FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

April 27, 1999.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, 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, 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 June 4, 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 Commission, Room 1–A804, 445 12th Street, S.W., 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: 3060–0716.
Title: Proposed Section 73.1630 Blanketing Interference.
Form Number: N/A.
Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individual or households; Business of other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 21,000.
Estimated Time per Response: 1 to 2 hours.
Frequency of response: On occasion reporting requirements.
Total Annual Burden: 41,000 hours
Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: This rulemaking proceeding proposed to provide detailed clarification of the AM, FM, and TV licensee's responsibilities in resolving/eliminating blanketing interference caused by their individual stations. Under the current rules (section 73.88 (AM), section 73.318 (FM), section 73.685(d) (TVI)), the licensee is financially responsible for resolving complaints of interference within one year of program test authority when certain conditions are met. After the first year, a licensee is only required to provide technical assistance in determining the cause of the interference. In this NPRM, we proposed to consolidate all blanketing interference rules under a new section 73.1630, Blanketing Interference. This new rule was designed to facilitate the resolution of broadcast interference problems and set forth all responsibilities of the licensee/permittee of a broadcast station.

For one year after the broadcast station commences program tests, the licensee is financially responsible for resolving blanketing interference complaints. After the first year, the licensee is obligated to provide technical assistance to resolve complaints of blanketing interference. The information provided to complainants will be used to facilitate the resolution of complaints of blanketing interference.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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