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**Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Data fields to Be Collected under the Affordable Connectivity Program Transparency Data Collection**

**WC Docket No. 21-450**

On November 15, 2022, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted final rules establishing the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection,[[1]](#footnote-3) an information collection mandated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act[[2]](#footnote-4) and subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).[[3]](#footnote-5) To implement the collection, the Wireline Competition Bureau, in coordination with the Commission’s Office of Economics and Analytics and the Universal Service Administrative Company, is developing an online portal through which ACP participating providers will electronically submit data. As required by the PRA, and based on data fields in the online portal, on March 14, 2023, the Commission published a notice in the Federal Register seeking comment on the proposed information collection.[[4]](#footnote-6) The notice set a comment deadline of May 15, 2023.[[5]](#footnote-7)

To facilitate such comments, a draft of the data fields to be collected via the online portal is included as an Attachment to this Public Notice. The draft is a representative description of the information to be collected and is not intended to be a visual representation of what providers will see, the order in which they will see information, or the exact wording or directions used to collect the information.

Consistent with the direction in the Federal Register Notice, please direct PRA comments associated with the collection to Nicole Ongele, PRA@fcc.gov and nicole.ongele@fcc.gov. For further information about the ACP Transparency Data Collection, contact Eric Wu, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or by email at Eric.Wu@fcc.gov.

