paragraph (d) of § 43.01 requires that paragraph (b) of § 43.01 be amended to remove the cross-reference to the deleted paragraph (d). In addition, § 20.15(b)(1) of the rules (47 CFR 20.15(b)(1)) contains references to §§ 1.7001 and 43.11 (47 CFR 1.7001, 43.11) that are inconsistent with the Commission's recent amendment of § 1.7001 and its repeal of § 43.11. Accordingly, this Order removes § 43.01(d), revises §§ 20.15(b)(1) and 43.01(b) for conformity with these rule amendments, and corrects an error in § 1.7001(a)(2)(iv). These changes should not be construed to change any substantive requirements.

List of Subjects

47 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Broadband, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telecommunications.

47 CFR Part 20

Commercial mobile services, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

47 CFR Part 43

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 47 CFR parts 1, 20, and 43 are revised by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 1—PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. chs. 2, 5, 9, 13; 28 U.S.C. 2461 note, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1.7001 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 1.7001(a)(2)(iv), remove the words ''Wireless service'' and add, in its place, the words ''Wireless spectrum''.

PART 20—COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICES

■ 3. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 152(a) 154(i), 157, 160, 201, 214, 222, 251(e), 301, 302, 303, 303(b), 303(r), 307, 307(a), 309, 309(j)(3), 316, 316(a), 332, 610, 615, 615a, 615b, 615c, unless otherwise noted.

■ 4. In § 20.15, revise the first sentence of paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 20.15 Requirements under Title II of the Communications Act.

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(b) * * *

(1) File with the Commission copies of contracts entered into with other carriers or comply with other reporting requirements, or with §§ 1.781 through 1.814 and 43.21 of this chapter; except that commercial radio service providers that are facilities-based providers of broadband service or facilities-based providers of mobile telephony service, as described in § 1.7001(b)(1) and (3) of this chapter, are required to file reports pursuant to §§ 1.7000–1.7002 of this chapter. * * *

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PART 43—REPORTS OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMON CARRIERS, PROVIDERS OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES

■ 5. The authority citation for part 43 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 35–39, 154, 211, 219, 220; sec. 402(b)(2)(B), (c), Pub. L. 104–104, 110 Stat. 129.

■ 6. In § 43.01, revise paragraph (b) and remove paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 43.01 Applicability.

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(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, carriers becoming subject to the provisions of the several sections of this part for the first time, shall, within thirty (30) days of becoming subject, file the required data as set forth in the various sections of this part.

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Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 10–90; FCC 19–104]

Connect America Fund; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule, correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects errors in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** portion of a **Federal Register** document reviewing performance measures for recipients of Connect America Fund high-cost universal services support to ensure that those standards strike the right balance between ensuring effective use of universal service funds while granting the flexibility providers need given the practicalities of network deployment in varied circumstances. The summary was published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2019.

DATES: Effective January 8, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Yelen, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418–7400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This summary contains corrections to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** portion of a **Federal Register** summary, 84 FR 67220 (December 9, 2019). The full text of the Commission's Order on Reconsideration in WC Docket No. 10–90; FCC 19–104, released on October 31, 2019 is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

In Final rule FR Doc. 2019–26448, published December 9, 2019 (84 FR 67220), make the following correction:

■ 1. On page 67235, in the first column, in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth lines, the text ''except for paragraphs 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 31 through 38, 43 through 49, 52, 53, 64 and 75 through 91'' is corrected to read ''except for paragraphs 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 24 through 31, 37 through 42, 45, 46, 57, and 68 through 84.''

Federal Communications Commission.

Cecilia Sigmund,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

49 CFR Part 1022

[Docket No. EP 716 (Sub-No. 5)]

Civil Monetary Penalties—2020 Adjustment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is issuing a final rule to implement the annual inflationary adjustment to its civil monetary penalties, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

DATES: This final rule is effective January 8, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathaniel Bawcombe at (202) 245–0376. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (2015 Act), enacted as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, Public Law 114–74, section 701, 129 Stat. 584, 599–601, requires agencies to adjust their civil penalties for inflation annually, beginning on July 1, 2016, and no later than January 15 of every year thereafter. In accordance with the 2015 Act, annual inflation adjustments are to be based on the percent change between the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI–U) for October of the previous year and the October CPI–U of the year before that. Penalty level adjustments should be rounded to the nearest dollar.

