

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.

The Commission is requesting an extension (no change in the reporting requirement) in order to obtain the three year clearance from the OMB. The Commission is reporting a 12 hour burden reduction adjustment which is due to a decrease in the number of respondents/responses since the 2006 submission to OMB. The number of respondents/responses reduced from 60 in 2006 to 35 at this time.

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 may 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, and has limited the information requirements to those absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing each application 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 May 14, 2009 (74 FR 22742). No comments were received as a result of the Notice. A copy of the Federal Register Notice is reference in the submission to the OMB.
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 35 such applications are received each year with an estimated supplemental preparation time of 30 minutes each, for a total burden of 17.5 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:

\$35.25	per hour (GS-12 engineer)
X .5	hours per report examined
X 35	reports reviewed per year
+ 10%	overhead
\$620.81	

15. The Commission is reporting an adjustment to this information collection resulting in a decrease in the hour burden due to a decrease in the number of respondents expected to meet the requirement of this information collection. See page one of this Supporting Statement.
16. The data will not be published for statistical use.
17. No expiration date will be displayed.
18. There are no exceptions to Item 19.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.