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**ATTACHMENT**

**Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection**

**FCC Form 5651**

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| **Company Information** |
| Item # | Field Description | Field Type | Required or Optional | Field Units | Additional Information  |
| 1 | Company Name | String | Required | N/A | Name of ACP participating provider. |
| 2 | SPIN | Numeric | Required  | N/A | Service Provider Identification Number, assigned by USAC to a participating provider when an FCC Form 498 is filed. |
| 3 | SAC | Numeric | Required  | N/A | Study Area Code, a unique number USAC assigns that identifies a company based on its service area. Companies must have at least one SAC per state in which they operate, but can have more than one SAC within a state if they have more than one service area. |
| 4 | Provider FRN | Numeric | Required  | N/A | FCC Registration Number. |
| 5 | Provider website | String | Required; not applicable if no website  | N/A |   |
| 6 | Data Contact First Name  | String  | Required  | N/A | Contact information for individual who is subject matter expert on company data. Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials. |
| 7 | Data Contact Last Name | String | Required | N/A | Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials. |
| 8 | Data Contact Email | String | Required  | N/A | Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials. |
| 9 | Data Contact Phone Number | Numeric | Required | N/A | Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials. |
| 10 | Data Contact Phone Number Extension | Numeric | Optional | N/A |   |
| 11 | Certifying Officer First Name | String | Required | N/A |   |
| 12 | Certifying Officer Last Name | String | Required  | N/A |   |
| 13 | Certifying Officer Contact Phone Number | Numeric | Required | N/A |   |
| 14 | Certifying Officer Phone Number Extension | Numeric | Optional | N/A |   |
| 15 | Email of Certifying Officer | String | Required  | N/A |   |
| 16 | Title of Certifying Officer | String | Required  | N/A |   |
| 17 | E-Certification by Officer under Penalty of Perjury as to Accuracy of Data Submitted  | Binary | Required | Yes/No |   |
| 18 | Date of Certification by Certifying Officer  | String |  Required | N/A |   |
| **Plan Information** |
| \*Provider must submit the following plan information for each broadband plan with ACP subscribers  |
| Item # | Field Description | Required or Optional | Field Type | Field Units | Additional Information  |
| 19 | Unique Identifier | String | Required | N/A | A “unique identifier” is a machine-readable string of characters uniquely identifying a broadband plan, not containing any special characters. Where a broadband plan is associated with a broadband label under 47 CFR § 8.1(a), the unique identifier must be the same as that in the broadband label. Unique identifiers cannot be reused or refer to multiple plans. A provider must develop a new plan identifier, when a plan’s components change. |
| 20 | Service Plan Name | String | Required | N/A |   |
| 21 | Fixed or Mobile Broadband Service | Categorical | Required | Fixed/Mobile/Both |   |
| 22 | Legacy Plan  | Binary | Required | Yes/No | Indicates whether a plan is a legacy plan: an internet service offering in which an ACP subscriber is enrolled but that a provider is not accepting new enrollment. |
| 23 | Bundle Plan  | Binary | Required | Yes/No |  Indicates whether a plan is a bundle plan. “Bundle” means a combination of broadband internet access service with any non-broadband internet access service offerings, including but not limited to video, voice, and text.  |
| 24 | Base Monthly Price | Numeric | Required | $USD | The term “base monthly price” means the monthly price for a broadband internet service offering that would be paid by a household enrolled in the ACP, absent the affordable connectivity benefit. The base monthly price does not include the price of any recurring monthly fees (such as fees providers impose at their discretion, or equipment rental fees), government taxes or fees, or one-time charges (such as installation charges, equipment purchase fee, etc.). |
| 25 | Base Monthly Price Introductory | Binary | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans | Yes/No | Indicates whether the base monthly price is introductory. Subsequent fields require providers to identify the length of any introductory period and the post introductory base monthly price.  |
| 26 | Length of Introductory Period  | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans, not applicable if base monthly price is not introductory | Months  |   |
| 27 | Post-Introductory/Non-Discounted Monthly Price | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans, not applicable if base monthly price is not introductory  | $USD |   |
| 28 | Monthly Price Requires a Contract  | Binary | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans | Yes/No | Indicates whether monthly price requires ACP subscriber to commit to service for a specified period of time.  |
| 29 | If Contract Required, Number of Months of Contract  | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans, not applicable if monthly price does not require a contract  | Months  |   |
| 30 | Associated Equipment Required | Binary | Required  | Yes/No | Indicates whether the plan requires use of any associated equipment. |
| 31 | Associated Equipment Required – Router | Binary | Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required  | Yes/No |   |
| 32 | Associated Equipment Required – Modem | Binary  | Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required  | Yes/No |   |
| 33 | Associated Equipment Required – Other | Binary | Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required  | Yes/No | Indicates whether plan requires associated equipment other than router or modem.  |
| 34 | Associated Equipment Required – Other Description | String | Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required  | N/A | Description of associated equipment required other than router or modem. |
