

*Form No.:* FCC Form 601.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and State, local, or Tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 250,520.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1.25 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement, and third party disclosure requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 219,205 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$50,104,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The FCC Form 601 is a consolidated, multi-part application or "long form" for market-based licensing and site-by-site licensing in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's (WTB's) Radio Services' Universal Licensing System (ULS).

The WTB is in the process of implementing the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) and the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) into the Universal Licensing System (ULS). These services were transferred to WTB due to the Commission's reorganization on March 25, 2003, as they were previously held in the Broadband Licensing System (BLS). The information is used by the Commission to determine whether the applicant is legally, technically and financially qualified to be licensed.

The estimated average burden and number of respondents have been corrected to reflect the integration of the ITFS and the MDS services into ULS using FCC Form 601.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0947.

*Title:* Section 101.1327, Renewal Exemption for EA Licensees.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 18,820.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .50-20 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Every 10 year reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 284,653 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$18,820,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The information required in Section 101.1327 is used to determine whether a renewal applicant of a Multiple Address System has complied with the requirements to provide substantial service by the end of the ten-year initial license term. The FCC uses this information to determine whether the applicant's license will be renewed at the end of the license period.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 03-2621]**

### **NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Georgia**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau sought comment on the NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners' petition seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for service offered in certain rural and non-rural study areas in the state of Georgia.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before September 4, 2003. Reply comments are due on or before September 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further filing instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Buckley, Attorney, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-45, released August 8, 2003. On July 10, 2003, NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (Nextel Partners) filed with the Commission a petition under section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. In particular, Nextel Partners seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for service offered in certain rural and non-rural study areas in the state of Georgia.

Nextel Partners contends that the Georgia Public Service Commission has provided an affirmative statement that it does not regulate commercial Mobile radio service (CMRS) carriers; Nextel Partners meets all the statutory and regulatory prerequisites for ETC designation; and designating Nextel

Partners as an ETC will serve the public interest.

The petitioner must provide copies of its petition to the Georgia Public Service Commission. The Commission will also send a copy of this Public Notice to the Georgia Public Service Commission by overnight express mail to ensure that the Georgia Public Service Commission is notified of the notice and comment period.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments as follows: comments are due September 4, 2003 and reply comments are due September 18, 2003. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.

Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554.

Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which ex parte communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Paul Garnett,**

*Acting Assistant Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in

writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 18, 2003.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (James Hunter, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *BancFirst Corporation*, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Lincoln National Bancorporation, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Lincoln National Bank, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 19, 2003.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Request for Measures of Patients' Hemodialysis Care Experiences

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of request.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is soliciting the voluntary submission of instruments measuring patient perspectives of their experience with hemodialysis facilities from researchers, vendors, stakeholders and other interested parties. AHRQ and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have set as a priority the development of a standardized survey that may be used to make widely available, comparable measurements of hemodialysis patient experiences. Therefore, AHRQ is assessing the feasibility of creating such a standardized instrument and the nature

and scope of the work to be done. As part of the feasibility study, AHRQ is reviewing existing instruments that capture patients' treatment experiences and is therefore requesting voluntary submission of such instruments or measures along with documentation for administration of the instruments or measures and, if possible, critical evaluations of particular measures or related survey administration techniques.

**DATES:** Parties interested in contributing to this endeavor are asked to submit the requested material on or before October 24, 2003 to Beth Kosiak, Ph.D. (see address below). AHRQ will not reply to individual responses, but will consider all submissions and suggestions.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions should include a brief cover letter and include copy of the instrument or particular measure(s) for consideration. They may be in the form of a letter or e-mail, preferably with an electronic file in a standard word processing format such as Microsoft Word or Word Perfect on a 3½ inch diskette enclosed or as an e-mail with an e-mail attachment. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Responses to this request should be submitted to: Beth Kosiak, PhD, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850, Phone: (301) 427-1322, Fax: (301) 427-1341, e-mail: [bkosiak@ahrq.gov](mailto:bkosiak@ahrq.gov).

In order to ease the handling of submissions, please send a copy of the instrument or measure(s), and a cover letter addressing the extent to which the information submitted meets the "Submission Criteria" below. A copy or citation of relevant peer-reviewed journal articles is also desirable, but not required. For citations, please include the title of the article, author(s), publication year, journal name, volume, issue, and page numbers where article appears. All submissions must include a statement of willingness to grant to AHRQ the right to use and authorize others to use submitted measures and their documentation as part of a CAHPS®-trademarked instrument. Any CAHPS instrument developed for patient perspectives of experiences of hemodialysis care will be made publicly available for use free of charge. However, a CAHPS instrument bearing the CAHPS trademark may only be administered following CAHPS documentation and instructions. To facilitate our obtaining any other required clarifications, please submit the following information with respect to a knowledgeable contact person: (a) Name, (b) title, (c) organization, (d)