

NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REQUEST JUSTIFICATION
OMB CONTROL NUMBER 3060-0027

Form 2100, Schedule 301-AM – AM Station Construction Permit Application

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 301. FCC Form 301, Application for Construction Permit for a Commercial Broadcast Station, is used to apply for authority to construct a new AM broadcast station and to modify an existing AM facility in 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 301-AM – AM Station Construction Permit Application (LMS AM Construction Permit Application) as part of the database transition.¹

In general, the new LMS AM Construction Permit Application will replicate the FCC Form 301. The form sections and substance of the individual questions essentially remain the same. As with the (current) FCC Form 301, the LMS AM 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.

In this next phase of the LMS roll-out, the new LMS AM Construction Permit Application is replacing FCC Form 301 for applications to construct a new AM broadcast station and to modify an existing AM facility in LMS.²

The respondents, burden hours and costs of this Information Collection are not impacted by the minor non-substantive changes to the FCC Form 301, which will now be a part of the LMS AM Construction Permit Application. The minor non-substantive change is highlighted below:

¹ Pursuant to this non-substantive change, CDBS-based “FCC Form 301, Application for Construction Permit for a Commercial Broadcast Station,” when used for AM station applications, will be renamed “Form 2100, Schedule 301-AM – AM Station Construction Permit Application” and encompassed within the new on-line, electronic licensing database system called the Licensing Modernization System (LMS).

² OMB previously approved the use of the LMS Commercial FM Construction Permit Application for FM auxiliary stations on March 4, 2019 (NOA 03/04/19, ICR Reference Number 201902-3060-015). OMB also previously approved the use of the LMS Commercial FM Construction Permit Application for FM full-service stations on September 24, 2019 (NOA 09/24/2019, ICR Reference Number 201909-3060-00200).

Change #1 – To accommodate the Media Bureau’s database transition from CDBS to LMS, FCC Form 301 will be replaced by an LMS-compatible LMS AM 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. 3060-0027 are not impacted. The title of Information Collection OMB Control No. 3060-0027 will be modified to reflect the renamed LMS AM Construction Permit Application form.³

³ Prior to this non-substantive change, this Information Collection OMB Control No. 3060-0027 was named: “Application for Construction Permit for Commercial Broadcast Station, FCC Form 301; Form 2100, Schedule A - Application for Media Bureau Video Service Authorization; 47 CFR Sections 73.3700(b)(1) and (b)(2) and Section 73.3800, Post Auction Licensing; Form 2100, Schedule 301-FM – Commercial FM Station Construction Permit Application.” Upon OMB approval of this non-substantive change request, the new title of this Information Collection will be: “Application for Construction Permit for Commercial Broadcast Station, Form 2100, Schedule A - Application for Media Bureau Video Service Authorization; 47 CFR Sections 73.3700(b)(1) and (b)(2) and Section 73.3800, Post Auction Licensing; Form 2100, Schedule 301-FM – Commercial FM Station Construction Permit Application; Form 2100, Schedule 301-AM – AM Station Construction Permit Application.”