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SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. FCC Form 2100, Schedule C¹ is used by licensees/permittees/applicants when applying for authority to construct or make changes in a Low Power Television, TV Translator or DTV Transition.

47 C.F.R. section 74.799 (previously 74.800) permits LPTV and TV translator stations to seek approval to share a single television channel with other LPTV and TV translator stations and with full power and Class A stations. Stations interested in terminating operations and sharing another station's channel must submit FCC Form 2100 Schedule C in order to have the channel sharing arrangement approved. If the sharing station is proposing to make changes to its facility to accommodate the channel sharing, it must also file FCC Form 2100 Schedule C.

47 C.F.R. section 74.793(d) requires that certain digital low power and TV translator stations submit information as to vertical radiation patterns as part of their applications (FCC Form 2100, Schedule C) for new or modified construction permits.

Applicants are also subject to the third-party disclosure requirement of 47 CFR Section 73.3580. Section 73.3580, as amended in the Commission's *2020 Public Notice Second Report and Order*,² discussed below, requires local public notice of the filing of all applications to construct a new broadcast station, including an LPTV station. Notice is given by an applicant posting notice of the application filing on its station website, its licensee website, its parent entity website, or on a publicly accessible, locally targeted website, for 30 consecutive days beginning within five business days of acceptance of the application for filing. The online notice must link to a copy of the application as filed in the Commission's LMS licensing database.

47 C.F.R. section 73.3700(g)(1)-(3) permits licensees of operating low power TV and TV translator stations that are displaced by a broadcast television station or a wireless service provider or whose channel is reserved as a guard band as a result of the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction conducted under section 6403 of the Spectrum Act to submit an application for displacement relief in a restricted filing window to be announced by the Media Bureau by public notice. Except as otherwise indicated in this section, such applications will be subject to the rules governing displacement applications set forth in §§ 73.3572(a)(4) and 74.787(a)(4) of this chapter. In addition to other interference protection requirements set forth in the rules, when requesting a new channel in a displacement application, licensees of operating

¹ FCC Form 2100, Schedule C was formerly FCC Form 346. Former FCC Form 346 no longer exists, and its contents are fully contained within FCC Form 2100 and the "Licensing and Management" system.

² *Amendment of Section 73.3580 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Public Notice of the Filing of Applications; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative; Revision of the Public Notice Requirements of Section 73.3580*, Second Report and Order, MB Docket Nos. 17-254, 17-105, & 05-6, FCC 20-65 (rel. May 13, 2020). (*2020 Public Notice Second Report and Order*).

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low power TV and TV translator stations will be required to demonstrate that the station would not cause interference to the predicted service of broadcast television stations on: (i) Pre-auction channels; (ii) Channels assigned in the Channel Reassignment Public Notice; or (iii) Alternative channels or expanded facilities broadcast television station licensees have applied for pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Licensees of low power TV and TV translator stations that file mutually exclusive displacement applications will be permitted to resolve the mutual exclusivity through an engineering solution or settlement agreement. If no resolution of mutually exclusive displacement applications occurs, a selection priority will be granted to the licensee of a displaced digital replacement translator.

47 C.F.R. section 74.787 permits full power television stations to obtain a digital-to-digital replacement translator to replace service areas lost as a result of the incentive auction and repacking processes. Stations submit FCC Form 2100 Schedule C to obtain a construction permit for the new replacement translator.

47 C.F.R. section 74.787(a)(4) provides that low power television and TV translator stations filing a displacement application (FCC Form 2100 – Schedule C) include an exhibit explaining how their facilities were displaced.

47 C.F.R section 74.799(i) provides that a low power television or TV translator station channel sharee may cease channel sharing and seek to obtain a license for a non-shared channel by filing a major modification (FCC Form 2100, Schedule C) specifying a non-shared channel and facility.

47 C.F.R. section 74.793(j) provides that applicants seeking to construct facilities that would exceed the permissible interference levels in the rules pursuant to an agreement with the affected parties are required to submit a copy of the agreement with their application.