II. Discussion

The statutory definition of civil monetary penalty covers various civil penalty provisions under the Rail (Part A); Motor Carriers, Water Carriers, Brokers, and Freight Forwarders (Part B); and Pipeline Carriers (Part C) provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended. The Board's civil (and criminal) penalty authority related to rail transportation appears at 49 U.S.C. 11901–11908. The Board's penalty authority related to motor carriers, water carriers, brokers, and freight forwarders appears at 49 U.S.C. 14901–14916. The Board's penalty authority related to pipeline carriers appears at 49 U.S.C. 16101–16106.[1] The Board has regulations at 49 CFR part 1022 that codify the method set forth in the 2015 Act for annually adjusting for inflation the civil monetary penalties within the Board's jurisdiction.

As set forth in this final rule, the Board is amending 49 CFR part 1022 to make an annual inflation adjustment to the civil monetary penalties in conformance with the requirements of the 2015 Act. The adjusted penalties set forth in the rule will apply only to violations that occur after the effective date of this regulation.

In accordance with the 2015 Act, the annual adjustment adopted here is calculated by multiplying each current penalty by the cost-of-living adjustment factor of 1.01764, which reflects the percentage change between the October 2019 CPI–U (257.346) and the October 2018 CPI–U (252.885). The table at the end of this decision shows the statutory citation for each civil penalty, a description of the provision, the adjusted statutory civil penalty level for 2019, and the adjusted statutory civil penalty level for 2020.

III. Final Rule

The final rule set forth at the end of this decision is being issued without notice and comment pursuant to the rulemaking provision of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), which does not require that process ''when the agency for good cause finds'' that public notice and comment are ''unnecessary.'' Here, Congress has mandated that the agency make an annual inflation adjustment to its civil monetary penalties. The Board has no discretion to set alternative levels of adjusted civil monetary penalties, because the amount of the inflation adjustment must be calculated in accordance with the statutory formula. Given the absence of discretion, the Board has determined that there is good cause to promulgate this rule without soliciting public comment and to make this regulation effective immediately upon publication.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Statement

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements, unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Because the Board has determined that notice and comment are not required under the APA for this rulemaking, the requirements of the RFA do not apply.

V. Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801–808, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has designated this rule as a non-major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

VI. Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not contain a new or amended information collection requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1022

Administrative practice and procedures, Brokers, Civil penalties, Freight forwarders, Motor carriers, Pipeline carriers, Rail carriers, Water carriers.

It is ordered:

1. The Board amends its rules as set forth in this decision. Notice of the final rule will be published in the **Federal Register**.

2. This decision is effective on its date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Decided: January 2, 2020.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, part 1022 of title 49, chapter X, of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 1022—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1022 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 551–557; 28 U.S.C. 2461 note; 49 U.S.C. 11901, 14901, 14903, 14904, 14905, 14906, 14907, 14908, 14910, 14915, 14916, 16101, 16103.

■ 2. Revise § 1022.4(b) to read as follows:

§ 1022.4 Cost-of-living adjustments of civil monetary penalties.

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(b) The cost-of-living adjustment required by the statute results in the following adjustments to the civil monetary penalties within the jurisdiction of the Board:

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)

U.S. code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	Adjusted penalty amount 2019	Adjusted penalty amount 2020
Rail Carrier Civil Penalties			
49 U.S.C. 11901(a)	Unless otherwise specified, maximum penalty for each knowing violation under this part, and for each day.	$7,987	$8,128

[1] The Board also has various criminal penalty authority, enforceable in a federal criminal court. Congress has not, however, authorized federal agencies to adjust statutorily prescribed criminal penalty provisions for inflation, and this rule does not address those provisions.

