

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. 47 C.F.R. section 90.20(e)(6) requires that applicants for stolen vehicle recovery systems perform an interference analysis for each base station within 169 kilometers of a TV channel 7 transmitter to ensure that the system does not cause interference to TV channel 7 viewers. Applicants shall serve a copy of the analysis to the licensee of the affected TV Channel 7 transmitter upon filing the application with the Commission.

The Commission is submitting this collection as a delegated extension in order to obtain the full three year clearance from OMB.

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 Sections 4(i), II, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r), 332(c)(7).

2. Commission personnel use the data to determine the interference potential of the proposed operation.

3. Prior to finalizing rule makings the Public Safety and Homeland Security 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. Therefore, 100% of the submissions are submitted to the Commission by electronic means.

4. No other federal agency collects this data, but the Commission shares this data with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (Department of Commerce).

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 that absolutely necessary to deter against possible abuses.

6. This information is required only when an applicant plans to build a base station or when a licensee plans to make a major modification to a base station that would expand the interfering contour. Less frequent submissions are not possible.

7. There are no special circumstances which would require collections to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 C.F.R. 1320.

8. The Commission initiated a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register on May 13, 2011 (*see* 76 FR 28031). No comments were received from the public as a result of the notice.

9. Respondents will not receive any payments.

10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

11. This does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.

12. The Commission estimates that 3 respondents¹ will file and serve approximately 4 applications² with interference analysis annually with the Commission and on affected licensees. It is estimated that this process will take respondents a total of 1 hour to perform these tasks. Therefore, the burden on respondents to file and serve the applications on respondents is as follows:

4 responses (applications) filed and served annually x 1 hour/application = **4 burden hours**

There are no internal costs (in-house costs) to respondents.

13. Estimate of costs to respondents: We assume that respondents will not use internal engineers to prepare the information, and that all will retain the services of external engineers at the cost of \$250/hour to prepare the information. The external engineers are estimated to take 4 hours to prepare the necessary information. Therefore, the costs for respondents using external engineers are as follows:

4 responses (applications) x \$250/hour (cost per hour for external services) x 4 hours = **\$4,000**.

14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government:

\$50 per hour (GS-13/5 engineer) x 2 hours per report x 4 reports per year = \$400
+ 40 (10% overhead)
\$440

15. There are no program changes to this information collection. There are decreases to the number of respondents of 17, to the annual number of response of 16, to the annual burden hours of 76 and to the annual cost burden of \$2,000 which are due to fewer applications (interference analysis) being filed with the Commission.

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

¹ The three respondents to this information collection make up the majority of their universe of respondents; therefore, OMB review and approval are still needed for this collection.

² The Commission estimates that approximately 3 respondents that will file 4 responses. The Commission estimates that one respondent will file 2 responses/applications (multiple responses) and the remaining respondents will file 1 response each for a total of 4 responses. The number of applications for new base stations will eventually decrease to zero as more and more cities and states acquire the stolen vehicle recovery system. After approximately ten years, applications will probably approach zero except for site change applications.

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

18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.