SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. 47 C.F.R. section 90.20(e)(6) requires that applicants for stolen vehicle recovery systems perform an analysis for each base station to ensure that the system does not cause interference to TV channel 7 viewers.

The Commission is submitting this collection as an extension (no change) in order to obtain the full three year clearance from OMB.

This information collection does not affect individuals or households; thus, there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

Statutory Authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 4(i), II, 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).

- 2. Commission personnel use the data to determine the interference potential of the proposed operation.
- 3. Prior to finalizing rule makings the Public Safety and Homeland Security 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. No other federal agency collects this data, but the Commission shares this data with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (Department of Commerce).
- 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 to deter against possible abuses.
- 6. This information is required only when an applicant plans to build a base station. Less frequent submissions are not possible.
- 7. There are no special circumstances which would require collections to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.
- 8. The Commission initiated a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register on February 14, 2008 (73 FR 8668). No comments were received as a result of the notice. We note that the 60-day Federal Register notice listed a total annual cost of \$3,600 for this collection. The correct annual cost is \$6,000 as described in no. 13 below. In addition, the 60-day Federal Register notice listed the primary respondents as "business or other for-profit." Since the

respondents are police departments the respondent type has been changed to "state, local, or tribal government."

- 9. Respondents will not receive any payments.
- 10. There is no need for confidentiality.
- 11. This does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
- 12. The information is required only once from each affected applicant upon initial application for a station license. Approximately 20 such applications are received annually and it is estimated to take 4 hours per response for a total of 80 hours. This will eventually decrease to zero as more and more cities acquire the stolen vehicle recovery system. After approximately ten years, applications will probably be near zero except for site change applications.

Estimate of cost to respondents: We assume that half the respondents would use an internal engineer (\$45/hour) to prepare the information and that the other half would retain the services of an external engineer (\$150/hour) to prepare the information. Costs for respondents using an internal engineer are estimated as follows: \$45/hour x 10 responses x 4 hours = \$1,800. Costs for respondents using an external engineer are estimated in no. 13 below.

- 13. We estimate that half the respondents would need to retain the services of an external engineer (\$150/hour) to prepare the information. We estimate the costs for respondents using an external engineer are as follows: $$150/hour \times 10 \text{ responses } \times 4 \text{ hours} = $6,000.$
- 14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government:

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$45.05 per hour (GS-13/5 engineer)
x 2 hours per report
x 20 reports per year
+ 10% overhead
$1,982
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- 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. This information collection is consistent with the requirements set forth in 5 C.F.R. section 1320.9.

B. <u>Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:</u>

No statistical methods are employed.