

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. Section 90.263 requires applicants proposing operations in certain frequency bands below 25 MHz to submit supplemental information showing such frequencies are necessary from a safety of life standpoint, and information regarding minimum necessary hours of operation. A of the rule is attached.

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 4(i), 11, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r), 332(c)(7) unless otherwise noted.

As noted on the Form OMB 83-I, this information collection does not affect individuals or households; thus, there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

2. This requirement will be used by Commission personnel in evaluating the applicant's need for such frequencies and the interference potential to other stations operating on the proposed frequencies.

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 those absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing each application and to deter against possible abuses of the processes.

6. This information is collected only once, upon initial application for a station license. Accordingly, less frequent collections are not feasible.

7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6.

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. This collection requires the applicant to provide a statement of the proposed uses for these frequencies and the minimum necessary hours of operation. Approximately 60 such applications are received each year with an estimated supplemental preparation time of 30 minutes each, for a total burden of 30 hours annually.

13. Estimate of cost to respondents – None.

- a. There are no capital or start-up costs.
- b. There are no operational or maintenance costs

14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government:

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| \$35.32 | per hour (GS-12 engineer) |
| X .5 | hours per report examined |
| X 60 | reports reviewed per year |
| + 10% | overhead |
| \$ 1,166 | |

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.