

NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REQUEST JUSTIFICATION
OMB CONTROL NUMBER 3060-0029

FCC Form 2100, Schedule 340 – Noncommercial Educational Station for Reserved Channel Construction Permit 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 the “Consolidated Data Base System” (CDBS) based FCC Form 340. FCC Form 340, Application for Construction Permit for Reserved Channel Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Station (FCC Form 340), is used to apply for authority to construct a new full-service noncommercial educational (NCE) FM or DTV broadcast station, to make changes in an authorized NCE broadcast station, or to amend a pending CDBS Form 340 application. FCC Form 340 is used only if the station will operate on a channel that is reserved exclusively for NCE use.

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 340 – Noncommercial Educational Station for Reserved Channel Construction Permit Application (LMS NCE Construction Permit Application), as part of the database transition.

In general, the new LMS NCE Construction Permit Application will replicate the CDBS-based FCC Form 340. The form sections and substance of the individual questions essentially remain the same. As with the CDBS-based FCC Form 340, the LMS NCE Construction Permit 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.

The respondents, burden hours and costs of this Information Collection are not impacted by the minor non-substantive changes to FCC Form 340, which will now be a part of the LMS NCE Construction Permit Application. The minor non-substantive change is highlighted below:

Change #1 – To accommodate the Media Bureau’s database transition from CDBS to LMS, Form 340 will be replaced with the LMS-compatible LMS NCE Construction Permit 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. 3060-0029 are not impacted.

Also, the Supporting Statement for OMB Control No. 3060-0029 has been updated accordingly.

¹ Pursuant to this non-substantive change, CDBS-based FCC Form 340 will be renamed “FCC Form 2100, Schedule 340 – Noncommercial Educational Station for Reserved Channel Construction Permit Application” and will be encompassed within the new on-line licensing database system called Licensing Modernization System. Accordingly, the title of this Information Collection is being changed.