

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0422]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: 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; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before February 29, 2016. 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 PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0422.

Title: Section 68.5, Waivers

(Application for Waivers of Hearing Aid Compatibility Requirements).

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and

Responses: 2 respondents; 2 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 610.

Total Annual Burden: 6 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

An assurance of confidentiality is not offered because this information collection does not require the collection of personally identifiable information from individuals.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: Telephone manufacturers seeking a waiver of 47 CFR 68.4(a)(1), which requires that certain telephones be hearing aid compatible, must demonstrate that compliance with the rule is technologically infeasible or too costly. Information is used by FCC staff to determine whether to grant or dismiss the request.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269; DA 15-1435]

Guidance Regarding License Assignments and Transfers of Control During the Reverse Auction, Auction 1001

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides guidance regarding reverse auction

participation by parties to pending transactions involving broadcast television licenses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division: For general reverse auction questions contact Erin Griffith or Kathryn Hinton at (202) 418-0660. Media Bureau licensing questions contact David Brown at (202) 418-1645 or Dorann Bunkin at (202) 418-1636.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Auction 1001 Guidance on Broadcast Transactions Public Notice (PN)*, AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, DA15-1435, released on December 17, 2015. The complete text of the *Auction 1001 Guidance on Broadcast Transactions PN*, is available for public inspection and copying from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday or from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET on Fridays in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text is also available on the Commission's Web site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov>, or by using the search function on the ECFS Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.

Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by sending an email to FCC504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

1. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) recently waived the bar on the assignment of a license in, or transfer of control of an applicant for, the reverse auction, provided that (1) the assignment or transfer application has been accepted for filing as of January 12, 2016, the reverse auction application filing deadline, and (2) the assignee or transferee agrees to be bound by the original applicant's actions in the auction with respect to the license(s). Subject to these two requirements and Commission approval, assignments and transfers involving participating licensees may be consummated during the reverse auction.

2. Reverse auction participants will utilize the FCC Registration Number (FRN) and related password associated with a station to access the application and bidding systems (collectively, the Auction System) with respect to that station. The Bureau has frozen the FRN data in the Auction System as of December 8, 2015, the opening date for the reverse auction filing window. An assignee/transferee in a pending transaction that is approved and consummated until the completion of

the auction will have two options if it wishes to participate in the reverse auction on behalf of a station covered by such a transaction. First, it may contractually designate the assignor/transferor as its bidding agent for the covered stations. Second, the parties to the transaction may agree that the assignee/transferee will use the FRN and password associated with assigned or transferred stations (the "auction FRN") to apply for and participate in the reverse auction. The parties must elect one of these options prior to the beginning of the prohibited communications period on January 12, 2016 and inform the Commission which option they have elected. Alternatively, the parties may wait until after the auction to seek approval and consummate the transaction.

3. With regard to the second option, the auction FRN and password will also provide access to the assignor/transferor's data in Commission licensing and other systems associated with that FRN. To prevent the assignee/transferee from accessing the information related to the stations the assignor/transferor may retain, the assignor/transferor may obtain a new FRN and password for those stations. Additionally, the auction FRN and password will provide access to the assignor/transferor's bidding information for any stations associated with the auction FRN. Thus, if a transaction involves fewer than all the licenses associated with the auction FRN, the assignee/transferee and the assignor/transferor would both have access to the same bidding information regarding all the licenses associated with that auction FRN that are in the reverse auction.

4. As a result, the parties to a pending transaction must acknowledge that the Commission is not liable for their use of any systems or information accessed as a result of a shared FRN and password under the second option. The parties may also want to contractually limit the assignee/transferee's right to access and/or use any such systems or information. Finally, the parties are subject to the rule prohibiting communication of an incentive auction applicant's bids and bidding strategies.

Federal Communications Commission.

Craig Bomberger,

Deputy Division Chief, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, WTB.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

The comment period for this application has been extended. Comments regarding this application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 31, 2016.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Nadine Wallman, Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *KeyCorp*, Cleveland, Ohio; to acquire First Niagara Financial Group, Inc., and thereby acquire control of its subsidiary bank, First Niagara Bank, National Association, both in Buffalo, New York.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 24, 2015.

Michael J. Lewandowski,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 13, 2016.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Chapelle Davis, Assistant Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Andrew Charles Heaner*, Atlanta, Georgia; to retain voting shares of Heritage First Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Heritage First Bank, both in Rome, Georgia.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacquelyn K. Brunmeier, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Richard Pedersen*, Everett, Washington; to retain voting shares of Flathead Lake Bancorporation, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of First Citizens Bank of Polson, National Association, both in Polson, Montana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 24, 2015.

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Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the