

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. The Commission is requesting an extension of this information collection in order to receive approval/clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for three years.

47 CFR § 74.1263(c) requires licensees of FM translator or booster stations to notify the Commission of its intent to discontinue operations for 30 or more consecutive days. In addition, licensees must notify the Commission within 48 hours of the station's return to operation.

47 CFR Section 74.1263(d) requires FM translator or booster station licensees to notify the Commission of its intent to discontinue operations permanently and to forward the station license to the FCC for cancellation.

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 Sections 154(i), 303 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. **Agency Use of Information.** The FCC staff uses this data to keep records up-to-date. The notification specifies the causes of the discontinued operation and a projected date for the station's return to operation. This allows other licensees to use these frequencies.

3. **Consideration Given to Information Technology.** Notifications must be filed electronically in the Commission's Licensing Database System (LMS).

4. **Effort to Identify Duplication and Similar Information.** No other agency imposes a similar information collection on the respondents. There is no similar data available.

5. **Effort to Reduce Small Business Information.** In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission makes an effort to minimize the burden on all respondents. Therefore, this information collection will not impose a significant economic impact on small entities/businesses.

6. **Less Frequent Data Collections.** This collection of information is determined by a respondent's need to notify the FCC of a change in operations. It is provided as necessary.

7. **Information Collection Circumstances.** Section 74.1263(c) requires licensees to notify the FCC within 10 days of the start of discontinued operations and within 48 hours on the return to operation. These notifications are necessary to inform the FCC when the frequencies are not being used. This deters misuse of frequencies by unauthorized parties. In addition, Section 74.1263(d) requires licensees to notify the FCC upon permanent discontinuance of operation within 48 hours. This notification is necessary to allow the frequencies to become available for other users.

8. **Consultation with Persons Outside the FCC.** The Commission published a Notice (90 FR 11968) in the *Federal Register* on March 13, 2025, seeking comments from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this supporting statement. The Commission received a comment on the collection

from Kelly Moore on May 12, 2025. She is in support of the collection.

9. **Payments of Gifts.** No payment or gift was provided to the respondents.

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

11. **Justification of Sensitive Questions.** This collection of information does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.

12. We estimate that 100 stations will file notifications of intent to discontinue operation for 30 or more consecutive days pursuant to Section 74.1263(c). We also estimate that 10 stations will notify the FCC of their intent to discontinue operations permanently pursuant to Section 74.1263(d). The average burden on the licensee is 0.5 hours per notification. The estimate is based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

Total Annual Number of Respondents: 110 FM Translators/Booster Stations

Total Annual Number of Responses: 100 Notifications under Section 74.1263(c)
10 Notifications under Section 74.1263(d)
110 Notifications (responses)

Total Annual Burden Hours: 110 notifications x 0.5 hours/stations = **55 hours**

Annual "In-House" Cost: We assume that the station licensee will complete and file the notifications. We estimate the station licensee would have an average salary of \$100,000/year (\$48.08/hour).

Total Annual "In-House" Cost: 110 notifications x 0.5 hours/station x \$48.08 = **\$2,644.40**

13. **Annual Cost Burden to Respondents.**

(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.** We estimate five minutes (0.084 hours) processing time for professional staff at the GS-11/5 grade level (\$45.94/hour) and 15 minutes (0.25 hours) for clerical staff at the GS-5, step 5 grade level (\$25.06/hour) to process the notifications.

0.084 hours x \$45.94 x 110 notifications = \$ 424.49
0.25 hours x \$25.06/hour x 110 notifications = \$ 689.15
Total Cost to Federal Government: \$1,113.64

15. **Response for Changes in Burden or Cost.** There are no program changes or adjustments to this collection.
16. **Plans for Publication.** The information will be available in LMS.
17. **Display of OMB Approval Date.** OMB approval of the expiration date of the information collection will be displayed on OMB's website.
18. **Exception to Certificate Statement.** There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.