

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

The Commission is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a renewal of this information collection.¹

1. **Background.** Section 90.176 requires each Private Land Mobile frequency coordinator to provide, within one business day, a listing of their frequency recommendations to all other frequency coordinators in their respective pool, and, if requested, an engineering analysis. Any method can be used to ensure this compliance with the “one business day requirement” and must provide, at a minimum, the name of the applicant; frequency or frequencies recommended; antenna locations and heights; the effective radiated power; the type(s) of emissions; the description of the service area; and the date and time of the recommendation. If a conflict in recommendations arises, the affected coordinators are jointly responsible for taking action to resolve the conflict, up to and including notifying the Commission that an application may have to be returned.

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 4(i), 11, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r), 332(c)(7) unless otherwise noted.

This information collection does not affect individuals or households; thus, there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

2. This requirement seeks to avoid situations where harmful interference is created because two or more coordinators recommend the same frequency in the same area at approximately the same time to different applicants.
3. Prior to finalizing rule making the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau conducts an analysis to ensure that improved information technology cannot 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 data bases in the Commission or other federal agencies.

¹ With this submission to OMB, the Commission is updating the title to this information collection to Section 90.176, Coordinator Notification Requirements on Frequencies Below 512 MHz, at 769-775/799-805 MHz or at 1427-1432 MHz.

4. This agency does not impose a similar information collection on the respondents. There are no similar data available.
5. In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission is minimizing the burden on all respondents, regardless of size. The Commission has limited the information requirements to the minimum necessary for evaluating and processing each application and to deter against possible abuses of the processes.
6. This information is collected only once—when the frequency coordinators arrive at consensus concerning which entity is to receive which frequency(s). Accordingly, less frequent collections are not feasible.
7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR Section 1320.6.
8. The Commission published a 60-day notice to solicit public comment which was published in the Federal Register on June 7, 2023 (88 FR 37245). No comments were received as a result of the notice.
9. Respondents will not receive any payments.
10. There is no need for confidentiality.
11. There are no requests of a sensitive nature considered or those considered a private matter being sought from the applicants on this collection.
12. The information is required daily from each frequency coordinator.

Approximately 17 Private Land Mobile frequency coordinators will take 1 hour daily to respond to these coordination efforts that increase to 2 response a day on average. These coordination efforts will occur, on average each business day, every week of the year.

17 coordinators x 1 hour/business day x 5 business days/week x 52 week/year = 4,420 hours per year

17 coordinators x 2 responses/business day x 5 business days/week x 52 week/year = 8,840 responses per year

Total Respondents: 17

Total Annual Responses: 8,840 responses

Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,420 hours

13. Estimate of cost to respondents:

- a. There are no capital or start-up costs.
- b. There are no operational or maintenance costs

14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government: None.

15. The Commission is reporting adjustments/increases to this submission from the last submission to OMB. There is an increase in the total annual responses increased from 4,420 to 8,840 (+ 4,420) and the total annual burden hours increased from 2,210 to 4,420 (+ 2,210). These adjustments/increases to this collection are due to the inclusion of additional applications being submitted to frequency coordinators.

There are no program changes.

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

17. We do not seek approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.

18. There were no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.