

OIRA PRA Approval – FCC Forms 160/161 (CORES) – Justification for Non-Substantive Changes

Justification for Non-Substantive Changes: The non-substantive changes requested here are necessary to assist the Commission in fulfilling requirements under the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (DATA) Act. In this legislation, Congress directed the FCC to “develop a process through which the Commission can collect verified data for use in [its] coverage maps from [] State, local, and Tribal governmental entities that are primarily responsible for mapping or tracking broadband internet access service coverage for a State, unit of local government, or Indian Tribe, as applicable.” 47 U.S.C. § 642(a)(2)(A). The Commission must therefore authenticate that a filer purporting to submit availability data as a state, local or Tribal governmental entity is, in fact, such an entity and that the filer is authorized to act on behalf of the state, unit of local government or Indian Tribe. The Commission will use its Commission Registration System (CORES) to authenticate that a particular user and FCC Registration Number (FRN) is an authorized representative of a state, local or Tribal governmental entity that files data under section 642(a)(2)(A). We therefore would like to add a “Tribal Govt Agency” Entity Type to FCC Form 160 (OMB 3060-0917) and Form 161 (OMB 3060-0918) and to the online version of these forms.

Proposed Changes to Paper Version of Forms: See separate PDF attachments.

Updated Supporting Statements: See separate attachment.