

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. When it is not possible to use the direct method of power determination due to technical reasons, the indirect method of determining antenna input power may be used on a temporary basis. 47 CFR Section 73.51(d) requires that a notation be made in the station log indicating the dates of commencement and termination of measurement using the indirect method of power determination.

47 CFR Section 73.51(e) requires that AM stations determining the antenna input power by the indirect method must determine the value F (efficiency factor) applicable to each mode of operation and must maintain a record thereof with a notation of its derivation.

The Commission is requesting an extension of this information collection in order to receive the full three year OMB approval/clearance.

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 Section 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. The FCC staff use this information in field investigations to monitor licensees' compliance with the FCC's technical rules and to ensure that the licensee is operating in accordance with its station authorization. Station personnel use the value F (efficiency factor) in the event that measurement by the indirect method of power is necessary.

3. These are recordkeeping requirements. Stations can maintain these required records in the station's public files/logs which may include electronic records/files.

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. Therefore, this information collection will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities/businesses.

6. The frequency for this recordkeeping requirement is determined by respondents, as necessary.

7. This collection of information is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR Section 1320.5(d)(2).

8. The Commission published a Notice (74 FR 41904) in the *Federal Register* on August 19, 2009. No public comments were received.

- 9. No payment or gift was provided to the respondents.
- 10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.
- 11. This collection of information does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
- 12. We estimate that 750 AM stations will use the indirect method of determining antenna input power and make a notation in the station log. The average burden on licensee is 0.25 hours per notation. We also estimate that 84 AM stations will determine the value F (efficiency factor) and maintain a record. The average burden on licensee is 3 hours per determination. This estimate is based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

Total Number of Annual Respondents: 750 AM Stations

Total Number of Annual Responses: 750 indirect method of determining antenna input notations
+ 84 value F (efficiency factor) determinations/records
834 responses

Annual Burden Hours:

750 indirect method of determining antenna input notations x 0.25 hrs./notation = 187.5 hrs.
84 value F (efficiency factor) determinations/records x 3 hrs./determination = 252 hrs.
Total Annual Burden Hours = 439.5 hrs.
(440 rounded)

Annual "In House Cost": We assume that the respondent would use its station engineer for these recordkeeping requirements. The station engineer is estimated to have an average salary of \$48.08/hour.

750 indirect method of determining antenna input notations x 0.25 hrs./notation x \$48.08/hr. =
\$ 9,015.00
84 value F (efficiency factor) determinations/records x 3 hrs./determination x \$48.08/hr. =

\$12,116.16 **Total**
Annual "In House Cost" = \$21,131.16

13. Annual Cost Burden:

- (a) Total annualized capital/startup costs: None
- (b) Total annual costs (O&M): None
- (c) Total annualized cost requested: None

14. There is no cost to the Federal Government.

15. There are no program changes or adjustment to this information collection.

16. The data will not be published.

17. OMB approval of the expiration date of the information collection will be displayed at 47 CFR Section 0.408.

18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement in Item 19.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

No statistical methods are employed.