



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Mr. Alexander Hunt
Chief, Information Policy Branch
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Hunt:

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) emergency processing rules, 5 C.F.R. § 1320(13), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requests expedited review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, of the new information collection requirements adopted by the Commission in the *Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band, Report and Order* (FCC 19-62) (*2.5 GHz Band R&O*). The Commission is requesting expedited review to make valuable mid-band spectrum available for the mobile services on which consumers increasingly rely and which is critical to maintaining American leadership in the next generation of wireless connectivity. In particular, the spectrum will be available to members of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages on rural Tribal lands who have lacked meaningful access to wireless communications services.

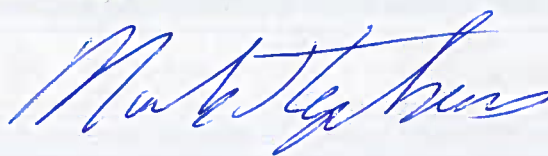
Under OMB Control Number 3060-1094 the Commission is permitted to collect information associated with 47 C.F.R. 27.1221(f) to help protect licensees from interference in the 2500-2690 MHz Band. On July 10, 2019, the FCC approved the *2.5 GHz Band R&O* in which it adopted service rules, Construction Requirements (47 C.F.R. 27.14(u)), and a Tribal Priority Filing Window (47 C.F.R. 27.1204) for the 2.5 GHz Band. The information collection requirements contained in 47 C.F.R. 27.1221(f) have not changed since last approved by OMB. They remain a part of this information collection. OMB Control Number 3060-1094 is being revised to collect information associated with 47 C.F.R. 27.14(u) and 27.1204. All of the rules for which the Commission is seeking expedited review are necessary to facilitate the rapid deployment of mid-band spectrum, particularly to rural Tribal areas.

The Commission wants to auction spectrum in the 2.5 GHz band in 2020. Requiring the Commission to seek OMB's approval for this collection under the regular PRA processing

procedures would significantly delay the auction and the provision of service in Tribal lands. As a result, the Commission requests that OMB allow only one public notice comment period of 30 days instead of the standard two comment periods of 60 and 30 days for OMB Control Number 3060-1094.

We request to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* seeking 30 days of public comment on the information collection requirements. We are also requesting that OMB approve the information collection requirements within 35 days after the collection is received at OMB. Please contact PRA Desk Officer contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918 or cathy.williams@fcc.gov, if there are any questions or requires any additional information.

Sincerely,



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