Revised Information Collection Requirements:

2025 LPTV Advancement Report and Order

On December 19, 2025, the Commission released a Report and Order, FCC 25-84, concerning the advancement of the Class A, LPTV and TV translator services (LPTV Service). The Commission adopted a rule that provides that low power television and TV translator stations filing a displacement application (FCC Form 2100 – Schedule C) include an exhibit explaining how their facilities were displaced – 74.787(a)(4). The Commission also adopted a rule providing that an LPTV or TV translator channel sharee may cease channel sharing and seek to obtain a license for a non-shared channel by filing a major modification (FCC Form 2100, Schedule C) specifying a non-shared channel and facility – 74.799(i). Finally, the Commission adopted a rule – 74.793(j) – that requires that applicants seeking to construct facilities that would exceed the permissible interference levels in the rules pursuant to an agreement with the affected parties submit a copy of the agreement with their application. This submission is being made to

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OMB for approval of these new burdens. These changes will result in slight changes in the burden hours/responses.

History:

2021 DTS Report and Order

On January 19, 2021, the Commission adopted Rules Governing the Use of Distributed Transmission System Technologies, MB Docket No. 20-74, Report and Order, FCC 21-21. The Commission released rules to allow low power television and television translator stations (collectively “low power stations”) to seek authority to construct Distributed Transmission System (DTS) operations. Pursuant to new section 74.720 of the rules, low power stations may now propose DTS operations by filing an application for construction permit for minor modification – FCC Form 2100, Schedule C.

2020 Local Public Notice Report and Order

On May 12, 2020, the Commission adopted *Amendment of Section 73.3580 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding Public Notice of the Filing of Applications; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative; Revision of the Public Notice Requirements of Section 73.3580*, Second Report and Order, MB Docket Nos. 17-254, 17-105, & 05-6, FCC 20-65 (rel. May 13, 2020). The Commission adopted new, streamlined procedures for stations to provide public notice of the filing of certain applications. Stations, including stations filing for new construction permits or major modifications to facilities, that were previously required to post public notice in a local newspaper, must now post notice online, either on the station website or a website affiliated with the station, its licensee, or its parent entity, or else must post notice on a publicly accessible, locally targeted website, for 30 continuous days following acceptance of the application for filing.

2017 Channel Sharing Report and Order

The Commission submitted a revision to this information collection, which results from the rule provisions adopted in FCC 17-29. On March 23, 2017, the Commission adopted a Report and Order, *Channel Sharing by Full Power and Class A Stations Outside the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction Context*, GN Docket No. 12-268, MB Docket No. 03-185, MB Docket No. 15-137, FCC 17-29 (*Report and Order*). This document approved channel sharing outside of the incentive auction context between full power, Class A, Low Power Television (LPTV) and TV translator stations.

2015 LPTV DTV Third Report and Order

On December 17, 2015, the Commission adopted the Third Report and Order and Fourth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, “In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission’s Rules

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to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations and to Amend Rules for Digital Class A Television Stations,” MB Docket No. 03-185, 30 FCC Rcd 14927 (2015). This document approved channel sharing between LPTV and TV translator stations as well as created a new digital-to-digital replacement translator.

2014 Incentive Auction Report and Order

On June 2, 2014, the Commission released a rulemaking titled “Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions,” GN Docket 12-268, Report and Order, FCC 14-50, 29 FCC Rcd 6567 (2014) (Incentive Auction R&O) which adopted rules for holding an Incentive Auction, as required by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Spectrum Act).³ The Spectrum Act directs the Commission to hold a “reverse auction” in which broadcasters can voluntarily return some or all of their broadcast spectrum usage rights in exchange for incentive payments.⁴ The Spectrum Act also requires the Commission to reorganize the broadcast television band, which will be accomplished by repacking stations, or moving broadcast stations to different channels.⁵ The Spectrum Act directs the Commission to hold a forward auction of the ultra-high frequency (UHF) spectrum obtained as a result of the reverse auction and channel repacking.⁶ This UHF spectrum will be auctioned as flexible-use licenses suitable for providing mobile broadband service. The Spectrum Act establishes a TV Broadcaster Relocation Fund (Fund) to reimburse reassigned broadcasters and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) that incur expenses associated with continuing to carry relocated stations, for their reasonable expenses resulting from the post-auction channel reassignment.⁷

