

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

§ 80.605 -- U.S. Coast Guard Coordination

A. Justification

1. This rule is necessary because applicants are required to obtain written permission from the Coast Guard in the area where radio-navigation/radio-location devices are located. This rule insures that no hazard to marine navigation will result from the grant of applications for non-selectable transponders and shore based radio-navigation aids. The Coast Guard is responsible for making this determination under 14 U.S.C. § 18. Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 308(b) mandates that the Commission have such facts before it to determine whether an application should be granted or denied. The potential hazard to navigation is a critical factor in determining whether this type of radio device should be authorized.

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

The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 4, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, 48 Stat. 1066, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, unless other wise 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 Licensing Division personnel to determine whether an applicant for non-selectable transponder ship and coast or shore based radio-navigation stations should be granted. If the collection of this information collection was not conducted, stations posing a hazard to marine navigation could be licensed inadvertently and/or long delays in the processing of applications could result due to the necessity for coordination between the FCC, the Coast Guard and the applicant.
3. Prior to finalizing rulemakings the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts an analysis to insure that improved technology may 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 respondents. There is 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. This information is only required when an applicant applies for a non-selectable transponder ship and coast station or shore-based radio-navigation station. If the collection was conducted less frequently, i.e., or not at all, the FCC would not know whether such stations pose a hazard to marine navigation without engaging in a longer, more burdensome coordination process with the Coast Guard and the applicant.
7. There are no special circumstances which would require collections to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.
8. The Commission initiated a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register on August 30, 2022 (87 FR 52969) seeking comment from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No comments were received from the public as a result of the Notice.
9. Respondents will not receive any payments.
10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.
11. There are no requests of a sensitive nature being sought from the applicants in regards to this collection.
12. Approximately 10 applications for non-selectable transponder ship and coast stations and shore-based radio-navigation stations are received per year from non-Governmental entities seeking to operate a private radio-navigation aid. Based on a review of past applications, staff experience in coordinating radio-navigation frequency assignments and discussions with the Coast Guard, it is estimated that an in-house professional employee would spend approximately 1.1 hours coordinating, preparing, and handling the necessary documentation and filings.

Total Number of Respondents: 10 applicants.

Total Number of Annual Responses: 10 applications.

The Estimated “annual burden hour” is:

10 (respondents) x 1.1 hrs/response (Prof. secretary/clerk) = **11 hours.**

In-House Costs: The professional secretary/clerk is estimated to have an hourly wage of \$33.64 per hour (equivalent to a GS 9 step 5 federal employee). 11 hours x \$33.64/hour = **\$370.04.**

13. Estimate of cost to respondents.
 - a. There are no capital or start-up costs.
 - b. There are no operational or maintenance costs.
 - c. There are no costs to respondents for this collection of information.

14. Estimated annual costs to the Federal Government:

$\$40.70$ (GS-11 step 5 examiner) x 1 (hr/response) x 10 (responses/year) = **$\$407.00$** .

15. There are no program changes or adjustments to this information collection.

16. The data will not be published for statistical use.

17. No expiration date will be displayed.

18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.