

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

**A. Justification:**

1. Section 90.483 contains the permissible methods and requirements of interconnecting private and public systems of communications. This section allows Part 90 Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers to interconnect by any technically feasible means. Various subsections require that licensees obtain the consent of co-channel licensees within a 120 km (75 mile) radius of the interconnected base station transmitter and submit a statement to the Commission indicating that all co-channel licensees have consented to operate without the monitoring equipment.

The Commission is now requesting OMB approval for an extension (no change in the reporting and/or third party disclosure requirements). There is no change in the Commission's previous burden estimates.

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), 11, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. sections 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r), 332(c)(7).

2. The information is used by the Commission staff in carrying out its duties under the Communications Act. This information is necessary to ensure that licensees comply with the Commission's technical and operational rules. Without this information, the Commission would not be able to carry out its statutory responsibilities.
3. Prior to finalizing rule makings, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts an analysis to insure that improved information technology can 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.
4. This agency does not impose a similar collection on the respondents. No similar information is available.
5. The Commission has limited the information requirements to those absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing applications to deter against possible abuses of the processes, and to ensure compliance with the Commission's rules. 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.
6. The information collected is generally required when or within a specified period of time after a licensee enters into an agreement with co-channel licensees to operate without

otherwise required monitoring equipment. Therefore, the frequency of the filing is generally determined by the applicant.

7. The current data collection is consistent with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.
8. The Commission published a 60 day notice which appeared in the Federal Register on September 15, 2016 at 81 FR 63481, seeking comment from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No comments were received as a result of this notice.
9. Respondents will not receive any payments.
10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.
11. This collection does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
12. According to the ULS database, there are 100 Part 90 CMRS providers who will submit a statement to the Commission indicating that all co-channel licensees have consented to operate without the automatic monitoring equipment that is normally required to be installed at the base station to prevent activation of the transmitter when signals of co-channel stations are present and could possibly interfere with communications in process. We estimate that each respondent will need 1 hour in order to meet this requirement.

**Total Number of Respondents: 100 Part 90 CMRS providers.**

**Total Number of Annual Responses: 100 statements.**

100 responses x 1 hour per response/respondent = 100 hours.

**TOTAL ANNUAL HOUR BURDEN IS: 100 hours.**

**In-house cost:** We estimate that the respondents will use in-house personnel to prepare this information at a cost of \$35.00 per hour.

100 (respondents) x 1 hr. x \$35/hr. (personnel) = **\$3,500.**

13. There are no costs to the respondent for this collection of information.
14. The Federal Government will need one Industry Analyst at the GS 11 step 5 grade level for approximately .5 hours per filing at a cost of \$35.11 per hour to analyze, process, and maintain these submissions.

100 responses x .5 hours/filing x \$35.11/hr. = \$1,755.50.

**TOTAL ANNUAL COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS: \$1,755.50.**

15. There are no program changes or adjustments to this collection.
16. The data will not be published for statistical use.
17. No expiration date will be displayed.

18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

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

No statistical methods are employed.