

Federal Communications Commission

Explanation of Non-Substantive Changes to OMB Control Number: 3060-0855:

- FCC Form 499-A
 - FCC Form 499-Q
 - Instructions to FCC Form 499-A
 - Instructions to FCC Form 499-Q
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Purpose of this Submission: This submission is being made for proposed non-substantive changes to an existing information collection pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507. This submission seeks to update (i) FCC Form 499-A; (ii) the accompanying instructions to FCC Form 499-A; (iii) FCC Form 499-Q; and (iv) the accompanying instructions to FCC Form 499-Q. On April 4, 2025, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) issued a Public Notice seeking comment on the proposed modifications (DA 25-308).

Summary of Proposed Updates to the 2026 FCC Form 499-A and FCC Form 499-Q, where applicable, and instructions:

- **Date Changes:** Dates are updated throughout the Forms 499 and instructions. References to “2025” are changed to “2026” and references to “2024” are changed to “2025.”
- **Clarifications and Stylistic Changes:** In a number of instances, additional non-substantive clarifications and minor stylistic changes, such as typos and spacing are also made.

Summary of Proposed Changes to the 2026 FCC Form 499-A Instructions:

- Page 30 is updated to clarify that support received from the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program should no longer be included on line 308.
- Page 35 is updated to clarify that tower leases should be included on Line 418 as non-telecommunications service revenues.
- Page 43 is updated to clarify that a traffic study should be conducted in 2025 for the revenues listed in the 2026 499-A.
- Page 53 is updated to note that the circularity factor will be adjusted and updated in the Form 499-A instructions based upon the quarterly contribution factors subsequent to the Fourth Quarter 2025 contribution factor announcement.

Summary of Proposed Changes to the 2026 Form 499-Q Instructions:

- **Circularity Factor Update:** Page 5 is updated to note that the circularity factor will be adjusted and updated in the Form 499-Q instructions based upon the

quarterly contribution factors subsequent to the Fourth Quarter 2025 contribution factor announcement.

Attachment 1: Proposed changes to Form 499-A

Attachment 2: Proposed changes to Form 499-A Instructions

Attachment 3: Proposed changes to Form 499-Q

Attachment 4: Proposed changes to Form 499-Q Instructions