

Federal Communications Commission

Explanation of Non-Substantive Changes to OMB Control Number: 3060-0819:

- FCC Form 555
 - FCC Form 555 Instructions
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Purpose of this Submission: The Commission is seeking a non-substantive change request for this information collection. This submission seeks to update FCC Form 555 and the accompanying Instructions. Please see the attached updated form and instructions.

Summary of Proposed Changes (Updates)

- **Consistency of Information Gathered:** Filers currently maintain the information needed for all Lifeline forms (FCC Form 497, 481 and 555) and the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) per study area code (SAC). The FCC Forms 497, 481 and the NLAD request information from filers on a SAC basis. However, the current FCC Form 555 requests information on a state-wide basis. This submission requests that the information for the FCC Form 555 be provided on a per SAC basis rather than a state-wide basis to reduce the burden of requiring a different reporting format and to be consistent with the FCC Forms 481 and 497, NLAD. This change will allow for more efficient and accurate information gathering. Filers will be able to enter information on a SAC level within the Universal Administrative Company's (USAC) online filing portal for all Lifeline forms.
- **Clarifications:** Clarifies Columns M through O to ensure that Filers are accurately calculating the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled as result of the annual recertification. Filers should use the total number of subscribers that the Filer attempted to recertify directly, or through an administrator, or access to a database, as the denominator for calculating percentage. Filers should not use the number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 as the denominator in the equation provided on page 3 of the FCC Form 555. Clarifies that the total number of subscribers that the Filer is required to recertify is reported in Column E. Clarifies that Filers should check yes or no as to whether it has affiliated SACs. Clarifies that Filers should mark N/A if the holding company name and the doing business as name is the same as the Filer's name. Clarifies that Filers should enter the number of subscribers the Filer claimed on the FCC Form 497 for the data month of February in Column A. Clarifies that Filers should enter the number of subscribers who did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current FCC Form 555 Calendar year in Column C. Clarifies that Columns F through J should include subscribers that were reviewed by a state database or administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the Filer to recertify eligibility, rather than Columns K and L.
- **Subscribers De-enrolled Prior to Recertification:** Clarifies that Column D is the column where the Filer should enter the number of subscribers who de-

enrolled from their Lifeline benefit by the Filer, a state administrator, or by the Filer with access to an eligibility database prior to the recertification attempt.

- **Clarity on Answers: Stylistic Changes:** References to the “state” will be replaced with “SAC,” replaces certain references from “ETC” to “SAC” to prevent confusion, added title “Recertification Results” title to Section 2, Columns F-L. Moves certifications in Section 2 together to obtain more accurate and complete responses from the Filers.
- **Formatting Changes:** Moves signature lines to make them more noticeable to the Filer to prevent filers from leaving them blank.

Attachment 1: Proposed revisions to Form 555

Attachment 2: Proposed revisions to Form 555 Instructions