

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. 47 CFR Section 73.99(e) requires the licensee of an AM broadcast station intending to operate with a presunrise or postsunset service authorization to submit to the Commission by letter the licensee's name, call letters, location, the intended service, and a description of the method whereby any necessary power reduction will be achieved. Upon submission of this information, operation may begin without further authority.

The Commission is requesting an extension of this information collection in order to receive the full three year OMB approval/clearance.

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 Section 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. FCC staff uses the letter to maintain complete technical information about the station to ensure that the licensee is in full compliance with the Commission's rules and will not cause interference to other stations.

3. This is a simple notification requirement. We do not believe the use of information technology is feasible in this situation.

4. This agency does not impose 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.

6. The frequency for this collection of information is determined by 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 (81 FR 96451) in the *Federal Register* on December 30, 2016, seeking comments from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this supporting statement. No comments were received from the public.

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 200 AM station licensees will submit letters annually. The average burden for the

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respondent is 0.25 hours (this hourly burden is the amount of time that the respondent will be in consultation with an outside attorney) per request. This estimate is based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

Total Annual Number of Respondents: 200 AM Broadcast Station Licensees

Total Annual Number of Responses: 200 Letters (responses)

Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 Letters x 0.25 hr./letter = 50 hours

Annual In-House Cost: We estimate this respondent would have an average salary of \$100,000/year (\$48.08/hour).

200 Letters x 0.25 hours/Letter x \$48.08 = **\$2,404.00**

Total Annual "In-House" Cost: \$2,404.00

13. **Annual Cost Burden:** We assume that the respondent would use its attorney to complete and file the request to operate with a presunrise or presunset authorization. We estimate that this attorney would have an average salary of \$300/hour and require 1 hour to complete the paperwork.

200 Letters x 0.25 hour/Letter x \$300 = \$15,000

Total Annual Cost Burden: \$15,000

14. **Cost to the Federal Government:** The Commission will use professional staff at the GS-11, step 5 grade level (\$36.11/hour) to process these requests. We estimate processing time at one hour.

200 letters received x 1 hr. processing time/letter x \$36.11/hour = **\$7,222.00**

Total cost to the Federal Government: \$7,222.00

15. There are no adjustments or program changes to this collection.

16. The data will not be published.

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

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18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.