

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. The Commission is requesting an extension of this expiring collection in order to obtain the full three year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). There is no change in the reporting requirements.

The *CMRS Third Report and Order*, 59 FR 59945 (November 21, 1994), the Commission streamlined and conformed its rules concerning the transmission of station identification information by CMRS licensees. The Commission concluded that CMRS licensees operating on an exclusive basis in Commission-defined service areas should generally not be required to transmit station identification. In the case of all other CMRS licensees, however, whether licensed exclusively on a site-specific basis or licensed on shared channels, the Commission continued to require transmission of station identification information on a regular basis in accordance with the standards set forth in Commission rules.

On reconsideration, the Commission, in addition to resolving various petitions, clarified that Part 90 licensees need only transmit station identification once an hour as specified in an amended Section 90.425(e). Consistent with that change, the Commission also amended Section 90.647 to clarify that CMRS providers operating trunked systems are also subject only to the streamlined requirements of Section 90.425(e). *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration*, 65 FR 24419 (April 26, 2000).

Because digital call sign transmission greatly reduces the burden of the call sign requirement for CMRS systems providing digital service, the Commission also permits all CMRS licensees on exclusive channels to transmit call signs digitally. To use a digital call sign, however, the licensee must provide the Commission with information sufficient to decode the digital transmission and ascertain the call sign transmitted.

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 309(j) and 332, as amended.

2. The information requested in this collection is used by Commission staff to decode the licensee's digital transmission and ascertain the call sign transmitted pursuant to its rules under § 90.425 and §§ 90.647.
3. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts analysis to determine whether or not improved information technology may 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 databases in the Commission or other federal agencies.

4. This agency does not impose a similar collection on the respondent. No similar information is available.
5. In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission is continually seek ways to minimize the burden on all respondents, regardless of size. The Commission has limited the information requirements to that absolutely necessary for observing licensees to deter against possible abuses of the processes.
6. Generally, the respondents determine the frequency of filing.
7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 C.F.R. 1320.6.
8. The Commission published a notice in the Federal Register to solicit public comment on this information collection. It was published on December 5, 2012 (77 FR 72346) in compliance with 5 CFR Section 1320.8(d). We received no PRA comments in response to this Notice. Additionally, whenever possible, Commission staff members attend and participate in industry meetings to consult with the affected public.
9. There are no payments or gifts to the respondents.
10. No questions of a confidential nature are asked.
11. This collection does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
12. Pursuant to §90.425(e)(3), licensees must provide the Commission with information sufficient to decode the digital transmission to ascertain the transmitted call sign. We estimate that approximate 209 licensees will be required to comply. We estimate that each response would take approximately 1.66 hours.

209 responses x 1.66 hours = 346.94 hours **(rounded to 347 hours)**.

We assume that the respondents submitting the information would use an attorney or engineer @ \$200 per hour to prepare the information.

209 responses x \$200 per hour x 1.66 hours = \$69,388.00

13. There are no outside contracting costs incurred.
14. The government review time is estimated at 2 hours per response with review being performed by personnel at the GS-12 level.

209 responses x \$55.80 x 2 hours = \$23,324.40

Total Costs to the Federal Government is \$23,324.40

15. There are no changes in burden to this information collection.
16. The data will not be published for statistical use.
17. The Commission is not seeking approval to not display the OMB expiration date. The Commission publishes a list of all OMB-approved information collections including their OMB control numbers, titles, and OMB expiration dates in 47 CFR 0.408 of the Commission's rules. Therefore, display of the OMB expiration date is satisfied.
18. We do not seek approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.
19. There are no exceptions to Item 19.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods were employed.