

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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, contact Les Smith at 202-418-0214 or via internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Approval Number:* 3060-0560.

*Title:* Section 76.911, Petition for reconsideration of certification.

*Form No.:* N/A.

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

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

*Number of Respondents:* 45 [(20 petitions × 2 parties) + 5 competing operators].

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2-10 hours.

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

*Cost to Respondents:* \$410 (postage and stationery costs).

*Total Annual Burden:* 410 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 76.911 states that a cable operator, or other interested party, may challenge a franchising authority's certification by filing a petition for reconsideration. The petition may allege either that the cable operator is not subject to rate regulation because effective competition exists, or that the franchising authority does not meet the Commission's certification standards. The burden associated with the petition process was not previously accounted for in this collection; therefore, this collection has been revised. Section 76.911(b)(2) also states that if evidence establishing effective competition is not otherwise available, then cable operators may request from a competitor information regarding the competitor's reach and number of subscribers. A competitor must respond to such request within 15 days and such responses may be limited to numerical totals. Commission staff use information derived from petitions for reconsideration of certification to resolve disputes concerning the presence or absence of effective competition in franchise areas and to determine whether there are grounds for denying franchising authority certifications to regulate rates.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget**

May 18, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

**Federal Communications Commission.**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0717.

*Expiration Date:* 05/31/2001.

*Title:* Billed Party Preference for InterLATA 0+ Calls, CC Docket No. 92-77 (47 CFR Sections 64.703(a), 64.709, 64.710).

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1500 respondents; 446.10 hours per response (avg.); 699,157 total annual burden hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$198,000.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, annually, third party disclosure.

*Description:* 1. Section 64.709, OSP Informational Tariff Filing Requirement: In the Second Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration issued in CC Docket No. 92-77 (released January 29, 1998), the Commission codifies the OSP informational tariff filings at 47 CFR 64.709. OSPs currently are required by statute, *i.e.*, 47 U.S.C. § 226(h)(1) to file informational tariffs with the Commission. The new rules governing the filing of such tariffs codify existing FCC requirements. The Commission also amended the rules to increase the usefulness of informational tariffs by requiring that such tariffs include specific rates expressed in dollars and cents as well as applicable per-call aggregator surcharges or other per-call fees, if any, that are collected from consumers. (Number of respondents:

300; annual burden per respondent: 50 hours; total annual burden: 16,500 hours). 2. Section 64.703(a)(4), Disclosures: In the Second Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, the Commission amends its rules, effective generally July 1, 1998, to require operator services providers (OSPs) to disclose orally to away-from-home callers, at no cost to such callers, how they may obtain all applicable charges for a call placed through an OSP, without the caller having to hang up to dial a separate number. The Commission's decision is intended to make it easier for callers using operator services at pay phones, hotels and other call aggregator locations to obtain immediately the total cost to them of making a call using the carrier selected by the pay phone or premises owner before the call is made. Subsection 64.703(a)(4) is added, which requires each OSP to disclose, audibly and distinctly to the consumer, at no charge and before connecting any interstate call, how to obtain rate quotations, including any applicable surcharges, if the call is to be placed through the carrier selected by the payphone or premises owner. (No. of respondents: 630; annual burden per respondent: 6-8 secs per call; total annual burden: 13,711 hours). 3. Section 64.710, Operator services for prison inmate phones. New Section 64.710 requires providers of interstate operator services to inmates at correctional institutions to identify themselves, audibly and distinctly, to the party to be billed for the call and also disclose immediately thereafter to that party how he or she, without having to hang up to dial a separate number, may obtain the charges for the call, before the carrier may connect, and bill for, a call. (No. of respondents; 570; annual burden per respondent: 4 hours; total annual hour burden: 2280 hours). 4. Section 64.703(a)(1)-(3), Consumer Information, Branding by OSPs. Section 64.703(a)(1)-(3), requires that operator service providers disclose to consumers their identity, and upon request by the consumer, the rates for the call, collection methods for the charges, and complaint procedures. 47 U.S.C. Section 226 required adoption of this rule. Providers of operator services are required to identify itself, audibly and distinctly, to both the calling party and the called party, rather than just one party. This requirement was a response to a widespread failure of operator service providers to disclose information necessary for informed consumer choice in the marketplace. This requirement is currently approved