

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**A. Justification:**

1. 47 CFR 73.1610 requires that a permittee of a new broadcast station to notify the FCC of its plans to conduct equipment tests for the purpose of making adjustments and measurements as may be necessary to assure compliance with the terms of the construction permit and applicable engineering standards.

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

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

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Section 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. The notifications enable FCC staff to respond to questions of interference raised by other stations.

3. This is a notification requirement. This notification was recently made available in LMS so now it is electronically filed.

4. No other agency imposes a similar information collection on the respondents. There is no similar data available.

5. This requirement does not impose any significant impact on small businesses.

6. The frequency for this collection of information is determined by respondents, as necessary. If this information were not collected, the FCC would be unable to respond to interference complaints.

7. This collection of information is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. The Commission published a Notice (89 FR 3401) in the *Federal Register* on January 18, 2024 seeking comments on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No comments were received from the public as a result of the Notice.

9. No payment or gift was provided to respondents.

10. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

11. This collection of information does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.

12. We estimate that 500 permittees for broadcast stations will file notifications for equipment tests.

The average burden on permittee is 0.5 hours per request. This estimate is based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

**Total Number of Annual Respondents: 500 Permittees for AM/FM/TV Broadcast Stations**

**Total Number of Annual Responses: 500 notifications**

**Total Annual Burden Hours:**

500 AM/FM/TV Broadcast Stations x 0.5 hours/notification/station = **250 hours**

**Annual "In-House Cost":** We assume that the station engineer will prepare the notifications to the FCC. The station engineer's estimated hourly salary is \$48.08 per hour.

**Total Annual "In-House Cost":**

450 AM/FM broadcast stations x 0.5 hours/station x \$48.08/hour =	\$10,818
50 TV broadcast stations x 0.5 hours/station x \$48.08/hour =	<u>\$ 1,202</u>
	<b>\$12,020</b>

13. **Annual Cost Burden:**

(a) Total annualized capital/startup costs: None

(b) Total annual costs (O&M): None

(c) Total annualized cost requested: None

14. **Cost to the Federal Government:** The Commission will use grade level GS-13, step 5 engineers (\$64.06/hour) to process these notifications.

500 notifications x 0.166 hrs./notification x \$64.06/hr. = **\$5,316.98**

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

16. The data will not be published.

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17. OMB approval of the expiration date of the information collection will be displayed on OMB's website.

18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

**B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:**

No statistical methods are employed.