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)—Continued

U.S. code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	Adjusted penalty amount 2019	Adjusted penalty amount 2020
49 U.S.C. 11901(b)	For each violation under Section 11124(a)(2) or (b)	799	813
49 U.S.C. 11901(b)	For each day violation continues.	41	42
49 U.S.C. 11901(c)	Maximum penalty for each knowing violation under Sections 10901–10906	7,987	8,128
49 U.S.C. 11901(d)	For each violation under Section 11123 or 11124(a)(1)	159–799	162–813
49 U.S.C. 11901(d)	For each day violation continues	80	81
49 U.S.C. 11901(e)(1), (4)	For each violation under Sections 11141–11145, for each day	799	813
49 U.S.C. 11901(e)(2), (4)	For each violation under Section 11144(b)(1), for each day	159	162
49 U.S.C. 11901(e)(3)–(4)	For each violation of reporting requirements, for each day	159	162
	Motor and Water Carrier Civil Penalties		
49 U.S.C. 14901(a)	Minimum penalty for each violation and for each day	1,093	1,112
49 U.S.C. 14901(a)	For each violation under Section 13901 or 13902(c)	10,932	11,125
49 U.S.C. 14901(a)	For each violation related to transportation of passengers	27,331	27,813
49 U.S.C. 14901(b)	For each violation of the hazardous waste rules under Section 3001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.	21,865–43,730	22,251–44,501
49 U.S.C. 14901(d)(1)	Minimum penalty for each violation of household good regulations, and for each day.	1,597	1,625
49 U.S.C. 14901(d)(2)	Minimum penalty for each instance of transportation of household goods if broker provides estimate without carrier agreement.	15,976	16,258
49 U.S.C. 14901(d)(3)	Minimum penalty for each instance of transportation of household goods without being registered.	39,936	40,640
49 U.S.C. 14901(e)	Minimum penalty for each violation of a transportation rule	3,195	3,251
49 U.S.C. 14901(e)	Minimum penalty for each additional violation	7,987	8,128
49 U.S.C. 14903(a)	Maximum penalty for undercharge or overcharge of tariff rate, for each violation	159,750	162,568
49 U.S.C. 14904(a)	For first violation, rebates at less than the rate in effect	319	325
49 U.S.C. 14904(a)	For all subsequent violations	400	407
49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(1)	Maximum penalty for first violation for undercharges by freight forwarders	799	813
49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(1)	Maximum penalty for subsequent violations	3,195	3,251
49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(2)	Maximum penalty for other first violations under Section 13702	799	813
49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(2)	Maximum penalty for subsequent violations	3,195	3,251
49 U.S.C. 14905(a)	Maximum penalty for each knowing violation of Section 14103(a), and knowingly authorizing, consenting to, or permitting a violation of Section 14103(a) or (b).	15,976	16,258
49 U.S.C. 14906	Minimum penalty for first attempt to evade regulation	2,187	2,226
49 U.S.C. 14906	Minimum amount for each subsequent attempt to evade regulation	5,466	5,562
49 U.S.C. 14907	Maximum penalty for recordkeeping/reporting violations	7,987	8,128
49 U.S.C. 14908(a)(2)	Maximum penalty for violation of Section 14908(a)(1).	3,195	3,251
49 U.S.C. 14910	When another civil penalty is not specified under this part, for each violation, for each day.	799	813
49 U.S.C. 14915(a)(1)–(2)	Minimum penalty for holding a household goods shipment hostage, for each day	12,695	12,919
49 U.S.C. 14916(c)(1)	Maximum penalty for each violation under Section 14916(a) by knowingly authorizing, consenting to, or permitting unlawful brokerage activities.	10,932	11,125
	Pipeline Carrier Civil Penalties		
49 U.S.C. 16101(a)	Maximum penalty for violation of this part, for each day	7,987	8,128
49 U.S.C. 16101(b)(1), (4)	For each recordkeeping violation under Section 15722, each day	799	813
49 U.S.C. 16101(b)(2), (4)	For each inspection violation liable under Section 15722, each day	159	162
49 U.S.C. 16101(b)(3)–(4)	For each reporting violation under Section 15723, each day	159	162
49 U.S.C. 16103(a)	Maximum penalty for improper disclosure of information	1,597	1,625

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 300, 600, and 679

[Docket No.: 191219–0121]

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Authorize the Retention of Halibut in Pot Gear in the BSAI; Amendment 118

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues a final rule that implements Amendment 118 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI FMP) and a regulatory amendment that revises regulations on Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This final rule is necessary to improve efficiency and provide economic benefits for the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) and Community Development Quota (CDQ) fleets, minimize whale depredation and seabird interactions in the IFQ and CDQ fisheries, and reduce the risk of exceeding an overfishing limit for any species. This final rule is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act), the BSAI FMP, and other applicable laws.

DATES: This rule is effective on February 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the Environmental Assessment and the Regulatory Impact Review (collectively referred to as the ''Analysis'') and the Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for this final rule may be obtained from *https://*