

*Form No.:* N/A.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 18,820.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .50 " 20 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Every 10 year reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 284,653 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$18,820.

*Needs and Uses:* The information required by Section 101.1327 is used to determine whether a renewal applicant of a Multiple Address System has complied with the requirement to provide substantial service by the end of the ten-year initial license term. The FCC uses the information to determine whether an applicant's license will be renewed at the end of the license period.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority

December 19, 2003.

**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 (PRA) 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 Paperwork Reduction (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before March 1, 2004. 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 Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@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 the Internet at [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0489

*Title:* Section 73.37, Applications for Broadcast Facilities, Showing Required  
*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities

*Number of Respondents:* 365

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement

*Total Annual Burden:* 365 hours

*Total Annual Cost:* \$798,750

*Needs and Uses:* 47 CFR 73.37(d)

requires an applicant for a new AM broadcast station, or for a major change in an authorized AM broadcast station, to make a satisfactory showing that objectionable interference will not result to an authorized AM station as a condition for its acceptance if new or modified nighttime operation by a Class B station is proposed. 47 CFR 73.37(f) requires applicants seeking facilities modification that would result in spacings that fail to meet any of the separation requirements to include a showing that an adjustment has been made to the radiated signal which effectively results in a site-to-site radiation that is equivalent to the radiation of a station with standard Model I facilities. FCC staff use the data to ensure that objectionable interference will not be caused to other authorized AM stations.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0320

*Title:* Section 73.1350, Transmission System Operation

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions

*Number of Respondents:* 411

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 0.5 hours

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirements

*Total Annual Costs:* \$0.00

*Total Annual Burden:* 206 hours

*Needs and Uses:* 47 CFR 73.1350(g)

requires licensees to submit a notification to the FCC in Washington, DC whenever a transmission system control point is established at a location other than at the main studio or transmitter within 3 days of the initial use of that point. This notification is not required if responsible station personnel can be contacted at the transmitter or studio site during hours of operation. FCC staff use the data to maintain complete operating information regarding licensees to be used in the event that FCC field staff needs to contact the station about interference.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0182

*Title:* Section 73.1620, Program Tests

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions

*Number of Respondents:* 1,501

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1-5 hours

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

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,505 hours

*Total Annual Costs:* \$0.00

*Needs and Uses:* 47 CFR 73.1620(a)(1)

requires permittees of a nondirectional AM or FM station, or a nondirectional or directional TV station to notify the FCC upon beginning of program tests. An application for license must be filed within 10 days of this notification. 47 CFR 73.1620(a)(2) requires a permittee of an AM or FM station with a directional antenna to file a request for program test authority 10 days prior to date on which it desires to begin program tests. This is filed in conjunction with an application for license. Section 73.1620(f) requires licensees of UHF TV stations, assigned to the same allocated channel which a 1000 watt UHF translator station is authorized to use, to notify the licensee of the translator station at least 10 days prior to commencing or resuming operation and certify to the FCC that such advance notice has been given. 47 CFR 73.1620(g) requires permittees to report any deviations from their promises, if any, in their application for license to cover their construction permit (FCC Form 302) and on the first anniversary of their commencement of program tests. The notification in 47 CFR 73.1620(a) alerts the Commission

that construction of a station has been completed and that the station is broadcasting program material. The notification in 47 CFR 73.1620(f) alerts the UHF translator station that the potential of interference exists. The report in 47 CFR 73.1620(g) stating deviations are necessary to eliminate possible abuses of the FCC's processes and to ensure that comparative promises relating to service to the public are not inflated.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0346

*Title:* Section 78.27, License Conditions

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; Business and other for-profit entities; and Not-for-profit institutions

*Number of Respondents:* 50

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 mins. (0.167 hrs.)

*Frequency of Response:* One time and on occasion reporting requirements

*Total Annual Burden:* 8 hours

*Total Annual Costs:* None

*Needs and Uses:* 47 CFR 78.27

requires licensees of Cable Television Relay Service (CARS) stations to notify the FCC in writing when the station commences operation. A CARS licensee, which needs additional time to complete construction of the station, must request an extension of time from the FCC 30 days prior to the expiration of the one-year construction period. The Commission uses these filings to provide accurate CARS channel usage for frequency coordination, to prevent warehousing of spectrum, and to prevent frequency interference.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; DA 03-3824]

### ALLTEL Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and Rural Service Area Redefinition in North Carolina

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau sought

comment on the ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (ALLTEL) petition. ALLTEL is seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for service offered throughout its licensed service area in the state of North Carolina. ALLTEL also requests that the Commission redefine certain rural service areas.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before January 12, 2004. Reply comments are due on or before January 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. See Supplementary Information for further filing instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Franklin, Attorney, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-45, released November 26, 2003. On August 26, 2003, ALLTEL filed with the Commission a petition pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, so that it can receive Federal universal service support in the state of North Carolina. ALLTEL also requests that the Commission redefine certain rural service areas pursuant to section 54.207 of the Commission's rules. ALLTEL provides commercial mobile radio services and seeks federal universal service support for its service offered in non-rural wire centers currently served by BellSouth Telecomm Inc., Verizon South, Inc.-NC, Verizon South, Inc. (CONTEL), and North State Telephone Co., and for service offered in rural wire centers currently served by ALLTEL Carolina, Inc., Atlantic Telephone Membership, Central Telephone Co., Concord Telephone Company, Ellerbe Telephone Co. Inc., Lexcom Telephone Company, Mebtel Inc., Piedmont Telephone Membership, Pineville Telephone Co., Randolph Telephone Co., Randolph Telephone Membership, Service Telephone Co., Sprint Mid-Atlantic, Star Telephone Membership, Surry Telephone Membership, Tri-County Telephone Membership, and Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership. ALLTEL has requested that the Commission consider ALLTEL's request to become an ETC in non-rural service areas separately from its rural area ETC designation requests, if such bifurcation would expedite Commission action on ALLTEL's ETC petitions as they relate to the non-rural service areas.

ALLTEL asserts that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (North Carolina Commission) does not regulate commercial mobile radio service providers for purposes of ETC designations and presents an order from the North Carolina Commission asserting its lack of jurisdiction. Hence, according to ALLTEL, the Commission has jurisdiction under section 214(e)(6) to consider and grant its petition. ALLTEL also maintains that it satisfies all the statutory and regulatory prerequisites for ETC designation and that designating ALLTEL as an ETC in areas served by rural LECs will serve the public interest.

In accordance with section 54.207 of the Commission's rules, ALLTEL requests that the Commission designate ALLTEL as an ETC in a service area defined along boundaries that differ from the incumbent rural local exchange carriers' study area boundaries. The service area requested by ALLTEL for ETC designation partially covers the study areas of ALLTEL Carolina, Inc., Central Telephone Company and Surry Telephone Membership Corporation. ALLTEL requests a redefinition of these rural service areas so each wire center in each of the respective study areas is designated as a separate service area. ALLTEL limits its redefinition request to those wire centers that ALLTEL serves in its entirety and notes that where ALLTEL serves only a portion of a wire center, it does not request ETC status for that wire center. ALLTEL maintains that the proposed redefinition of service areas for ETC purposes is consistent with the factors to be considered when redefining a rural telephone company service area, as enumerated by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

The petitioner must provide copies of its petition to the North Carolina Commission. The Commission sent a copy of this Public Notice to the North Carolina Commission by overnight express mail to ensure that the North Carolina Commission is notified of the notice and comment period.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments as follows: comments are due on or before January 12, 2004, and reply comments are due on or before January 26, 2004. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/>