

Channel positions programming carried on the system; and, (6) Billing and complaint procedures, including the address and telephone number of the local franchise authority's cable office.

Section 76.309(c)(3)(i)(B) states that customers will be notified of any changes in rates, programming services or channel positions as soon as possible in writing. Notice must be given to subscribers a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of such changes if the change is within the control of the cable operator. In addition, the cable operator shall notify subscribers 30 days in advance of any significant changes in the other information required by Section 76.309(c)(3)(i)(A).

Section 76.964 states that in addition to the requirement set forth in Section 76.309(c)(3)(i)(B) regarding advance notification to customers of any changes in rates, programming services or channel positions, cable systems shall give 30 days written notice to both subscribers and local franchising authorities before implementing any rate or service change. Such notice shall state the precise amount of any rate change and briefly explain in readily understandable fashion the cause of the rate change (e.g. inflation, changes in external costs or the addition/deletion of channels). When the change involves the addition or deletion of channels, each channel added or deleted must be separately identified. Notices to subscribers shall inform them of their right to file complaints about changes in cable programming service tier rates and services, shall state that the subscriber may file the complaint within 90 days of the effective date of the rate change, and shall provide the address and phone number of the local franchising authority.

Section 76.309(c)(3)(ii)(B) states that in case of a billing dispute, the cable operator must respond to a written complaint from a subscriber within 30 days.

Since the last OMB clearance for this collection, it has been revised in two ways. First, the Section 76.309(a) requirement that franchise authorities must provide affected cable operators 90 days written notice of intent to enforce customer services standards was not previously accounted for in this collection. We now seek clearance for it as part of this collection. Second, a revision to Section 76.309(c)(3)(i)(B) no longer requires cable operators to provide notice of any rate change that is the result of a regulatory fee, franchise fee, or any other fee, tax, assessment, or charge of any kind imposed by any Federal agency, State, or franchising authority on the transaction between

operators and their subscribers. We revise this collection accordingly. The Commission requires the various disclosure and notifications contained in this collection as a means of consumer protection to ensure that subscribers and franchising authorities are knowledgeable of cable operators' business practices, current rates, rate changes for programming, service and equipment, and channel line-up changes.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

May 20, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, 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 information collection(s), 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 estimate; (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 July 27, 1998. 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.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0287.

Title: Section 78.69 Station records.

Form No.: N/A

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities; State, local and tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 1,800.

Estimated Time Per Response: 26 hours.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Cost to Respondents: \$0.

Total Annual Burden: 46,800 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 78.69 requires that licensees of cable CARS stations maintain various records, including but not limited to records pertaining to transmissions, unscheduled interruptions to transmissions, maintenance, observations, inspections and repairs. Station records are required to be maintained for a period of not less than two years. The records kept pursuant to Section 78.69 provide for a history of station operations and are reviewed by Commission staff during field investigations to ensure that proper operation of the stations is being conducted.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0667.

Title: Section 76.630 Compatibility with consumer electronic equipment.

Form No.: N/A

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 - 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Cost To Respondents: \$19,300 (\$960 filing fee, plus stationery and postage costs).

Total Annual Burden: 11,160 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 76.630(a) states that cable system operators shall not scramble or otherwise encrypt signals carried on the basic service tier, though operators may file requests for waivers of this prohibition with the Commission. When filing requests for waivers of this prohibition, operators must notify subscribers by mail of waiver requests. Section 76.630(c) states

that cable system operators that use scrambling, encryption or similar techniques shall offer to supply each subscriber with special equipment that will enable the simultaneous reception of multiple signals. This offer of special equipment must be made to new subscribers at the time they subscribe, to all subscribers at least once each year, and to subscribers that make such requests at any time. Section 76.630(d) states that cable system operators shall provide a consumer education program on compatibility matters to their subscribers in writing. The information shall be provided to subscribers at the time that they first subscribe and at least once a year thereafter, and may be included in one of the cable system's regular subscriber billings. The Commission has set forth these disclosure requirements for consumer protection purposes, to inform subscribers of compatibility matters, and notify subscribers of cable operators' requests to waive the prohibition on signal encryption.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

May 21, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, 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 information collection(s), 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 estimate; (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 July 27, 1998. 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.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Approval No.: 3060-0425.

Title: Section 74.913, Selection procedure for mutually exclusive ITFS applications.

Form No.: n/a.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Response: 53 hours for settlement agreements (3 hours respondent, 30 hours contract attorney, 20 hours consulting engineer) and 1 hour statements of number of students.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Cost to Respondents: \$425,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 74.913(c) requires qualified ITFS applicants, with the same point accumulation, to submit any agreement to divide the use of the channels within thirty days from the date of Commission decision. If no agreement is reached and submitted to the Commission within thirty days, the selectee will be determined through the tie-breaker mechanism of Section 74.913(d).

Section 74.913(d) requires each applicant tied in a comparative selection proceeding to submit a statement of the number of students at its proposed receive locations who are formally enrolled in classes for credit toward an academic degree or diploma, or a legally required certification or license. This claim of students, who would benefit from the proposed

system, must correlate to and be supported by the educational programs proposed in its application. This statement must be served on the other tied competing applicant(s).

Applicants will not be required to submit their agreements or statements unless and until it is determined that they are tied in a comparative selection proceeding.

The data will be used by FCC staff to determine the most qualified applicant to provide ITFS service to the public. The statement served on other tied competing applicant(s) will provide an opportunity for competing applicants to respond to any aspect of the enrollment submissions.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

May 19, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, 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 information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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 estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, and utility, 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 information techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 29, 1998. If