potential health, environmental and economic effects of CAA programs on the public, the regulated community, State and local governments, and other Federal agencies; the policy and technical contents of proposed major EPA rulemaking and guidance required by the Act in order to help effectively incorporate appropriate outside advice and information; and the integration of existing policies, regulations, standards, guidelines, and procedures into programs for implementing requirements of the Act.

The programs falling under the purview of the committee include, but are not limited to, those for meeting National Ambient Air Quality Standards, reducing emissions from vehicles and vehicle fuels, reducing air toxic emissions, permitting, carrying out compliance authorities, and CAA-related voluntary activities. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for two-year terms with the possibility of reappointment to additional term(s). The CAAAC usually meets approximately 2 times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 5 to 10 hours per month. Although EPA is unable to offer compensation or an honorarium for CAAAC members, they may receive travel and per diem allowances, according to applicable federal travel regulations.

EPA is seeking nominations from academia, industry, non-governmental/environmental organizations, community organizations, state and local government agencies, tribal governments, unions, trade associations, utilities, and lawyers/consultants. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- The background and experiences that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the committee (e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational, and other considerations)
- Experience serving as an elected official;
- Experience serving as an appointed official for a state, county, city or tribe;
- Experience working on national level or on local government issues;
- Demonstrated experience with air quality policy issues;
- Executive management level experience with membership in broadband networks;
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication, and consensus-building skills;
- Ability to volunteer time to attend meetings 2–3 times a year, participate in teleconference meetings, attend listening sessions with the Administrator or other senior-level officials;
- Ability to work with others with varying perspectives to develop policy recommendations to the Administrator, and prepare reports and advice letters.

Nominations must include a resume and a short biography describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee, as well as the nominee’s current business/home address, email address, and daytime telephone number. Interested candidates may self-nominate. All application items are due by April 30, 2023. Please note that EPA’s policy is that, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, members generally are appointed to two-year terms. To help the Agency in evaluating the effectiveness of our outreach efforts, please also tell us how you learned of this opportunity.

For further information or to email nominations, include in the subject line CAAAC Membership 2023 and send to caaac@epa.gov.


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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of a Matching Program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (“Privacy Act”), this document announces the establishment of a computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission” or “Agency”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (“Minnesota”). The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Universal Service Fund (USF) Lifeline program, which is administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about this program is provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 28, 2023. This computer matching program will commence on April 28, 2023, and will conclude 18 months later.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Elliot Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Tarloff at 202–418–0886 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, and/or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs. In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program. The purpose of this particular matching program is to verify Lifeline eligibility by establishing that applicants or subscribers in Minnesota are enrolled in the SNAP or Medicaid programs.

Participating Non-Federal Agency

- Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program


Purpose(s)

In the 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order, the FCC required USAC to develop and operate the National Verifier to improve efficiency and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program. The stated purpose of the National Verifier is “to increase the integrity and improve the performance of the Lifeline program for the benefit of a variety of Lifeline participants, including Lifeline providers, subscribers, states, community-based organizations, USAC, and the Commission.” 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4006, para. 126. To help determine whether Lifeline applicants and subscribers are eligible for Lifeline benefits, the Order contemplates that the USAC-operated LED will communicate with information systems and databases operated by other Federal and State agencies. Id. at 4011–2, paras. 135–7.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals (residing in a single household) who have applied for Lifeline benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline benefits; are individuals who have applied for Lifeline benefits; or are individuals acting on behalf of an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) who have enrolled individuals in the Lifeline program.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, the last four digits of the Lifeline applicant’s Social Security Number, date of birth, and first and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Minnesota Department of Human Services which will respond either “yes” or “no” that the individual is enrolled in a Lifeline-qualifying assistance program: SNAP or Medicaid.

System(s) of Records

The USAC records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline Program, a notice of which the FCC published at 86 FR 11528 (Feb. 25, 2021).