

Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, 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, 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 January 27, 1999. 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 Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0065.

Title: Application for New or Modified Radio Stations Authorization Under Part 5 of the FCC Rules—Experimental Radio Service (Other than Broadcast).

Form Number: FCC Form 442.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping; on occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 2,800 hours.

Total Annual Costs: None.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 442 is required to be filed by Sections 5.55(a), (b), and (c) of the FCC Rules and Regulations by applicants requiring an FCC license to operate a new or modified experimental radio station. The data supplied by this form are used by communications clerks, legal instruments examiners and engineers of the FCC to determine: (1) if the applicant is eligible for an experimental license; (2) the purpose of the experiment; (3) compliance with the requirements of Part 5 of the FCC Rules; and (4) if the proposed operation will cause interference to existing operations. The FCC could not grant an experimental license without the information contained on this form. Revision of the form is not required.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting of Network Reliability and Interoperability Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of a meeting of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council ("Council"), which will be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC.

DATES: January 14, 1999 at 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room 856, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marsha MacBride, Director of the FCC Year 2000 Task Force and Designated Federal Officer of the Council, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 290, Washington, DC 20554; telephone (202) 418-2379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from academic, consumer and other

organizations to explore and recommend measures that would enhance network reliability. One of the current issues before the Council is the risk that the Year 2000 date conversion problem presents for the telecommunications networks.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: The Council will review progress reports of Focus Groups 1 and 2 which will give observations, assessments, and initial recommendations on the Year 2000 date conversion problem and the telecommunications networks. Focus Group 3 will provide a status report. Finally, NRSC will provide its quarterly report.

Information concerning the activities of NRIC can be reviewed at the Council's website www.nric.org. Material relevant to the January 14, 1999 meeting will be posted there.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments to the Council's designated Federal Officer before the meeting.

Federal Communications Commission.

Shirley S. Suggs,

Chief, Publications Branch.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Early Closing on December 24, 1998

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In accordance with the guidance issued by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to implement the half-day closing of government department and agencies on Thursday, December 24th, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission will close its offices at 1:30 p.m. on December 24, 1998. All filings, paper and electronic, due on December 24, 1998, will be accepted as timely on the next official work day.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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