee with any questions about the selection criteria or submission requirements no later than October 23, 2026. Potential clearinghouse candidates must submit proposals according to the filing instructions contained in the selection committee's notification no later than November 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Potential candidate questions and submissions should be emailed to RPCSelectionCommittee@gmail.com.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew McArdell, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at Andrew.McArdell@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's document (*Public Notice*), in GN Docket No. 25–59, DA 26–1099, released on October 9, 2026. The *Public Notice* includes the following attachment: *Updated Request for Proposals: Relocation Payment Clearinghouse; Upper C-band (3.98–4.2 GHz), FCC GN Docket No. 25–59*. The complete text of the *Public Notice* is available on the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-1099A1.pdf>, and the attachment is available at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-1099A2.pdf>, or by using the search function for GN Docket No. 25–59 on the Commission's ECFS web page at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

Ex Parte Rules. This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize

themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

Synopsis

With this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that it has received detailed selection criteria and related submission instructions for proposals for the position of Upper C-band Clearinghouse.

On July 24, 2026, the Commission released the *Upper C-band R&O*, 91 FR 48700, which adopted rules to make 160 megahertz of mid-band spectrum available for flexible use throughout the contiguous United States by transitioning incumbent Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) operations out of 4.0–4.16 GHz. The *Upper C-band R&O* provided for the creation of an independent, third-party Upper C-band Clearinghouse to oversee the cost-related aspects of the transition, including the receipt, review, and disposition of all actual cost and lump sum reimbursement claims. The Upper C-band Clearinghouse will also administer the rebates for adjacent band radio altimeter retrofits.

The *Upper C-band R&O* required a selection committee of stakeholders to establish detailed selection criteria based upon the Upper C-band Clearinghouse's duties set forth in section 27.1414(c) of the Commission's rules and to notify the Bureau of such criteria within 30 days of its initial meeting. The Commission directed the Bureau to issue a public notice that: (1) notifies the public of the detailed selection criteria; (2) outlines the submission requirements; and (3) provides the closing dates for candidate submissions. The selection committee timely notified the Bureau of its updated selection criteria and proposal submission instructions on October 7, 2026.

The selection committee's notification, attached to the October 9, 2026, Public Notice, specifies its detailed selection criteria and instructions for filing proposals for the clearinghouse position. The selection committee requests that potential clearinghouse candidates with any questions about the selection criteria or submission requirements may email the selection committee no later than October 23, 2026, at RPCSelectionCommittee@gmail.com. Potential clearinghouse candidates must submit proposals according to the filing instructions contained in the selection committee's notification no later than November 9, 2026.

The selection committee and potential clearinghouse candidates are reminded that the selection process must comply

with all requirements of the *Upper C-band R&O* and the Commission's rules. The selection committee shall inform the Commission of its choice no later than December 15, 2026, after which the Bureau will release a public notice seeking comment on whether that entity meets the selection criteria. The Bureau will then issue a final order announcing whether the selection criteria has been satisfied. After release of a decision finding that the clearinghouse selectee meets the relevant criteria, the selection committee will be dissolved without further action by the Commission.

Federal Communications Commission.

Amy Brett,

Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0761; FR ID 374220]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before December 28, 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 Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0761.

Title: Section 79.1, Closed Captioning of Video Programming, CG Docket No. 05-231.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Individuals or households; and Not-for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 36,543 respondents; 459,091 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 (30 minutes) to 30 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual, monthly, ongoing, and one-time reporting requirements; Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this obligation is found at section 713 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 613, and implemented at 47 CFR 79.1.

Total Annual Burden: 657,271 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: \$35,137,876.

Needs and Uses: The Commission seeks to revise this existing information collection requirements in its closed captioning rules (47 CFR 79.1), which require that, with some exceptions, all new video programming, and 75 percent of "pre-rule" programming, be closed captioned. The existing collections include petitions by video programming providers, producers, and owners for exemptions from the closed captioning rules, responses by commenters, and replies; complaints by viewers alleging violations of the closed captioning rules, responses by video programming distributors (VPDs) and video programmers, recordkeeping in support of complaint responses, and compliance ladder obligations in the event of a pattern or trend of violations;

recordkeeping of monitoring and maintenance activities; caption quality best practices procedures; making video programming distributor contact information available to viewers in phone directories, on the Commission's website and the websites of video programming distributors (if they have them), and in billing statements (to the extent video programming distributors issue them); and video programmers filing of contact information and compliance certifications with the Commission.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket Nos. 25-59 and 26-289; DA 26-1087; FR ID 373607]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Establishes a New Docket and the Process for Comment on Eligible Space Station Operator Transition Plans

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) establishes GN Docket No. 26-289, which is captioned "Eligible Space Station Operator Transition Plans for the Upper C-Band." This document also details the process for notice and comment on the eligible space station operators' initial Transition Plans. Stakeholder comments are due on November 30, 2026. All initial Transition Plans and responsive comments should be filed only in GN Docket No. 26-289.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by GN Docket No. 26-289, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Communications Commission's Website:* <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/standard>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: 202-418-0530.