SUPPORTING STATEMENT

This collection is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as an extension to an existing collection in order to obtain the full three-year clearance. There is no change in the reporting and/or third-party disclosure requirements.

A. Justification:

1. On August 9, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted an Order on Reconsideration (FCC 00-297) revising its collocation rules to further strengthen them in response to a petition for partial reconsideration or clarification of the *Advanced Services First Report and Order* (FCC 99-48). The OMB approved the renewal of the existing information collection on March 13, 2024.

(a) **Demographic Information and Notifications:** Because of the critical importance of the timely provisioning of physical collocation to telecommunications carriers' ability to compete effectively, the Commission required that, except to the extent a state sets its own standard or a requesting carrier and an incumbent LEC have agreed to an alternative standard, an incumbent LEC must provide physical collocation, including cageless collocation, no later than 90 calendar days after receiving a collocation application. Requesting carriers use demographic and other information obtained from incumbent LECs to determine whether they wish to collocate at particular remote terminals.

Statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 151-154, 201, 202, 251-254, 256, 271, and 303(r).

This information collection does not affect individuals or households; thus, there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

2. This collection is used by the Commission, the state commissions, and competitive carriers to facilitate the deployment of advanced services and other telecommunications services in implementation of section 251(c)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act).

3. The Commission does not prohibit the use of improved technology where appropriate.

4. There will be no unnecessary duplication of information filed.

5. The collection of information potentially burdens all incumbent LECs, most of which are large entities. Some incumbent LECs may have 1,500 or fewer employees, thus meeting the definition of “small business” under the Small Business Act.

6. If the information sought is not collected or is collected less frequently, it may delay implementation of section 251(c)(6) of the Act and may impede competition in the market for advanced services and other telecommunications services. This would violate the language and intent of the Act, which

requires incumbent LECs to provide physical collocation "on rates, terms, and conditions that are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory."

7. There are no circumstances that would cause information collection to be conducted in a special manner.

8. Pursuant to 5 CFR § 1320.8(d), the Commission published a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting public comment ***See* 91 FR 57595 (September 19, 2026).** No PRA comments were received.

9. The Commission does not anticipate providing any payment or gift to respondents.

10. The Commission is not requesting respondents to submit confidential information. Any respondent who submits information to the Commission that the respondent believes is confidential may request confidential treatment of such information under section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 0.459.

11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature with respect to the information collected.

12. The following represents the Commission's estimate of the annual hour burden of the collection of information:

(a) Demographic and Other Information

(1) Number of respondents: 584 incumbent LECs. We estimate that half of approximately 1,168 currently active incumbent LECs will need to respond.

(2) Frequency of response: On occasion reporting requirement and third-party disclosure requirement.

(3) Total Number of Responses Annually: 1,168 responses.

The Commission estimates that there are 584 incumbent LECs that may need to respond and that these incumbent LECs will have 2 filings per respondent per year.

(4) Total Annual Hourly Burden: 1,168 hours. We estimate that it would take respondents approximately 2 hours to comply with the collection.

1,168 responses x 2 hours per response = **2,336 total annual burden hours**

(5) Estimates of in-house cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collection of information. $237,326. We assume the respondents would use in-house personnel comparable in pay to a GS-14/5 Federal employee ($78.15/hour), plus 30% for overhead, to comply with the recordkeeping requirement. Thus, cost is as follows: 2 hours x 584 respondents x 2 filings per year x $78.15 x 30% overhead = $237,326.

13. The following represents the Commission's estimate of the annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the foregoing collection of information:

(1) Total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its useful life): $0. The requirements will not require the purchase of additional equipment.

(2) Total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component: $0. The requirements will not require the purchase of additional equipment.

14. There will be no costs to the Commission because the information collection requirements are third party disclosure requirement directed toward incumbent LECs and will not require review by the Commission in most instances.

15. The Commission is reporting **adjustments/decreases** to this information collection because the number of reporting entities has decreased. Current Commission records indicate that, over time, the number of active incumbent LECs has decreased from approximately 1,178 to approximately 1,168. We assume approximately half of all incumbent LECs may need to respond to this collection (584). This decrease in the number of respondents accounts for a reduction in the total annual responses from 1,178 to 1,168 (-10), and a decrease in the total annual burden hours from 2,356 to 2,336 (-20).

There are no program changes to this information collection.

16. The Commission does not anticipate publishing any of the information collected pursuant to the notices.

17. The Commission does not intend to seek approval not to display the expiration date of the information collections from OMB.

18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

The Commission does not anticipate that the collection of information will employ statistical methods.