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- Chief FOIA Officer Reports, Annual FOIA Reports, Quarterly FOIA Reports, Report Data Files and Comparisons to Other Federal Agencies

Finding the Information You Need

You do not have to file a FOIA request to obtain records which the FCC makes routinely available for public inspection. Many of these are available on the Commission's web site, and you are encouraged to review the Commission's web site before filing a FOIA request as you may find what you are looking for much more quickly. In addition, the FCC provides an **Electronic Reading Room** containing the following information:

- Final opinions and orders
- Specific agency policy statements
- Administrative manuals and instructions to staff that affect members of the public
- Records disclosed in response to a FOIA request that have become or are likely to become the subject of subsequent FOIA requests.

If you have questions concerning FCC matters, but do not need specific documents or records, you do not need to file a FOIA request. FOIA requests should only be used for existing documents and records, and not for general questions. A request involving general questions may be returned to the requester as an improper FOIA request. Please contact the FCC Call Center at 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) for inquiries concerning the FCC.

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Other Federal Agencies FOIA Contact Information ⬈

If you are uncertain whether the FCC is the appropriate government agency to request the information you seek, please contact the FCC Call Center at 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) before submitting a FOIA request.

File a FOIA Request for FCC Records Only

FCC uses ArkCase FOIA to manage FOIA requests. To file a FOIA request for records kept by the FCC, please go to ArkCase FOIA. The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Additional information about OGIS can be found at ogis.archives.gov.

Guides

- [How To File a FOIA Request](#) (includes fee chart)
- [How To Determine What Information is Subject to FOIA Requests](#)
- [How To Obtain Publicly Available Documents from the FCC](#)

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