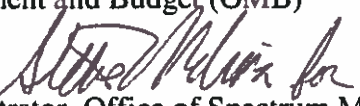




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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Howard Shelanski
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Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

FROM: Paige R. Atkins 
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

SUBJECT: Request for 90-day Extension for Information Collection for NTIA/FCC Web-based
Frequency Coordination System (OMB Control No. 0660-0018)

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requests a 90-day extension of the above-referenced OMB-approved information collection under OMB Control No. 0660-0018. The current approval for the Web-Based Frequency Coordination System expires on January 31, 2017. NTIA has submitted a 60-day notice for publication in the *Federal Register* prior to the current expiration date and we will use the 90-day extension to complete the notice and comment process and submit a renewal package for OMB review and approval.

Without this extension, NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be unable to process on a timely basis requests from commercial entities seeking to operate in the 70-80-90 GHz radio frequency bands. This web-based system provides an automated and efficient means for FCC applicants to determine rapidly the availability of specific frequencies in these bands at particular locations to meet operational demands. The system also provides safeguards to prevent disclosure of sensitive federal government data relating to national security radio systems sharing these bands. The information provided by the non-federal applicants also ensures the protection of their operations from radio frequency interference from future government operations.

Submission of data through this website is voluntary and is not a requirement for obtaining permission to operate in the desired frequencies. However, non-federal applicants seeking to access these shared bands would have to propose frequencies without any knowledge of existing federal assignments and the manual frequency coordination process used by the FCC and NTIA is very time-consuming. NTIA collects the data by means of a web-based system (available at <https://freqcoord.ntia.doc.gov/index.aspx>), which provides real-time responses to either validate availability of a single frequency or provide notification that further coordination will be required for the frequency.

Due to an administrative oversight, NTIA regrettably was unable to commence the renewal process for this collection on a timely basis and therefore requires an extension. Should you need

additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 482-5805 or patkins@ntia.doc.gov or Kathy Smith, Chief Counsel, NTIA, at (202) 482-1859 or ksmith@ntia.doc.gov.

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