

(1) To allow simultaneous reception of any two scrambled or encrypted signals and to provide for tuning to alternative channels on a pre-programmed schedule; and

(2) To allow direct reception of all other signals that do not need to be processed through descrambling or decryption circuitry (this capability can generally be provided through a separate by-pass switch or through internal by-pass circuitry in a cable system terminal device).

(c) Cable system operators shall determine the specific equipment needed by individual subscribers on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the subscriber. Cable system operators are required to make a good faith effort to provide subscribers with the amount and types of special equipment needed to resolve their individual compatibility problems.

(d) Cable operators shall provide such equipment at the request of individual subscribers and may charge for purchase or lease of the equipment and its installation in accordance with the provisions of the rate regulation rules for customer premises equipment used to receive the basic service tier, as set forth in § 76.923. Notwithstanding the required annual offering, cable operators shall respond to subscriber requests for special equipment for reception of multiple signals that are made at any time.

#### **Information Collection Requirements Which Require OMB Approval**

In October 2012, the Commission loosened its prohibition on encryption of the basic service tier. This rule change allows all-digital cable operators to encrypt, subject to certain consumer protection measures. 77 FR 67290 (Nov. 9, 2012); 47 CFR 76.630(a)(1). Encryption of all-digital cable service will allow cable operators to activate and/or deactivate cable service remotely, thus relieving many consumers of the need to wait at home to receive a cable technician when they sign up for or cancel cable service, or expand service to an existing cable connection in their home.

In addition, encryption will reduce service theft by ensuring that only paying subscribers have decryption equipment. Encryption could reduce cable rates and reduce the theft that often degrades the quality of cable service received by paying subscribers. Encryption also will reduce the number of service calls necessary for manual installations and disconnections, which may have beneficial effects on vehicle traffic and the environment.

Because this rule change allows cable operators to encrypt the basic service tier without filing a request for waiver, we expect that the number of requests for waiver will decrease significantly.

#### **These Requirements Remain Unchanged Since Last Approved by OMB**

47 CFR 76.1622 states that Cable system operators shall provide a consumer education program on compatibility matters to their subscribers in writing, as follows:

(a) The consumer information program shall be provided to subscribers at the time they first subscribe and at least once a year thereafter. Cable operators may choose the time and means by which they comply with the annual consumer information requirement. This requirement may be satisfied by a once-a-year mailing to all subscribers. The information may be included in one of the cable system's regular subscriber billings.

(b) The consumer information program shall include the following information:

(1) Cable system operators shall inform their subscribers that some models of TV receivers and videocassette recorders may not be able to receive all of the channels offered by the cable system when connected directly to the cable system. In conjunction with this information, cable system operators shall briefly explain, the types of channel compatibility problems that could occur if subscribers connected their equipment directly to the cable system and offer suggestions for resolving those problems. Such suggestions could include, for example, the use of a cable system terminal device such as a set-top channel converter. Cable system operators shall also indicate that channel compatibility problems associated with reception of programming that is not scrambled or encrypted programming could be resolved through use of simple converter devices without descrambling or decryption capabilities that can be obtained from either the cable system or a third party retail vendor.

(2) In cases where service is received through a cable system terminal device, cable system operators shall indicate that subscribers may not be able to use special features and functions of their TV receivers and videocassette recorders, including features that allow the subscriber to: View a program on one channel while simultaneously recording a program on another channel; record two or more consecutive programs that appear on

different channels; and, use advanced picture generation and display features such as "Picture-in-Picture," channel review and other functions that necessitate channel selection by the consumer device.

(3) In cases where cable system operators offer remote control capability with cable system terminal devices and other customer premises equipment that is provided to subscribers, they shall advise their subscribers that remote control units that are compatible with that equipment may be obtained from other sources, such as retail outlets. Cable system operators shall also provide a representative list of the models of remote control units currently available from retailers that are compatible with the customer premises equipment they employ. Cable system operators are required to make a good faith effort in compiling this list and will not be liable for inadvertent omissions. This list shall be current as of no more than six months before the date the consumer education program is distributed to subscribers. Cable operators are also required to encourage subscribers to contact the cable operator to inquire about whether a particular remote control unit the subscriber might be considering for purchase would be compatible with the subscriber's customer premises equipment.

Federal Communications Commission.  
**Marlene H. Dortch,**  
*Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.*

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#### **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

#### **Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). 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 further ways to reduce the information burden for 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 OMB Control Number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid Control Number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before March 17, 2014. 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 FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your PRA comments to Leslie F. Smith, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), via the Internet at [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov). To submit your PRA comments by email, send them to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, contact Leslie F. Smith at (202) 418-0217, or via the Internet at [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* Rates for Inmate Calling Services Data Collection.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 25 respondents; 25 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 70 hours.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,750 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impacts.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* The Commission anticipates providing confidential treatment for proprietary information submitted by ICS providers. Parties that comply with the terms of a protective order for the proceeding will

have an opportunity to comment on the data. The Commission is not requesting respondents to submit confidential information to the Commission. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR Section 0.459 of the FCC's rules.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 201 of the Communications Act of 1934, ("Act") as amended, 47 U.S.C. 201, requires that inmate calling service (ICS) providers' rates and practices be just and reasonable. Section 276 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. 276, requires that payphone service providers (including those that serve correctional institutions such as ICS providers) be fairly compensated. The Commission's Report and Order (R&O) and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, FCC 13-113, required that all ICS providers comply with a one-time mandatory data collection. The Report and Order requires ICS providers to submit data on the costs of providing interstate, intrastate toll, and local ICS. Data required to be submitted include data on the costs of telecommunications service, interconnection fees, equipment investment, installation and maintenance, security, ancillary services, and other costs. Providers will also be required to provide certain related rate, demand, and forecast data. The data will be used to inform the Commission's evaluation of rate reform options in the FNPRM, to enable the Commission to transition from interim rate safe harbors and rate caps to permanent rate reform, and to enable the Commission to discharge its core responsibility of ensuring just, reasonable and fair rates as required by sections 201 and 276 by ensuring interstate ICS rates are cost-based.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* Inmate Calling Service Provider Annual Report and Certification.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 25 respondents; 25 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 101 hours.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,525 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$108,750.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impacts.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* The Commission anticipates providing confidential treatment for proprietary information submitted by ICS providers. Parties that comply with the terms of a protective order for the proceeding will have an opportunity to comment on the data. The Commission is not requesting respondents to submit confidential information to the Commission. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR Section 0.459 of the FCC's rules.

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Federal Communications Commission.

**Gloria J. Miles,**

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewals; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the renewal of existing information collections, as required by