2011 LPTV DTV Second Report and Order

On July 15, 2011, the Commission adopted the Second Report and Order, *In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission’s Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations and to Amend Rules for Digital Class A Television Stations*, MB Docket No. 03-185, FCC 11-110 (*LPTV Digital Second Report and*

³ Pub. L. No. 112-96, §§ 6402 (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 309(j)(8)(G)), 6403 (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 1452), 126 Stat. 156 (2012) (Spectrum Act).

⁴ Spectrum Act § 6403(a)(1) (mandating “a reverse auction to determine the amount of compensation that each broadcast television licensee would accept in return for voluntarily relinquishing some or all of its broadcast television spectrum usage rights in order to make spectrum available for assignment through a system of competitive bidding under subparagraph (G) of section 309(j)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934, as added by section 6402.”).

⁵ Spectrum Act §6403(b)(1) (requiring the FCC to “make such reassignments of television channels as the Commission considers appropriate” and “reallocate such portions of such spectrum as the Commission determines are available”).

⁶ Spectrum Act §6403(c)(1)(A) (requiring the FCC to conduct a “forward auction” to assign licenses for the use of spectrum reallocated from broadcast television as part of the incentive auction).

⁷ Spectrum Act §6403(b)(4)(A).

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Order). This document contains rules and policies for low power television stations (LPTV)⁸ to transition from analog to digital broadcasting. Due to the Commission adopting these rules and policies to effectuate the low power digital transition, the *LPTV Second Report and Order* imposes new PRA burdens on licensees.

2004 LPTV DTV First Report and Order

On September 9, 2004, the Commission adopted a Report and Order, FCC 04-220, MB Docket Number 03-185, *In the Matter of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Established Rules for Digital Low Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations and to Amend Rules for Digital Class A Television Stations*. To implement the new rules, the Commission revised the form to allow licensees/permittees/applicants to use the revised form to file for digital stations or for conversion of existing analog stations to digital stations.

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, 307, 308, and 309 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. The data are used by FCC staff to determine if the applicant is qualified, meets basic statutory and treaty requirements and will not cause interference to other authorized broadcast services.
3. On May 13, 2002, the Commission released Public Notice DA 02-1087 announcing the mandatory electronic filing of these forms. Mandatory electronic filing for these forms began on May 21, 2002. Paper-filed copies of the form will be accepted only if accompanied by an appropriate request for waiver of the electronic filing requirement. Waivers will not be routinely granted and filers should plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting grant of a waiver.
4. No other agency imposes 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 making an effort

⁸ The low power television service consists of LPTV, TV translator, and Class A stations. LPTV stations may radiate up to 3 kilowatts of power for stations operating on the VHF band (*i.e.*, channels 2 through 13), and 150 kilowatts of power for stations operating on the UHF band (*i.e.*, channels 14 through 69). By comparison, full-service stations on VHF channels 7 through 13 radiate up to 316 kilowatts of power, and stations on the UHF channels radiate up to 5,000 kilowatts of power. LPTV signals typically extend approximately 15 to 20 miles, while the signals of full-service stations can reach as far as 60 to 80 miles.

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to minimize the burden on all respondents. Therefore, this information collection will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities/businesses.

6. The frequency for filing is determined by respondents, as necessary.
7. This collection of information is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR Section 1320.5(d)(2).
8. The Commission published a Notice in the *Federal Register* on February 9, 2026 (91 FR 5770) seeking public comments on the proposed information collection requirements contained in this supporting statement. No comments were received from the public.
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 matter.
12. We estimate that applicants/licensees/permittees will prepare and file 910 applications annually. The estimated average burden on each applicant/licensee is four and a half (4.5) hours. The respondents will complete the legal portion of the form which requires approximately two (2) hours and using in-house station engineers to complete a portion of the engineering portion of the form which requires approximately two and a half (2.5) hours.

