

Federal Communications Commission.
William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.
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Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

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SUMMARY: The Federal Communications, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 24, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to dconway@fcc.gov and Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or fain_t@a1.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217 or via internet at dconway@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0441.

Title: Section 90.621(b)(4) Selection and assignment of frequencies.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision to an existing collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 33.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours per respondent; however the Commission estimates 75% of the respondents will contract out the burden of responding. It will take these respondents approximately 30 minutes to obtain these services.

Total Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: The Commission estimates 75% of the applicants will file this information electronically. These respondents will incur approximately \$69 for on-line filing charges. Respondents filing manually, will incur approximately \$1.15 in postal charges. Respondents hiring an attorney or engineer to prepare the information will incur approximately \$300 in charges.

Needs and Uses: Applicants wish to locate co-channel systems less than 70 miles from an existing system operating on the same channel may do so upon specific request. If the request falls under a Table provided in the rule, certain information about the co-channel station is required. In this instance no waiver of the short spacing rule is required. If the request is for distances less than those prescribed in the table, a waiver of the short spacing rule is required. The Commission uses the information to determine whether to grant licenses to applicants whose systems do not satisfy mileage separation requirements.

OMB Number: 3060-0110.

Title: Application for Renewal of License for AM, FM, TV Translator or LPTV Station.

Form Number: FCC 303-S.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Type of Review: Revision of an existing collection.

Number of Respondents: 4,658.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 - 5.5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 6,230.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: The Commission estimates 50% of the AM/FM/TV Translator radio broadcast licensees and 75% of the TV/TV translator broadcast licensees will use a communications attorney to complete and file the FCC Form 303-S. This will cost approximately \$200 per hour.

Licensees must also submit a \$115 application fee for each commercial application by a AM/FM/TV broadcast station. The fee for each FM/TV Translator Broadcast station application is \$45. Additionally, AM, FM TV or LPTV licensee must give local public notice of the filing of the renewal application. AM/FM/TV stations that are off-the-air must give local public notice by publishing an announcement 6 times in a newspaper of general circulation in the community or area being served. FM/TV Translator stations must give local public notice by publishing an announcement once in a newspaper of general circulation. The cost of this publication is estimated to be \$226 per publication.

Needs and Uses: On February 8, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Section 204 of this Act directs the Commission to collect new information from commercial and noncommercial television station licensees filing their renewal applications after May 1, 1995. These renewal applicants must submit an Exhibit summarizing the written comments and suggestions received from the public that "comment on the applicant's programming, if any, and that are characterized by the commenter as constituting violent programming." Until the FCC 303-S is revised, the Commission will use a supplement to solicit the required information. FCC Form 303-S is used in applying for renewal of license for a commercial or noncommercial AM, FM or TV broadcast station and FM translator, TV translator or Low Power TV broadcast stations. It can also be used in seeking the joint renewal of licenses for an FM or TV translator station and its co-owned primary FM, TV or LPTV station. The data is used by FCC staff to assure that the necessary reports connected with the renewal application have been filed and that licensee continues to meet basic statutory requirements to remain a licensee of a broadcast station. The data collected with respect to violent programming will be used by the Commission in determining what, if any, changes in the Commission's policies and regulations are required.

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