

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. The recordkeeping requirement contained in Section 97.213 consists of posting a photocopy of the amateur station license, a label with the name, address, and telephone number of the station licensee, and the name of at least one authorized control operator. This requirement is necessary so that quick resolution of any harmful interference problems can be identified and to ensure that the station is operating in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. A copy of the rule is attached.

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303. 47 U.S.C. 151–155, 301–609, unless otherwise noted.

2. The information is used by FCC personnel during inspections and investigations to assure that remotely controlled amateur radio stations are licensed in accordance with applicable rules, statutes and treaties. In the absence of this recordkeeping requirement, field inspections and investigations related to harmful interference could be severely hampered and needlessly prolonged due to inability to quickly obtain vital information about a remotely controlled station.

3. Prior to finalizing rule makings the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts an analysis to insure that improved information technology cannot be used to reduce the burden on the public. This analysis considers the possibility of obtaining and/or computer-generating the required data from existing data bases in the Commission or other Federal agencies.

4. This agency does not impose a similar information collection on the respondents. There are no similar data available.

5. In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission is making an effort to minimize the burden on all respondents, regardless of size. The Commission has limited the information requirements to that absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing each application and to deter against possible abuses of the processes.

6. If the station license was not posted, the name of authorized operators not maintained, FCC personnel would be unable to efficiently carry out inspections and the solution of cases of harmful interference would be needlessly delayed.

7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6, except that the subject records are required to be retained for 10 years in order to coincide with the station license term. The retention of these records for 10 years imposes a negligible burden on the licensee while providing valuable information to FCC personnel to insure compliance with applicable rules and treaties.

8. The Commission initiated a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register on December 14, 2005 (70 FR 74005). No comments were received as a result of the notice. A copy of the Federal Register notice is attached.

9. Respondents will not receive any payments.

10. There is no need for confidentiality.

11. There are no requests of a sensitive nature considered or those considered a private matter being sought from the applicants on this collection.

12. Approximately 500 amateur radio operators engage in remote control operation annually. Informal consultation with a few respondents was used to arrive at the estimate of 12 minutes per year each for a total annual burden of 100 hours. The burden on respondents is not expected to vary.

Estimated annual cost to respondents:

$\$0.10$ (cost of photocopy) x 500 (amateur radio operators) = $\$50.00$.

13. Estimated annual cost to respondents: There is no annualized cost to the respondents for this recordkeeping requirement. Any amateur radio operator would, even in the absence of any Federal regulations of radio have to maintain technical descriptions, pertinent parameters, etc. to design and troubleshoot their equipment.

14. Estimated annual cost to the Federal Government: None

15. No adjustment or program change was made.

16. The data will not be published for statistical use.

17. We do not seek approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.

18. There were no exceptions to Item 19.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.