The respondents' estimated salary are \$100,000/year (\$48.08/hour). The station engineers' salary are estimated at \$60,000/year (\$30.00/hour).

These estimates are based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

Total Number of Annual Respondents: 910 Licensees/Applicants/Permittees

Total Number of Annual Responses: 910 FCC Form 2100, Schedule C Applications

Annual Burden Hours:

910 applications x 2 hours to complete legal portion of the form = 1,820 hours
910 applications x 2.5 hours to complete in-house engineering review = 2,270 hours
Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,090 hours

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Annual “In-house cost”:

910 applications x 2 hours to complete legal portion of the form x \$48.08/hour =	\$87,505.60
910 applications x 2.5 hours to complete in-house engineering review x \$30.00/hour =	\$68,250.00
Total Annual “In House” Cost:	\$155,755.60

13. In addition to “in-house” staff work, each applicant/licensee/permittees will use a communications attorney and a consulting engineer to assist in preparing and filing FCC Form 2100, Schedule C. We estimate these attorneys will spend approximately 1 hour reviewing the form and will charge approximately \$300/hour for the legal review. We also assume that a consulting engineer will spend approximately 17 hours to complete certain engineering aspects of FCC Form 2100, Schedule C and will charge the respondent \$250/hour for the engineering services. In addition, each applicant/licensee must submit a \$545 application fee with FCC Form 2100, Schedule C.

As required by the third party disclosure requirements of 47 CFR Section 73.3580, the applicant/licensee must give local public notice of the filing of its application for a new or major change in facilities. This notice will generally be posted on an applicant-owned or affiliated website, or on a free-to-post locally targeted, publicly accessible website. We estimate that 85 percent of applicants will be able to post online notice on an applicant-affiliated website or other free-to-post local website. The remaining 15 percent will have to pay to post on a local website, which in most cases will be the website of a local newspaper that will charge the applicant for a printed notice, with the online posting included in the price. For an applicant forced to pay to post online notice, the notice must be posted on a locally targeted, publicly accessible website for at least a 24-hour period once a week for four consecutive weeks, beginning when the application is accepted for filing. The cost of this posting is estimated to be the same per posting as the cost of publishing for one day in a local newspaper, or \$113.25/publication

910 applications x 1 hour/consulting attorney x \$300/hour =	\$273,000.00
910 applications x 17 hours/consulting engineer x \$250/hour =	\$3,867,500.00
910 applications x \$545/application =	\$495,950.00
137 ⁹ notices x 4 notices/applicant x \$113.25/publication =	\$62,061.00
Total Annual Burden Cost:	\$4,698,511.00

14. The Commission will use legal and engineering staff at the GS-14, step 5 level (\$78.15/hour); clerical staff at the GS-5, step 5 level (\$25.31/hour) and paraprofessional staff at the GS-9, step 5 level (\$38.35/hour) to review and process these applications.

Attorney	3 hrs. x \$78.15/hour x 910 applications =	\$213,349.50
Engineer	11 hrs. x \$78.15/hour x 910 applications =	\$782,281.50

⁹ 910 applications x 0.15 = 137.

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Clerical	5 hrs. x \$25.31/hour x 910 applications =	\$115,160.50
Paraprofessional	4 hrs. x \$38.35/hour x 910 applications =	<u>\$139,594.00</u>
Total Cost to the Federal Government =		\$1,250,385.50

15. There are program changes to the total annual burden cost, which are due to the changes to the rules requiring that stations filing displacement applications include an exhibit detailing how their facilities were displaced, allowing stations that were channel sharing to terminate their channel sharing and apply for a new non-shared channel and requiring that interference agreements be included in the application adopted in FCC 25-84. The program changes are as follows: + 105 to the number of respondents, +105 to the annual number of responses, +467 to the annual burden hours and +\$542,223 to the annual cost.

There are no adjustments to this collection.

16. The applications are electronically filed and available to the public.

17. An extension of the waiver not to publish the expiration date on the form is requested. This will obviate the need for the Commission to update electronic forms upon the expiration of the clearance. 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

This information collection does not employ any statistical methods.