| 35 | Associated Equipment Included in Base Monthly Cost | Binary | Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required  | Yes/No |   |
| 36 | Provider Monthly Fee – Modem Rental/Lease | Numeric | Required  | $USD |   |
| 37 | Provider Monthly Fee – Router Rental/Lease | Numeric | Required | $USD |   |
| 38 | Provider Monthly Fee – Combined Modem/Router Rental/Lease | Numeric | Required | $USD |   |
| 39 | Provider Monthly Fees – Federal USF Fee | Numeric | Required | $USD |   |
| 40 | Provider Monthly Fee - Network Access Fee | Numeric | Required | $USD |   |
| 41 | Provider Monthly Fee(s) – Other Amount | Numeric | Optional | $USD |   |
| 42 | Provider Monthly Fee(s) – Other Description | String  | Required if provider submits data on Provider Monthly Fee -Other Amount; otherwise optional  | N/A | Description of provider monthly fees other than those enumerated.  |
| 43 | One-Time Fee - Installation Fee | Numeric  | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans  | $USD |   |
| 44 | One-Time Fee - Deposit | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans  | $USD |   |
| 45 | One-Time Fee - Activation Fee | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans  | $USD |   |
| 46 | One-Time Fee - Modem Purchase | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans | $USD |   |
| 47 | One-Time Fee - Router Purchase | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans | $USD |   |
| 48 | One-Time Fee - Combined Router/Modem Purchase | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans | $USD |   |
| 49 | One-Time Fee - Termination Fee | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans | $USD |   |
| 50 | One-Time Fee(s) - Other Amount | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans  | $USD |   |
| 51 | One-Time Fee(s) - Other Description | String | Required if provider submits data on One-Time Fees - Other Amount, otherwise optional | N/A | Description of provider one-time fees other than those enumerated in above “one-time fee” fields. |
| 52 | Discounts - Automatic Payments | Numeric | Optional  | $USD |   |
| 53 | Discounts - Paperless Billing | Numeric | Optional | $USD |   |
| 54 | Discounts - Military | Numeric | Optional | $USD |   |
| 55 | Discounts - Senior | Numeric | Optional | $USD |   |
| 56 | Discounts - Other Amount | Numeric | Optional | $USD |   |
| 57 | Discounts - Other Description | String | Required if provider submits data on Discounts - Other Amount, otherwise optional | N/A | Description of provider discounts other than those enumerated in above “discount” fields. |
| 58 | All-in Price without ACP | Numeric | Optional | $USD | “All-in price without ACP” is the actual price that would be paid by an ACP subscriber absent application of the affordable connectivity benefit. |
| 59 | All-in Price with ACP (Net-Rate Charged) | Numeric | Optional | $USD |   |
| 60 | Maximum Advertised Download Speeds | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy fixed/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy mobile plans | Mbps | Mbps = megabits per second.  |
| 61 | Maximum Advertised Upload Speeds  | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy fixed/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy mobile plans | Mbps |   |
| 62 | Minimum Advertised Upload Speeds  | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy mobile/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy fixed plans | Mbps |   |
| 63 | Minimum Advertised Download Speeds  | Numeric | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy mobile/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy fixed plans | Mbps |   |
| 64 | Mobile Technology | String | Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy mobile/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy fixed plans | N/A | Providers must submit the applicable technology type for mobile broadband internet service (e.g., 4G, 5G).  |
| 65 | Actual Fixed Download Speed  | Numeric | Optional for fixed/both legacy plans, required for fixed/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for mobile plans | Mbps | “Actual speed” means the typical upload and download speeds period for a particular speed tier, either based on Measuring Broadband America (MBA) methodology or other relevant testing data.  |
| 66 | Actual Fixed Upload Speed  | Numeric | Optional for fixed/both legacy plans, required for fixed/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for mobile plans | Mbps |   |
| 67 | Actual Mobile Download Speed | Numeric | Optional for mobile/both legacy plans, required for mobile/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for fixed plans | Mbps |  |
| 68 | Actual Mobile Upload Speed | Numeric | Optional for mobile/both legacy plans, required for mobile/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for fixed plans | Mbps |  |
| 69 | Typical Fixed Latency | Numeric | Optional for fixed/both legacy plans, required for fixed/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for mobile plans | Ms | Ms = milliseconds. |
| 70 | Typical Mobile Latency  | Numeric | Optional for mobile/both legacy plans, required for mobile/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for fixed plans | Ms |  |
| 71 | Bundle Monthly Price (Fixed Broadband) | Numeric | Optional for fixed/both bundle plans; not applicable for other plans  | $USD | Price for fixed broadband component of bundle plans. |
| 72 | Bundle Monthly Price (Mobile Broadband) | Numeric | Optional for mobile/both bundle plans; not applicable for other plans | $USD | Price for mobile broadband component of bundle plans. |
| 73 | Bundle - Linear Video (MPD or vMVPD) Included  | Binary | Required for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans  | Yes/No | Indicates whether a bundle plan includes video. |
| 74 | Bundle Monthly Price (Linear Video) | Numeric | Optional for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans  | $USD |   |
| 75 | Bundle - Fixed Voice Included  | Binary | Required for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans | Yes/No | Indicates whether a bundle plan includes fixed voice. |
| 76 | Bundle Monthly Price (Fixed Voice) | Numeric | Optional for bundled plans that include fixed voice; not applicable for other plans | $USD |   |
