

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve a three-year extension of OMB Control No. 3060-1054 (delegated authority collection) titled, "Application for Renewal of an International Broadcast Station License (FCC Form 422-IB)." There are no changes in reporting requirements, respondents, burden hours or costs.

The FCC Form 422-IB has not been developed yet due to a lack of budget resources and technical staff. After the FCC Form 422-IB has been developed, it will be completed by international broadcasters in lieu of the "Application for Renewal of an International or Experimental Broadcast Station License," (FCC Form 311) to request renewals of licenses for international broadcast stations. (Note: The OMB approved the FCC Form 311 under OMB Control Number 3060-1035).

The FCC Form 311 is shared between the International Bureau and the Media Bureau. The International Bureau and Media Bureau have different information collection requirements and automation goals. The FCC Form 311 is used by the Media Bureau in connection with renewals of experimental broadcast station licenses. The form is also used by the International Bureau with respect to renewals of licenses for international broadcast stations. After the FCC Form 422-IB has been developed, it will be available to applicants on the Internet-based, user-friendly International Bureau Filing System ("MyIBFS"). International broadcasters will utilize MyIBFS to file FCC Form 422-IB. However, experimental licensees will not use MyIBFS to file their applications since the computer system was designed to process applications for licenses related to international services only. Therefore, the Commission received the OMB's approval of the FCC Form 422-IB under a separate OMB control number to facilitate the automation of the form in MyIBFS and any changes to the form in the future. The FCC Form 311 will continue to be used by the Media Bureau in connection with renewals of experimental broadcast licenses.

The FCC Form 422-IB does not affect individuals and, therefore, is not subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

The Commission has authority for this collection pursuant to the rules set forth in 47 C.F.R. Part 73, Subpart F.

2. The information collected pursuant to the rules set forth in 47 CFR Part 73, Subpart F, is used by the Commission to assign frequencies for use by international broadcast stations, to grant authority to operate such stations and to determine if interference or adverse propagation conditions exist that may impact the operation of such stations. If the Commission did not collect this information, it would not be in a position to effectively coordinate spectrum for

international broadcasters or to act for entities in times of frequency interference or adverse propagation conditions. The orderly nature of the provision of international broadcast service would be in jeopardy without the Commission's involvement.

3. The FCC Form 422-IB has not been developed yet due to a lack of budget resources and technical staff. Therefore, 100 percent of this collection is in paper form. The Commission plans to automate the FCC Form 422-IB in the International Bureau Filing System ("MyIBFS") in the future. The automation of this form is contingent upon the availability of budget funds in the upcoming fiscal years.

4. These information collection requirements are not duplicated elsewhere in the Commission's rules.

5. These information collection requirements do not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The total number of entities subject to the Commission's international broadcast rules is approximately 10 and only a small percentage, if any, of the 10 could be categorized as a small entity. Also, the paperwork burdens accounted for in this collection are minimal.

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7. This information collection is conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 C.F.R 1320.6 in the following ways:

The report filed pursuant to Section 73.702(e) is to be filed by entities within 14 days after the end of each broadcast season. Section 73.759(g) states that changes or modifications of transmission systems not specified in that rule section can be made at any time without the authority of the Commission provided that the Commission shall be immediately notified thereof. Section 73.761(b) requires that entities immediately notify the Commission in writing of limitations and discontinuances of operation and that the Commission shall subsequently be notified when the station resumes regular operation. Finally, Section 73.782 requires that logs involving communications incident to a disaster or which include communications incident to or involved in an investigation by the Commission and concerning which the licensee has been notified, shall be retained by the licensee until he/she is specifically authorized in writing by the Commission to destroy them.

8. A 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2006 (71 FR 64276) to solicit public comments on the extension of this information collection. No comments were received from the public. A copy of the notice is included in this submission to the OMB.

9. The Commission does not provide any payment or gift to respondents.

10. There is no need for confidentiality pertaining to the information collection requirements in this collection.

11. This collection does not contain questions of a sensitive nature.

12. An estimate of the annual hour burden of respondents is as follows:

| FCC Form 422-IB | Respondents | Frequency of Response & Hours | Respondents X Hours = Burden Hours |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| Complete Application | 10 | 2 On-occasion filing | 20 |
| Outside Legal and Engineering Assistance | 10 | 4 | 40 |
| Total: | 10 Respondents Average | 6 Hours Average | 60 Annual Burden Hours Average |

13. The estimated costs of **\$32,000** are summarized in the chart below.

| FCC Form 422-IB | Respondents | Hours | Costs | Total |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|
| Application Fees | 10 | N/A | \$2,400 per application | \$24,000 |
| Outside Legal/Engineering Assistance | 10 | 4 Hours per submission | \$200 per hour X 4 hours = \$800 per submission | \$8,000 |
| Total: | 10 Average Number of Respondents | 4 Hours Average | \$3,200 Cost Per Submission | \$32,000 Total estimated costs |

14. The estimated annualized costs to the Federal government is **\$183,000** and is calculated as follows:

10 international broadcast license applications X 360 annual hours = 3,600 annual hours

GS-855-14/Step 10 Electronics Engineer @ \$50.83 per hour X 3,600 annual hours = \$182,988 (rounded to \$183,000)

15. There are no program changes or adjustments.

16. The results of this information collection requirement will not be published for statistical use.

17. We are seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection. The Commission will use an edition date in lieu of the OMB expiration date. Additionally, the OMB expiration date and OMB control number are “displayed” in 47 CFR 0.408.

18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

Part B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

Not applicable. This information collection does not employ statistical methods.