

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. The FCC Form 2100, Schedule F is used by Low Power TV (LPTV) stations that seek to convert to Class A status; existing Class A stations seeking a license to cover their authorized construction permit facilities; and Class A stations entering into a channel sharing agreement. The FCC Form 2100, Schedule F requires a series of certifications by the Class A applicant as prescribed by the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999 (CBPA). Licensees will be required to provide weekly announcements to their listeners: (1) informing them that the applicant has applied for a Class A license and (2) announcing the public's opportunity to comment on the application prior to Commission action.

Revised Information Collection Requirements:

On October 2, 2012, the Commission released the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), *Expanding the Economic and Innovative Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Docket No. 12-268, FCC 12-118 ("IA NPRM"). The IA NPRM contains rules and policies for the incentive auction mandated by Congress in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-96, 125 Stat. 156 (2012). Following the completion of the incentive auction process, all channel sharing Class A television stations will need to file FCC Form 302-CA (renamed FCC Form 2100, Schedule F) for a new license for their shared channel facility. This new requirement is provided in 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700.

The Commission submitted this collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) at the NPRM stage as described above. On January 7, 2013, OMB issued a notice of action stating comment filed on proposed rule and continue. With this submission, the Commission is seeking OMB final approval for the information collection requirements that were proposed in FCC 12-118 and adopted as proposed in FCC 14-50.

Also, the Commission received OMB approval for a name change for FCC 302-CA on December 29, 2014. It is formerly now named FCC Form 2100, Application for Media Bureau Audio and Video Service Authorization, Schedule F.

This information collection does not affect individuals, thus there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

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Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 154(i), 307, 308, 309, and 319 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999.

2. The FCC staff use the data to confirm that the station meets the eligibility standards to convert their licenses to Class A status. Data is then extracted from FCC Form 2100, Schedule F for inclusion in the subsequent license to operate the station.
3. Form 2100, Schedule F must be filed electronically.
4. No other agency imposes 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. Therefore, this collection of information will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities/businesses.
6. The frequency for this collection of information is determined by the respondents, as necessary.
7. This collection of information is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR § 1320.5(d)(2).
8. The Commission published a Notice (77 FR 69934) in the *Federal Register* on November 21, 2012 seeking comments on the information collection contained in this collection. No comments were received from the public as a result of the Notice.
9. No payment or gift was provided to the respondents.
10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.
11. This collection of information does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
12. We estimate that 471 applications will be filed to implement Class A channel sharing stations. We also estimate that 50 additional applications will be filed and processed following the completion of the incentive auction process. The total average burden for this form is 2 hours per request. This estimate is based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

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Total Number of Annual Respondents: 521 LPTV stations¹

Total Number of Annual Responses: 521 FCC Form 2100, Schedule F Forms

Total Annual Burden Hours:

521 FCC Form 2100, Schedule F applications x 2.0 hours/application = 1,042 hours

Annual “In-house cost” burden: We assume that the respondent will complete 50% of the estimated applications. An engineer at the station will complete the remaining 50%. The respondent and station engineer are both estimated to have an average salary of \$100,000/year (\$48.08/hour).

260 applications x 2.0 hours x \$48.08 = \$25,001.60

261 applications x 2.0 hours x \$48.08 = \$25,097.76

Total Annual “In House” Cost Burden = \$50,099.36

13. An application fee must be submitted with filing of the application (\$285/application).

Total Annual Cost Burden: 521 applications x \$285/application = \$148,485

14. The Commission will use professionals at the GS-13, step 5 level (\$49.32/hour) and clerical personnel at the GS-5, step 5 level (\$18.88/hour) to process the FCC Form 2100, Schedule F applications.

Professional: 2.5 hours x \$49.32/hour x 521 applications = \$64,239.30

Clerical: 1 hour x \$18.88 x 521 applications = \$ 9,836.48

\$74,075.78

Total Cost to the Federal Government: = \$74,075.78

15. The information collection requirements contained in FCC 14-50 adds 121 respondents, 121 responses, 242 burden hours and \$34,485 in annual cost adds to OMB’s inventory.

16. The data will not be published.

17. An extension of the waiver not to publish the expiration date on the form is requested. This will obviate the need for the Commission to update electronic forms upon the expiration of the

¹ This estimate is based on the entire universe of respondents for LPTV stations.

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clearance. OMB approval of the expiration date of the information collection will be displayed at 47 CFR Section 0.408.

18 There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

This information collection does not employ any statistical methods.