

Comment deals with the construction of towers and collocation on existing towers. It does not address or affect pre-existing Section 106 issues. Those issues should be referred to the FCC.

Four comments expressed support for the efficiencies the Program Comment will offer in Section 106 reviews.

Two comments offered views on a concept plan for a nationwide programmatic agreement circulated separately by RUS and NTIA. Those comments will be considered in the context of that program initiative.

The Colorado Historical Society requested clarification about the 6-year term of the Program Comment. This time period recognizes that ARRA-assisted communications facilities construction may be ongoing for several years. The ACHP and others will be able to reevaluate the Program Comment, and whether to extend its duration prior to the conclusion of those 6 years.

The Texas Historical Commission questioned what would happen should an FCC NPA Section 106 review yield a finding of adverse effect within a larger RUS or NTIA undertaking of multiple components. As explicitly stated in the Program Comment, RUS, NTIA, or FEMA will be conducting its own Section 106 review for the larger undertaking, but will not have to consider the effects of the FCC-regulated component of that larger undertaking. RUS, NTIA, or FEMA will make effect determinations based on the non-tower components of the undertaking. Since it is possible that the larger undertaking may not be able to proceed until the FCC review of the tower component has concluded, it is expected that RUS, NTIA, FEMA, and the FCC will coordinate their review efforts accordingly and keep consulting parties appraised.

II. Final Text of the Program Comment

The text of the issued Program Comment is included below:

Program Comment for Streamlining Section 106 Review for Wireless Communication Facilities Construction and Modification Subject to Review Under the FCC Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and/or the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for the Collocation of Wireless Antennas.

I. Background

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide financial assistance to applicants for various undertakings, including broadband deployment, which can involve the construction and placement of communications towers and antennas. RUS,

NTIA, and FEMA must therefore comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 800 (Section 106) for these undertakings. Some of those communications towers and antennas are also regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and therefore undergo, or are exempted from, Section 106 review under the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the FCC (FCC Nationwide PA) and the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for the Collocation of Wireless Antennas (FCC Collocation PA). The FCC Nationwide PA was executed by the FCC, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) on October 4, 2004. The FCC Collocation PA was executed by the FCC, ACHP, and NCSHPO on March 16, 2001. The undertakings addressed by the FCC Nationwide PA primarily include the construction and modification of communication towers. The undertakings addressed by the FCC Collocation PA include the collocation of communications equipment on existing structures and towers.

This Program Comment is intended to streamline Section 106 review of the construction and modification of communication towers and antennas for which FCC and RUS, NTIA, or FEMA share Section 106 responsibility.

Nothing in this Program Comment alters or modifies the FCC Nationwide PA or the FCC Collocation PA, or imposes Section 106 responsibilities on the FCC for elements of a RUS, NTIA, or FEMA undertaking that are unrelated to a communications facility within the FCC's jurisdiction or are beyond the scope of the FCC Nationwide PA.

II. Establishment and Authority

This Program Comment was issued by the ACHP on October 23, 2009 pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14(e).

III. Date of Effect

This Program Comment went into effect on October 23, 2009.

IV. Use of This Program Comment To Comply With Section 106 for the Effects of Facilities Construction or Modification Reviewed Under the FCC Nationwide PA and/or the FCC Collocation PA

RUS, NTIA and FEMA will not need to comply with Section 106 with regard to the effects of communication facilities construction or modification that has either undergone or will undergo Section 106 review, or is exempt from Section 106 review, by the FCC under the FCC Nationwide PA and/or the FCC Collocation PA. For purposes of this program comment, review under the FCC Nationwide PA means the historic preservation review that is necessary to complete the FCC's Section 106 responsibility for an undertaking that is subject to the FCC Nationwide PA.

When an RUS, NTIA, or FEMA undertaking includes both communications facilities construction or modification covered by the FCC Nationwide PA or

Collocation PA and components in addition to such communication facilities construction or modification, RUS, NTIA, or FEMA, as applicable, will comply with Section 106 in accordance with the process set forth at 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.7, or 36 CFR 800.8(c), or another applicable alternate procedure under 36 CFR 800.14, but will not have to consider the effects of the communication facilities construction or modification component of the undertaking on historic properties. Whenever RUS, NTIA, or FEMA uses this Program Comment for such undertakings, RUS, NTIA or FEMA will apprise the relevant State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) of the use of this Program Comment for the relevant communication facilities construction or modification component.

V. Amendment

The ACHP may amend this Program Comment after consulting with FCC, RUS, NTIA, FEMA, and other parties as appropriate, and publishing notice in the **Federal Register** to that effect.

VI. Sunset Clause

This Program Comment will terminate on September 30, 2015, unless it is amended to extend the period in which it is in effect.

VII. Termination

The ACHP may terminate this Program Comment by publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** thirty (30) days before the termination takes effect.

Authority: 36 CFR 800.14(e).

Dated: November 10, 2009.

Reid Nelson,

Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

Agency Information Collection Activities: Visa Waiver Program Carrier Agreement (Form I-775)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments; Revision of an existing information collection: 1651-0110.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the Visa Waiver Program Carrier Agreement (Form I-775). This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 19, 2010, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Office of Regulations and Rulings, 799 9th Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulations and Rulings, 799 9th Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document the CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Visa Waiver Program Carrier Agreement.

OMB Number: 1651-0110.

Form Number: I-775.

Abstract: Pursuant to section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), paragraphs (a) and (e) and 8 CFR 217.6, all carriers must enter into an agreement with CBP in order to transport passengers to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Form I-775 functions as the agreement between CBP and carriers, serving to hold the carriers liable for transportation costs and to ensure the completion of required forms. CBP is proposing to adjust the burden hours for this collection of information because

the estimated response time has decreased from 2 hours to 30 minutes.

CBP is also proposing to add new provisions to this Agreement including: (1) A prohibition on transporting any alien who is not authorized by the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) to travel to the United States under the VWP; (2) a requirement that carriers applying to become signatory to a visa waiver contract with CBP have must have paid all their User Fee obligations and any previous penalties under the INA or U.S. Customs laws; (3) a requirement that carriers applying to become signatory to the VWP with CBP must post a bond sufficient to cover the total penalty amounts for violations that were imposed against the carrier during the previous fiscal year; (4) a provision that if the carrier ceases operations in the United States, then the agreement becomes null and void; and, (5) a provision that the Agreement must be renewed every seven years. In addition, CBP proposes to add a statement to Form I-775 regarding the submission of electronic arrival and departure manifests by carriers, which is an existing requirement provided under 8 CFR 217.7(a) and (b).

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with a revision to the burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension (with change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Dated: November 17, 2009.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Form N-400, Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Form N-400, Application for Naturalization; OMB Control No. 1615-0052.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 3, 2009, at 74 FR 45648, announcing a revision to the form and instructions. However, USCIS has decided not to revise the form or instructions at this time. Should USCIS decide to revise the form and instructions in the near future it will once again publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** and allow the public 60-days to submit comments. USCIS did receive two comments on the September 3, 2009, notice. USCIS responded to those two comments in item 8 of the supporting statement that will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments on the extension. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 21, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via e-mail at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB Control No. 1615-0052 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,