

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**A. Justification:**

1. The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve an extension of OMB Control No. 3060-1057 (delegated authority collection) titled, "Application for Authority to Construct or Make Changes in an International Broadcast Station (FCC Form 420-IB)."

The FCC Form 420-IB will be used to request authority from the Commission to construct or make changes in an international broadcast station. This application has not been implemented yet due to a lack of budget resources and technical staff. After the FCC Form 420-IB has been implemented, it will be completed by international broadcasters in lieu of the "Application for Authority to Construct or Make Changes in an International, Experimental Television, Experimental Facsimile, or a Developmental Broadcast Station," (FCC Form 309).

Currently, the FCC Form 309 is shared between the International Bureau and the Media Bureau. The FCC Form 309 is used by the Media Bureau for experimental broadcast licenses and it is used by the International Bureau in connection with international broadcast stations. (Note: The OMB approved the FCC Form 309 under OMB Control Number 3060-1035).

The International Bureau and Media Bureau have different information collection requirements. The proposed FCC Form 420-IB was put under the separate OMB control number of 3060-1057 in order to facilitate the automation of the form and any changes to the form in the future. The FCC Form 309 will continue to be used by the Media Bureau in connection with the authority to construct or make changes to an experimental broadcast license.

We stated previously that the International Bureau plans to make the FCC Form 420-IB available to the public in the International Bureau Filing System ("MyIBFS"). However, the Commission has long-term plans to develop a new system called the Consolidated Licensing System ("CLS") that will replace MyIBFS. Therefore, the FCC Form 420-IB will be housed in the CLS in the future rather than in MyIBFS.

The FCC Form 420-IB does not affect individuals and, therefore, is not subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

The Commission has authority for this collection pursuant to the rules set forth in Section 325(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and in 47 C.F.R. Part 73, Subpart F.

2. The information collected pursuant to the rules set forth in Section 325(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and in 47 CFR Part 73, Subpart F, is used by the Commission to assign frequencies for use by international broadcast stations, to grant authority

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to operate such stations and to determine if interference or adverse propagation conditions exist that may impact the operation of such stations. If the Commission did not collect this information, it would not be in a position to effectively coordinate spectrum for international broadcasters or to act for entities in times of frequency interference or adverse propagation conditions. The orderly nature of the provision of international broadcast service would be in jeopardy without the Commission's involvement.

3. The FCC Form 420-IB has not been implemented yet due to a lack of budget resources and technical staff. After it has been implemented, it will be available to applicants in the CLS. The implementation of this new application is contingent upon the availability of budget funds. At present, zero (0) percent of this collection is automated.

4. These information collection requirements are not duplicated elsewhere in the Commission's rules.

5. The information collection requirements do not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The total number of entities subject to the Commission's international broadcast rules is approximately 10 and only a small percentage, if any, of the 10 could be categorized as a small entity. Also, the paperwork burdens accounted for in this collection are minimal.

6. If the Commission did not collect this information, it would not be in a position to effectively coordinate spectrum for international broadcasters or to act for entities in times of frequency interference or adverse propagation conditions. The orderly nature of the provision of international broadcast service would be in jeopardy without the Commission's involvement.

7. This information collection is not conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5.

8. A 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register (80 FR 28270) to solicit comments from the public on the extension of this collection. The 60-day comment period began on May 18, 2015 and ended on July 17, 2015. No comments were received from the public.

9. The Commission does not provide any payment or gift to respondents.

10. There is no need for confidentiality pertaining to the information collection requirements in this collection.

11. This collection does not contain questions of a sensitive nature.

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12. An estimate of the annual burden hours for the 10 respondents to this information collection is as follows:

| <b>FCC Form 420-IB</b> | <b>Responses</b> | <b>Frequency of Response &amp; Hours</b>  | <b>Responses X Hours = Burden Hours</b> |
|------------------------|------------------|---|---|
| Complete Application   | 10               | 6 hours/response<br>On-occasion<br>Filing | 60                                      |
| <b>Total:</b>          | 10<br>Average    | 6<br>Hours                                | <b>60<br/>Annual Hours<br/>Average</b>  |

13. The estimated costs of \$46,050 are summarized in the chart below.

| <b>FCC Form 420-IB</b>               | <b>Responses</b> | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Costs</b>               | <b>Total</b>                                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| Application Fees                     | 10               | N/A          | \$2,405<br>per application | \$24,050                                      |
| Outside<br>Legal Assistance          | 10               | 4 Hours      | \$300 per hour             | \$12,000                                      |
| Outside<br>Engineering<br>Assistance | 10               | 4 Hours      | \$250 per hour             | \$10,000                                      |
| <b>Total:</b>                        |                  |              |                            | <b>\$46,050<br/>Total estimated<br/>costs</b> |

14. The estimated annualized costs to the Federal government is **\$21,939.20** and is calculated as follows:

10 international broadcast license applications X 32 annual hours = 320 annual hours  
(legal review 160 hours; engineering review 160 hours)

GS-855-15/Step 5 Electronics Engineer @ \$68.56 per hour X 160 annual  
hours = \$10,969.60

GS-905-15/Step 5 Attorney @ \$68.56 per hour X 160 annual  
hours = \$10,969.60

$\$10,969.60 + \$10,969.60$  (Engineer and Attorney) = **\$21,939.20**

15. This information collection does not include any program changes or adjustments.

16. The results of this information collection requirement will not be published for statistical use.

17. We are seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection. The Commission will use an edition date in lieu of the OMB expiration date. Additionally, the OMB expiration date and OMB control number are “displayed” in 47 CFR 0.408.

18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

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

Not applicable. This information collection does not employ statistical methods.