

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**A. Justification:**

1. 47 CFR 78.27(b)(1) requires the licensee of a Cable Television Relay Service (CARS) station to notify the Commission in writing when the station commences operation. Such notification shall be submitted on or before the last day of the authorized one year construction period; otherwise, the station license shall be automatically forfeited.

47 CFR 78.27(b) (2) requires CARS licensees needing additional time to complete construction of the station and commence operation shall request an extension of time 30 days before the expiration of the one year construction period. Exceptions to the 30-day advance filing requirement may be granted where unanticipated delays occur

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

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 information is filed with Commission staff as a means to provide accurate records of actual CARS channel usage for frequency coordination purposes and to prevent spectrum warehousing.

3. The use of information technology is not feasible in this situation. Each filing is unique and does not require the use of a standardized form.

4. No other agency imposes similar information collection requirements on the respondents.

5. These information collection requirements do not have a significant economic impact on small entities/businesses.

6. If these information collection requirements were not conducted, the Commission would not be aware that all pending CARS stations have either commenced operation or experienced delays in construction that delayed operation. These filings are essential to the Commission, in that they are used to ensure appropriate frequency coordination and to prevent frequency interference.

7. There are no special circumstances that apply to these information collection requirements

8. The Commission published a Notice (74 FR 41904 ) in the *Federal Register* on August 19, 2009 . No comments were generated as a result of the Notice.
9. There will be no payment or gifts given to 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 CARS licenses will, on an annual basis, file approximately 15 notifications and 1 request for additional time to construct. The average burden for each filing is estimated to be 10 minutes (0.166).

**Total Number of Annual Respondents: 16 CAR Licensees**

**Total Number of Annual Responses: 15 notifications + 1 request = 16 responses**

**Total Annual Burden Hours: 15 notifications + 1 request x 0.166 hours = 3 hours**

**Annual “In-house” cost:** We estimate the average hourly wage of \$48.08 per hour for individuals tasked with filing requirement.

15 notifications + 1 request x 0.166 hours x \$48.08/hours = \$127.70

**Total Annual In-House Cost: \$127.70**

These estimates are based on Commission staff’s knowledge and familiarity with the availability of data required.

**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. Cost to the Federal Government: Notifications/extension requests estimated to be filed: 60. Average processing time for each request: .50 hours. The responses will be processed by Commission staff at the GS 14 step 5 grade level (\$55.78/hour) and a GS 7 step 5 grade level (\$22.38).

	<u>Total hours per filing</u>	<u>Cost per filing</u>	<u>Number of Filings/Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<u>Professional</u>	.25 hours	\$55.78	16	\$196.35
<u>Clerical</u>	.25 hours	\$22.38	16	<u>\$ 9.52</u>
<b>Total Cost to the Federal Government:</b>				<b>\$205.87</b>

15. There no program changes to this information collection. However, there is an adjustment of -5 hours to the collection which is due to a decrease in the number of filings/responses to this collection.

16. The data will not be published for statistical purposes.

17. We do not seek approval not to display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

18. There are no exceptions to Certification Statement.

**B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:**

No statistical methods will be employed for this information collection.