| 77 | Bundle - Mobile Voice Included  | Binary | Required bundle plans, not applicable for other plans | Yes/No | Indicates whether a bundle plan includes mobile voice.  |
| 78 | Bundle - Number of Mobile Voice Minutes  | Numeric | Required for bundle plans that include mobile voice; not applicable for other plans  | Minutes |  |
| 79 | Bundle Monthly Price (Mobile Fixed Voice) | Numeric | Optional for bundled plans that include mobile voice, not applicable for other plans  | $USD |   |
| 80 | Bundle - Mobile Text Included  | Binary | Required for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans  | Yes/No | Indicates whether a bundle plan includes text messaging.  |
| 81 | Bundle - Number of Text Messages  | Numeric | Required for bundle plans that include mobile text, not applicable for other plans | Number of SMS messages |   |
| 82 | Bundle Monthly Price (Mobile Text) | Numeric | Optional for bundle plans that include mobile text not applicable for other plans | $USD |   |
| 83 | Bundle - Other Component(s) | String | Optional for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans | N/A | Description of components of bundle plans other than those enumerated (fixed voice, mobile voice, mobile text). |
| 84 | Bundle Monthly Price (Other Component(s)) | Numeric | Optional for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans  | $USD |   |
| 85 | Data Cap Type | Categorical | Required | N/A | Field requires provider to specify what sort of data cap is associated with a particular plan, if there is a cap. Options are no data cap, soft data cap (de-prioritization), soft data cap (throttling), hard data cap, multi-tiered data cap, and other data cap.  |
| 86 | Data Cap Amount | Numeric | Required for plans with a data cap; not applicable if plan has no data cap | GB/month  | GB/month = gigabytes per month. |
| 87 | Charges for Additional Data Usage  | Numeric | Required for plans with a data cap; not applicable if plan has no data cap | $USD/GB | $USD/GB = Dollars per gigabyte.  |
| **Subscriber Rate Information** |
| \*Provider must submit the following subscribership information for each plan with ACP subscribers for each ZIP Code in which ACP subscribers to the plan reside; i.e. providers must submit the following information for each unique plan/ZIP Code combination for which there are ACP subscribers  |
| Item # | Field Description | Required or Optional | Field Type | Field Units | Additional Information  |
| 88 | Unique Identifier | String | Required  | N/A | Should match one of the unique identifiers listed in the Plan Information section.  |
| 89 | Zip Code | Numeric | Required  | N/A |   |
| 90 | SAC | Numeric | Required | N/A | Study Area Code associated with the ZIP code for the plan/ZIP code at issue. See above Item No. 3 for more on SACs.  |
| 91 | Total ACP Subscribers | Numeric | Required  | Households |   |
| 92 | ACP Subscribers also receiving Lifeline benefit  | Numeric | Required  | Households  | ACP subscribers who also receive the Lifeline benefit for the plan at issue. |
| 93 | ACP Subscribers receiving Enhanced Tribal Benefit  | Numeric | Required  | Households  |  |
| 94 | ACP Subscribers also receiving ACP High-Cost Benefit  | Numeric | Required  | Households  | ACP subscribers who also receive the high-cost benefit.   |
| 95 | ACP Subscribers Hit Hard Data Cap  | Numeric  | Required; not applicable if plan does not have a hard data cap.  | Households  | Number of ACP subscribers to a plan that exceed the plan's hard data cap in most recent complete service month; only applicable if plan has a hard data cap. |
| 96 | Average GB Hard Cap Overage  | Numeric | Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a hard data cap. | GB/month | GB/month = gigabytes per month. Provides must input the average data overage by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month. Data overage refers to data used by ACP subscriber over a data cap, in this case a hard data cap.  |
| 97 | Average Hard Cap Overage Amount Paid   | Numeric | Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a hard data cap | $USD | Average amount in overage paid by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month with respect to a hard data cap. |
| 98 | ACP Subscribers Hit Soft Data Cap  | Numeric  | Required; not applicable if plan does not have a soft data cap.  | Households  | Number of ACP subscribers to a plan that exceed the plan's soft data cap in most recent complete service month; only applicable if plan has a soft data cap. |
| 99 | Average GB Soft Cap Overage  | Numeric | Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a soft data cap. | GB/month | GB/month = gigabytes per month. Provides must input the average data overage by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month. Data overage refers to data used by ACP subscriber over a data cap, in this case a soft data cap.  |
| 100 | Average Soft Cap Overage Amount Paid   | Numeric | Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a soft data cap | $USD | Average amount in overage paid by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month with respect to a soft data cap. |
| 101 | ACP Subscribers on Introductory Prices  | Numeric | Optional | Households |   |
| 102 | ACP Subscribers that Paid a Set-Up or Activation Fee  | Numeric | Optional | Households |   |
| 103 | ACP Subscribers Paying $0 after All Non-ACP Discounts and ACP Benefit Applied  | Numeric | Optional | Households |   |

1. *Affordable Connectivity Program*, WC Docket No. 21-450, Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 22-87 (2022). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. Pub. L. No. 117-58, § 60502(c), 135 Stat. 429, 1243 (2021). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. Pub. L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. FCC, Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Notice and request for comments, 88 Fed. Reg. 15716 (Mar. 14, 2023) (Information Collection Notice). The Information Collection Notice designates the collection as “FCC Form 5651.” *Id.* [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *Id.* [↑](#footnote-ref-7)