

NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REQUEST JUSTIFICATION

OMB CONTROL NUMBER 3060-0506

Form 2100, Schedule 302-FM – FM Station License Application¹

The Commission is submitting this non-substantive change request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of minor non-substantive changes made to current FCC Form 302-FM. Current FCC Form 302-FM, Application for an FM Broadcast Station License, is required for Licensees and permittees of FM broadcast stations to obtain a new or modified station license, and/or to notify the Commission of certain changes in the licensed facilities of these stations, when applying for an FM broadcast station license in the current Media Bureau database system, the “Consolidated Database System” (CDBS).

The Media Bureau is transitioning to a new on-line (electronic) licensing database system called the “Licensing Management System” (LMS) in which all Media Bureau broadcast applications and reporting forms will eventually be filed. In effect, the database transition requires a corresponding design conversion of all existing CDBS forms. The Media Bureau is currently developing electronic, LMS-compatible versions of various broadcast station application and reporting forms, such as this Form 2100, Schedule 302-FM – FM Station License Application (LMS FM License Application) as part of the database transition.

In general, the new LMS FM License Application will replicate the former FCC Form 302-FM. The form sections and substance of the individual questions essentially remain the same. As with the former FCC Form 302-FM, the LMS FM License Application requires applicants to certify compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. The application is presented primarily in a “Yes/No” certification format and contains places for submitting explanatory exhibits where appropriate.

In the initial phase of the LMS roll-out, the new LMS FM License Application is replacing FCC Form 302-FM only for the filing of FM Auxiliary Station license applications in LMS. FCC Form 302-FM will continue to be used (under the name FCC Form 302-FM, Application for an FM Broadcast Station License) to apply for new or modified FM full-service station licenses in the CDBS system. The Commission will subsequently roll-out the use of the new LMS FM License Application for FM full-service stations at a later date.

The respondents, burden hours and costs of this Information Collection are not impacted by the minor non-substantive changes to the former FCC Form 302-FM, which will now be a part of the LMS FM License Application. The minor non-substantive change is highlighted below:

Change #1 – To accommodate the Media Bureau’s database transition from CDBS to LMS, former FCC Form 302-FM will be replaced by a LMS-compatible LMS FM License Application. The certification-based questions and explanatory exhibit format remains the same. The substance, respondents, burden hours, and costs of Information Collection OMB Control No. 3060-0506 are not impacted.

Also, the Supporting Statement for OMB Control No. 3060-0506 has been updated accordingly.

¹Pursuant to this non-substantive change, CDBS-based FCC Form 302-FM will be renamed “Form 2100, Schedule 302-FM – FM Station License Application” and eventually encompassed within the new on-line (electronic) licensing database system called the Licensing Modernization System. Accordingly, the title of this Information Collection is also being changed.