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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[OMB 3060-0745]**

**Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission under Delegated Authority**

**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 (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 **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. 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](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), 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.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0745.

**Title:** Implementation of the Local Exchange Carrier Tariff Streamlining Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-187.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 50 respondents; 1,536 responses.

**Estimated Time Per Response:** .25 - 6 hours.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or maintain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 1, 4(i), and 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i) and 204(a)(3).

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement, recordkeeping requirement and third-party disclosure requirement.

**Total Annual Burden:** 4,054 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$701,550.

**Privacy Act Impact Assessment:** No impact(s).

**Nature of Extent of Confidentiality:** The Commission is not requesting that the respondents submit confidential information to the FCC. Respondents may, however, request confidential treatment for information they believe to be confidential under 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection will be submitted as an extension to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three year clearance.

In CC Docket No. 96-187, the Commission adopted measures to streamline tariff filing requirements for local exchange carriers (LECs) pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In order to achieve a

streamlined and deregulatory environment for LEC tariff filings, LECs are required to file tariffs electronically. Other carriers are permitted to file their tariffs electronically. There are six information collection requirements under this OMB control number: (1) Electronic filing requirement; (2) requirement that carriers desiring tariffs proposing rate decreases to be effective in seven days file separate transmittals; (3) requirement that carriers identify transmittals filed pursuant to the streamlined provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; (4) requirement that price cap LECs file their Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) prior to filing their annual access tariffs; (5) petitions and replies; and (6) standard protective orders.

The information collected under the electronic filing program will facilitate access to tariffs and associated documents by the public, especially by interested persons who do not have ready access to the Commission's public reference room, and state and federal regulators. Ready electronic access to carrier tariffs should also facilitate the compilation of aggregate data for industry analysis purposes without imposing new reporting requirements on carriers. All of the requirements will be used to ensure that LECs comply with their obligations under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and that the Commission will be able to ensure compliance within the streamlined timeframes established by the 1996 Act.

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.**

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