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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE AND COMPLIANCE DATES FOR CERTAIN ACCESS ARBITRAGE RULES

WC Docket No. 18-155

On April 21, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released the *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order* adopting new rules to close perceived loopholes in our Access Stimulation Rules.¹ On June 1, 2023, a summary of the *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order* was published in the Federal Register, and on July 3, 2023, the rules adopted became effective,² except sections 51.914(d) and 51.914(g), which contain information collections and required approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.³ The Commission directed the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) to announce the effective and compliance dates for sections 51.914(d) and 51.914(g) by Public Notice following OMB approval.⁴

On November 7, 2023, OMB approved the information collection requirements associated with the revised Access Stimulation Rules.⁵ By this Public Notice, WCB announces that the notice of OMB approval was published in the Federal Register on December 1, 2023.⁶ The Federal Register notice also added reference to section 51.914(d) in sections 51.914(e) and 51.914(f).⁷ The Federal Register notice announced that the effective date for the changes to section 51.914(d)-(g) is January 2, 2024.⁸ Compliance is required by February 16, 2024.⁹

¹ *Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime to Eliminate Access Arbitrage*, WC Docket No. 18-155, Second Report and Order, FCC 23-31, at 2, para. 3 (Apr. 21, 2023) (*Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order*).

² FCC, *Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime to Eliminate Access Arbitrage*, 88 Fed. Reg. 35743, 35743 (June 1, 2023).

³ *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order* at 54, para. 104.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, [Reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov), Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action, OMB Control No. 3060-0298 (Nov. 7, 2023) (referenced in Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, [Reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov), OMB Control Number History, OMB Control No. 3060-0298, <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAOMBHistory?ombControlNumber=3060-0298#> (last visited Nov. 30, 2023) (approved without change)).

⁶ FCC, *Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime to Eliminate Access Arbitrage*, 88 Fed. Reg. 83828 (Dec. 1, 2023).

⁷ *Id.* at 83829.

⁸ *Id.* at 83828.

⁹ *Id.*; see *Access Arbitrage Second Report and Order* at 54, para. 104 (stating that the compliance date will be 45 days after the effective date).

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