

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

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

Section 90.607 requires the affected applicants to submit a list of any radio facilities they hold within 40 miles of the base station transmitter site being applied for. This information is used to determine if an applicant's proposed system is necessary in light of communications facilities it already owns. Such a determination helps the Commission to equitably distribute limited spectrum and prevents spectrum warehousing. The information is collected only once – upon initial license application.

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

The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. § 308(b), as amended.

2. The information is used by licensing personnel to equitably distribute limited spectrum.
3. Prior to finalizing rule makings, the Wireless Telecommunications 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.
4. No similar information is 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 that absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing applications and to deter against possible abuses.
6. The information is collected only once – upon initial license application. Therefore, the frequency of filing is generally determined by the applicant. Accordingly, less frequent collection of the information is not possible.
7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.5.

8. A notice was published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2024 (89 FR 24476) for a 60 day comment period, in compliance with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.8. The notice was seeking comments from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No Paperwork Review Act (PRA) comments were received.
9. There are no payments or gifts to respondents in connection with this collection.
10. No questions of a confidential nature are asked for this collection.
11. This collection does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
12. In the last three years, we have received a total of 2,612 applications. The average number of such applications received each year is 870. We estimate that the information collection requirements of this rule places a burden of approximately 15 minutes (.25 hours) per licensee annually, for a total annual burden of 217.50 hours. We assume that the information will be prepared by clerical personnel at \$33.63/hr. (equivalent to a GS-8 step 5) and requires 15 minutes per response.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 870 (responses) x .25 (hours)/response = 217.50 hours rounded to 218 hours.

Total Number of Respondents: 870.

Total Number of Annual Responses: 870.

Total Annual “In-House” Cost: 870 (responses) x .25 (hours)/response x \$33.63/hour = \$7,314.52.

13. There are no external costs incurred on the respondent.
14. The government review time is estimated at 15 minutes (.25 hours) per response with review being done by personnel at the GS-14, Step 5 level (\$75.70/hour).

870 (responses) x .25 hours (review) x \$75.70/hr. = \$16,464.75.

The annualized cost to the Federal Government is: \$16,464.75.

15. There are no program changes this collection. There are adjustments/decreases to the number of respondents of +569, to the annual responses of +569 and to the annual burden hours of +143 hours. The increase in respondents is likely due to the fact that Public Safety entities were not included in the prior figures. The current number of respondents represent all licensees subject to this rule section.
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.