

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT

### **A. Justification:**

1. Section 87.219 requires that if airports have control towers or FAA flight service stations, and more than one licensee wants to have an automated aeronautical advisory station (unicom), they must write an agreement outlining who will be responsible for the unicom's operation, all licensees must sign the agreement and keep a copy of the agreement with each licensee's station authorization. If the control is to be shared among several operators, how that control will be divided or scheduled must be agreed upon by the licensees.

The Commission is requesting an extension (no change in the reporting, recordkeeping and/or third party disclosure requirements) in order to obtain the full three year clearance from the OMB. The estimated number of respondents/responses has increased by 10; therefore, the total estimated burden hours have been adjusted by +7 hours.

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 47 U.S.C. 154, 303 and 307(e), unless otherwise noted.

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

2. The information will be used by compliance personnel for enforcement purposes and by licensees to clarify responsibility in operating unicom.
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 is 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.
6. This information collection is only required when a licensee enters into an agreement with other licensees to set up an automated unicom. Therefore, a less frequent collection equates to no collection of such information and the concomitant inability to assure safe and efficient aircraft operations.

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 August 25, 2008 (73 FR 50008). No comments were received as a result of the Notice. A copy of the Federal Register Notice is referenced in this submission to the OMB.
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. We estimate that approximately 60 licensees will require 0.7 hours to prepare and file the agreement required.

No. of Responses	Hrs. Per Response	Annual Burden
<b>60</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>42 hours</b>

13. Estimate of cost to respondents: There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this collection of information. Assuming that the agreement will be prepared by an attorney (1/2 hour), the total annualized cost to respondents is \$6,468.00. Therefore, there are no annual costs to the respondents.

\$ 200.00		per hour (attorney)
X .7		hour preparation
X 42		agreements per year
+ 10%		overhead
\$ 6,468		Total

14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government: none.
15. The hour burden has been adjusted to reflect the increase in the number of respondents by 10 to this information collection. Therefore, the estimated total annual burden hours has been adjusted by +7 hours.
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.