FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 25

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Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final action; announcement of deadline date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the International Bureau, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the Office of Engineering and Technology announce the deadline and other details for filing the certifications and information required by the Order.

Required Earth Station Filings

Earth-station certifications. Operators of fixed-satellite service (FSS) earth stations in the 3.7–4.2 GHz band that are licensed or registered (authorized) in the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS), including temporary-fixed or transportable earth stations, must certify the accuracy of all information reflected on their licenses or registrations in IBFS. The certification must include the relevant call sign(s), file numbers, and applicant or registrant name, along with the following signed statement: “The undersigned, individually and for the applicant, licensee, or registrant, hereby certifies that all information reflected in his or her licenses or registrations in IBFS, including any attached exhibits, are true, complete and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, and have been made in good faith.” The certification must be signed by an authorized representative for the licensee or registrant.

Earth station operators that filed for new or modified licenses or registrations between April 19, 2018 and October 31, 2018, using the processes outlined in the Earth Station Filing Window Public Notices, are exempt from this certification requirement.

Temporary fixed or transportable earth stations. Operators of temporary-fixed or transportable FSS earth stations in the 3.7–4.2 GHz band that are licensed or registered (authorized) in IBFS must also provide the following information they submit, pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459.

Filers may seek confidential treatment for information they submit, pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459.

A temporary-fixed or transportable earth station is a fixed earth station that remains at a location for less than six months. See 47 CFR 25.277. These stations operate on a temporary basis and are variable in nature. A satellite news gathering truck is a common example of a temporary-fixed or transportable earth station.


Filers may seek confidential treatment for information they submit, pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459.

Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 6915, 6923-25, paras. 16–25 (2018) (Order or Notice, as applicable).

See, e.g., Order, 33 FCC Rcd 6923, para. 17.

Notice of Management and Budget approved the information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

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Required Space Station Data

Operators with existing FSS space station licenses with coverage of the United States or grants of United States market access in the 3.7–4.2 GHz band must provide the following information:

- Satellite call sign, name, and orbital location;
- Expected end-of-life for satellite;
- The approximate dates that any additional C-band (3.7–4.2 GHz band) satellites with a currently pending application in IBFS are planned for launch to serve the United States market (note whether this satellite is a replacement);
- Any additional C-band satellites that do not have a currently pending application in IBFS that are planned for launch to serve the United States market and the approximate date of such launch (note whether this satellite is a replacement);
- For each transponder on each satellite operating in the 3.7–4.2 GHz range that is operational and legally authorized to serve customers in the United States, provide the following for the most recent month, i.e., for March 2019:
  - The frequency range of the transponder and the transponder number;
  - The total capacity (megahertz) and in terms of the number of megahertz on each transponder that are currently under contract (also provide this data for one month in 2016);
  - For each day in March 2019, the average percentage of each transponder’s capacity (megahertz) utilized and the maximum percentage of capacity utilized on that day. Parties may supplement this required daily data for March 2019 with historical trend data over recent months up to three years (provide the date range at which the data was collected) to show utilization variances; and
  - For all data reported regarding capacity under contract and capacity utilization, specify the percentage (if any) only for customers outside of the United States.
- The center frequency and bandwidth of the Telemetry Tracking and Command (TT&C) beam(s); and
- The call sign and geographic location (using NAD83 coordinates) of each TT&C receive site.

Filing Procedures

All information required by the Order, and repeated in the Public Notice, must be submitted electronically in IBFS, https://licensing.fcc.gov/myibfs, using the “Pleadings and Comments” link. Fixed, temporary fixed, and transportable earth station licensees must file certifications as a pleading type “C-band certification” for each call sign. Temporary fixed and transportable earth station licensees and space station licensees must file the additional earth station and space station data requested above using the pleading type “Other” for each call sign.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

We have estimated that your response to this collection of information will take 6 hours per response (additional information on temporary fixed earth stations in 3.7–4.2 GHz) and 40 hours per response (additional information on space stations in 3.7–4.2 GHz). Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or on how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission, Office of Managing Director, AMD PERM, Washington, DC 20554, Paperwork Reduction Act Project (3060 0678). We will also accept your PRA comments via the internet if you send an email to PRA@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED CERTIFICATIONS OR DATA TO THIS ADDRESS.

You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and/or we fail to provide you with this document. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060–0678.


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