Federal Communications Commission

Explanation of Non-Substantive Changes to OMB Control Number: 3060-0853:

- FCC Form 479

Purpose of this Submission: This submission is being made for non-substantive changes to an existing information collection pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507. This submission adds a certification to the FCC Form 479 to reflect the revised suspension and debarment framework adopted by the Commission to exclude or limit bad actors from participation in federal funding programs, such as the Universal Service Fund (USF) programs.

Background: On March 26, 2026, the Commission adopted the Modernizing Suspension and Debarment Rules Report & Order (FCC 26-18), that revised the suspension and debarment framework for the Commission to exclude or limit bad actors from participation in the USF. The information collection requirements contained in this request were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on October 8, 2026, under OMB Control Number 3060-1336 pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). We now add the corresponding suspension and debarment certification to FCC Form 479 to exclude or limit bad actors from participation in the Schools and Libraries (E-Rate) program, which is funded by the USF.

Summary of Proposed Update to the FCC Form 479:

- We propose to add a certification to the FCC Form 479 based on the revised suspension and debarment framework for the Commission to exclude or limit bad actors from participation in the USF programs, including the E-Rate Program.

- The proposed change will not increase the burden hours.

Attachment:

- FCC Form 479 – Schools and Libraries Universal Service Certification by Administrative Authority to Billed Entity of Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act.