

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**A. Justification:**

1. Manufacturers of Low Power Radio Service (LPRS) used for auditory assistance, health care assistance, and law enforcement tracking purposes must include with each transmitting device the following statement: *“This transmitter is authorized by rule under the Low Power Radio Service (47 C.F.R. Part 95) and must not cause harmful interference to TV reception or United States Navy SPASUR installations. You do not need an FCC license to operate this transmitter. This transmitter may only be used to provide: auditory assistance to persons with disabilities, persons who require language translation, or persons in educational settings; health care services to the ill; law enforcement tracking services under agreement with a law enforcement agency; or automated maritime telecommunications system (AMTS) network control communications. Two-way voice communications and all other types of uses not mentioned above are expressly prohibited.”*

The reporting requirement contained in Section 95.1015 is necessary to ensure that television stations that may be affected by harmful interference from Automated Maritime Telecommunications System (AMTS) operations are notified. Manufacturers of LPRS equipment are required to include a statement regarding the use of the equipment. Additionally, prior to operating a LPRS transmitter for AMTS purposes, an AMTS licensee must notify, in writing, each television station that may be affected by such operations, as defined in Section 80.215(h). The notification provided with the station’s license application is sufficient to satisfy this requirement if no new television stations would be affected.

The Commission is requesting an extension in order to obtain the full three year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 4 and 303, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303 unless otherwise noted.

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

2. The information is used by the Commission staff and affected television stations to be aware of the location of potential harmful interference from AMTS operations. If this information was not available the location of potential harmful interference from AMTS operations would be negatively affected.
3. Prior to finalizing rulemakings the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts an analysis to insure that improved information technology cannot 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 databases in the Commission or other federal agencies.
4. This agency does not impose a similar information collection on the respondents. There are 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, regardless of size. The Commission has limited the information requirements to those absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing each application and to deter against possible abuses of the processes.
6. The information is collected only when an AMTS licensee operates a Low Power Radio Service transmitter for AMTS purposes. Therefore, a less frequent collection equates to no collection of such information and the concomitant inability to know whether the spectrum is being used effectively.
7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.
8. The Commission initiated a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register on March 8, 2017 (82 FR 12958). The notice sought comments from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No comments were received from the public.
9. Respondents will not receive any payments as a result of this collection of information.
10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.
11. There are no requests of a sensitive nature considered or those considered a private matter being sought from the applicants on this collection.
12. There are 24 respondents that will prepare statements to include with the LPRS equipment and that a company would spend 1 hour completing the statement. Additionally, there are 2 AMTS respondents preparing notifications to affected television stations and those respondents would spend 1 hour completing the notifications.

**Total Number of Respondents:** 24 respondents + 2 AMTS respondents = **26 total respondents.**

**Total Annual Responses:** 24 statements + 2 notifications = **26 responses.**

**Total Annual Burden Hours for Statements/Notifications:** 26 respondents x 1 hour/statement/notification = **26 hours.**

**Total Annual “in-house costs”:** The Commission estimates that the hourly wage for respondents to fulfill the requirements is \$60/hour. Therefore the “in-house costs” are: 26 hours x \$60/hour = **\$1,560.**

13. Estimate of cost to respondents:
  - a. Start Up Costs: 26 manufacturers @ \$50.00 to produce each statement = \$1,300.
  - b. There are no operational or maintenance costs.
  - c. **Total Annual Costs: \$1,300.**
14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government: none.
15. There are no adjustments or program changes to this information collection.

16. The information will not be published.
17. We do not seek approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.
18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

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

No statistical methods were employed for submission of information covered under this submission.