

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

**A. Justification:**

1. The record keeping requirement contained in Section 87.103 is necessary to demonstrate that all transmitters in the Aviation Service are properly licensed in accordance with the requirements of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 301, No. 2020 of the International Radio Regulation, and Article 30 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

The Commission is now seeking OMB approval for an extension (no change in the recordkeeping requirement). There is a change in burden, see item 15 of this supporting statement.

Statutory authority for this information collection is 47 U.S.C. 303.

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. The information is used by FCC personnel during inspections and investigations to insure the particular station is licensed and operated in compliance with applicable rules, statutes, and treaties. In the case of aircraft stations, the information may be utilized for similar purposes by appropriate representatives of foreign governments when the aircraft is operated in foreign nations.
3. Prior to finalizing rule makings the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts an analysis to insure that improved information technology cannot 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 is 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. The Commission has limited the information requirements to those absolutely necessary.
6. If the station license was not required to be posted or retained with station records, FCC Field Operations Bureau personnel and, where applicable foreign government representatives would be unable to determine whether a station was licensed and operated in compliance with appropriate rules, statutes, and treaties. The Commission's enforcement efforts would be severely handicapped.

7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6, except that the subject records (i.e., station authorization and transmitter identification) are required to be retained for 5 years to coincide with the station license term. The retention of these records for 5 years imposes a negligible burden on the licensee while providing valuable information to FCC personnel insure compliance with applicable rules and treaties.
8. The Commission published a Notice in the Federal Register on June 29, 2010 (75 FR 37435), as required by 5 CFR § 1320.8(d). No comments were received.
9. Respondents will not receive any payments.
10. There is no need for confidentiality.
11. This collection does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
12. According to the ULS database, there are approximately 43,896 licensees of aircraft radio station licenses. The number of licensees affected decreased by 23,904. We estimate that an average of 0.25 hours per year per station is required to maintain this documentation, and that in-house personnel will be responsible for maintaining it.

**Total Annual Hour Burden is: 10,974 hours.**

13. Estimate of cost to respondents: None.
14. Cost to the Federal Government. None.
15. There is an adjustment to the hour burden of 5,976 hours due to a decrease in the number of licensees affected.
16. The data will not be published for statistical use.
17. The Commission is not requesting OMB approval to not display the OMB expiration date for this information collection. This is a recordkeeping requirement, therefore, display of the OMB expiration date is not applicable.
18. There are no exceptions to Item 19.

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

No statistical methods are employed.