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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Requested Action: Non-substantive change/non-material change request

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The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) submits this non-substantive change request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a non-substantive/non-material change to FCC Form 175, Application to Participate in an FCC Auction.

FCC Form 175 is used by the public to apply to participate in Commission auctions for wireless licenses or broadcast construction permits. The information collection requirements reported under OMB 3060-0600 implement the Commission's competitive bidding authority under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act), and the Commission's competitive bidding rules.

The non-substantive/non-material change for which the Commission requests approval is a certification requirement on FCC Form 175 for applicants seeking to participate in Auction 108 that is substantively similar to the certification that was required for applicants seeking to participate in Auction 110.

In May 2021, the Commission's Office of Economics and Analytics and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a Public Notice (DA 21-567) adopting an additional certification requirement for applicants seeking to participate in an auction for wireless licenses in the 3.45-3.55 GHz band (Auction 110), which required that in addition to making the certifications already required by the Commission's rules in its FCC Form 175 auction application, each Auction 110 applicant also certify that it had read the public notice adopting procedures for the auction and had familiarized itself both with the auction procedures and with the requirements for obtaining a license and operating facilities in the 3.45-3.55 GHz band. The Commission subsequently requested and received approval from OMB to include this additional certification on the Certify & Submit page of FCC Form 175.

On March 21, 2022, the Commission released a Public Notice (FCC 22-24) adopting the procedures for an upcoming auction of wireless licenses in the 2.5 GHz band (Auction 108), including the same type of additional certification requirement for applicants seeking to participate in Auction 108 that had been adopted for Auction 110 applicants. As noted above, the certification that will be used on FCC Form 175 for Auction 108 is substantively similar to what was used for Auction 110, and the wording of the certification that will be used on the form for Auction 108 will be identical to the Auction 110 certification other than a non-substantive change to reference the particular authorizations available in Auction 108 (i.e., licenses in the 2.5 GHz band).

The Commission has included a screenshot of the version of the certification that will be displayed on the Certify & Submit page of FCC Form 175 for Auction 108 as part of this non-substantive change request.

There is no change to the estimated burden hours or costs to respondents associated with this non-substantive change. Similarly, there is no change to Commission's estimated burden hours or costs associated with this non-substantive change.