

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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Alex Hunt
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Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The Federal Communications Commission requests clearance to submit the information collections described herein under the “emergency processing” provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (5 CFR 1320.13). The Commission published a 30 day notice on August 27, 2009 in the Federal Register announcing the request for OMB approval under the “emergency processing” provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (5 CFR 1320.13) for a new information collection entitled “First Responder Emergency Contact Information in the Universal Licensing System (ULS)”. We respectfully request OMB approval for this information collection by **September 8, 2009**.

The Commission is seeking emergency processing because, as described below, this collection of information requirement is needed in order to provide the Commission with the ability to provide necessary emergency assistance to localities during the current hurricane season, which ends in November, and the winter storm period that follows. As set forth below, this information collection requirement is essential to the responsible and effective implementation of the Commission’s mission, and the avoidance of public harm.

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) enhanced the existing Universal Licensing System (ULS) to collect operational point of contact information from public safety licensees and non-public safety licensees designated as emergency first responders responsible for coordinating with state, county and local authorities during times of emergency. The process of procuring and maintaining spectrum using the ULS remains intact and requires no additional training for licensees to participate in this non-mandatory collection. This enhancement to ULS to collect operational point of contact information will enable Commission staff to more effectively provide immediate assistance and outreach to licensees during times of emergency. Using this information, the Bureau will be able to coordinate among licensees in given geographic areas to make more wireless radio service available to emergency first responders and emergency operations. The Bureau will deploy these enhancements upon OMB approval of this information collection request.

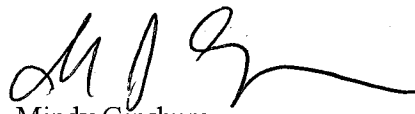
The Bureau needs approval of this collection on an emergency basis so that the information will be available for Commission use during the latter half (and most severe period) of the hurricane season. There is no other collection of emergency contact information that duplicates this request.

Due to the limited period of time for which the requirements will be in effect, and the urgent need to ensure that the Commission can provide appropriate assistance during the most severe period of the hurricane season and winter storm season that follows, we find there is good cause to obtain emergency OMB approval for these collections by September 8, 2009 so that the requirements may take effect immediately thereafter.

The Commission has published a notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment on the information collection requirements that the Commission is requesting OMB approval.

FCC staff is ready to work with the PRA Desk Officer to immediately provide any additional information needed to assure OMB's approval of this emergency request by September 8, 2009. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Mindy Ginsburg
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Federal Communications Commission

Enclosures