



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Mr. Howard A. Shelanski, Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Shelanski:

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is requesting reinstatement under the “emergency processing” provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 44 U.S.C. § 3507, for the expired information collection (IC) requirements contained in 3060-0741, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order; Second Order on Reconsideration; CC Docket No. 99-273, First Report and Order. The Commission is seeking emergency approval so that this IC may be reinstated expeditiously in order that the Commission may continue to collect the necessary information as required by Section 251 the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission would appreciate OMB’s approval of this emergency request and reinstatement of this IC by February 11, 2014.

In April 1996, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) concerning certain provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“the Act”), including section 251. Section 251 is designed to accelerate private sector development and deployment of telecommunications technologies and services by spurring competition. The Commission adopted rules and regulations designed to implement certain provisions of section 251, and to eliminate operational barriers to competition in the telecommunications services markets.

In light of the importance of these rules to the continued development and deployment of telecommunications strategies and services that promote competition in the private sector, it is critically important that this IC be re-instated expeditiously. The Commission cannot comply with the normal clearance procedures set forth in 5 C.F.R. § 1320 because the use of normal clearance procedures will delay the continued use of these regulations.

Thus, OMB emergency approval is vital to avoid the public harm that is likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. This request for emergency processing for this reinstatement is consistent with section 1320.13(a)(2)(i) of OMB regulations, 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13(a)(2)(i), which states that requests for emergency processing shall be accompanied by a written determination that the agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because “[p]ublic harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed.”

If you need any additional information to complete the OMB approval of this request, please contact me immediately. I can be reached by telephone at (202) 418-0217 or by e-mail at Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

Sincerely,



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