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SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Justification:

The FCC Form 2100, Schedule F is used by Low Power TV (LPTV) stations that seek to convert to Class A status; existing Class A stations seeking a license to cover their authorized construction permit facilities; and Class A stations entering into a channel sharing agreement. The FCC Form 2100, Schedule F requires a series of certifications by the Class A applicant as prescribed by the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999 (CBPA). Licensees will be required to provide weekly announcements to their listeners: (1) informing them that the applicant has applied for a Class A license and (2) announcing the public's opportunity to comment on the application prior to Commission action.

Section 73.6028 permits Class A stations to seek approval to share a single television channel with LPTV, TV translator, full power and Class A television stations. Class A stations interested in terminating operations and sharing another station's channel must submit FCC Form 2100 Schedule F in order to complete the licensing of their channel sharing arrangement.

Section 73.3700(b)(3) requires the licensee of each channel sharee station and channel sharer station to file an application for a license for the shared channel using FCC Form 2100 Schedule B (for a full power station) or F (for a Class A station) within six months of the date that the channel sharee station licensee receives its incentive payment pursuant to section 6403(a)(1) of the Spectrum Act.

Section 73.3700(h)(2) states that, upon termination of the license of a party to a channel sharing assignees (CSA), the spectrum usage rights covered by that license may revert to the remaining parties to the CSA. Such reversion shall be governed by the terms of the CSA in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(h)(4)(E). If upon termination of the license of a party to a CSA only one party to the CSA remains, the remaining licensee may file an application to change its license to non-shared status using FCC Form 2100, Schedule B (for a full power licensee) or F (for a Class A licensee).

Section 73.3572(h) - Class A TV station licensees shall file a license application for either the flash cut channel or the digital companion channel they choose to retain for post-transition digital operations. Class A TV stations will retain primary, protected regulatory status on their desired post-transition digital channel. Class A TV applicants must certify that their proposed post-transition digital facilities meet all Class A TV interference protection requirements.

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47 C.F.R. section 73.6002(b)(2) provides that to change a Class A station's community of license, a modification of license application (FCC Form 2100, Schedule F) must be filed specifying the new community that complies with paragraph (b)(i).

47 C.F.R. section 73.6001(d) provides that Class A stations requesting to downgrade to low power television station status file a modification of license (FCC Form 2100, Schedule F) rather than a letter.

47 C.F.R. section 73.6002((a)(2) provides that Class A stations file applications for license on FCC Form 2100, Schedule F.

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). Two of the rules adopted included the requirement that Class A stations file an application for modification of license (FCC Form 2100, Schedule F) – 73.6002(b)(2) when seeking to change their community of license. In addition, Class A stations requesting to downgrade to low power television station status file a modification of license (FCC Form 2100, Schedule F) rather than a letter – 73.6001(d). Finally, an administrative change is being made to rule 73.6002(a)(2) that provides that Class A station licenses are filed on FCC Form 2100, Schedule F and not FCC Form 302-CA. The form changes were already approved and this just change the language of the rule to refer to the correct form. This submission is being made to OMB for approval of the modified FCC Form 2100, Schedule F.

History:

2023 LPPA Report and Order

On December 11, 2023, the Commission adopted a *Report and Order, FCC 23-112*, to implement the Low Power Protection Act (LPPA or Act),¹ which was enacted on January 5, 2023. The LPPA provides certain low power television (LPTV) stations with a limited window of opportunity to apply for primary spectrum use status as Class A television stations.² The *Report*

¹ Low Power Protection Act, Pub. L. 117-344, 136 Stat. 6193 (2023).

² LPPA Sec.2(b).

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and Order establishes the period during which eligible stations may file applications for Class A status, eligibility and interference requirements, and the process for submitting applications. The *Report and Order* provides that applications to convert to Class A status under the Low Power Protection Act must be filed using FCC Form 2100, Schedule F. The application form requires certifications by the applicant as prescribed by the LPPA. This submission is being made to OMB for approval of the modified FCC Form 2100, Schedule F.³ In addition, LPTV stations that file an application to convert to Class A status must provide local public notice of the filing of the application pursuant to 47 CFR 73.3580(c). Specifically, the station must both broadcast on-air announcements and give online notice. This submission also reflects the burden associated with that information collection and is also being made to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of that collection.

2021 DTS Report and Order

On January 19, 2021, the Commission released the Rules Governing the Use of Distributed Transmission System Technologies Report and Order, FCC 21-21. The Commission adopted these rules to allow Class A television stations to seek authority to construct Distributed Transmission System (DTS) operations. Pursuant to new section 73.6023 of the rules, Class A stations may now propose DTS operations and when those facilities are constructed file an application for license on FCC Form 2100, Schedule F. This submission is also being made to OMB for approval of the modified FCC Form 2100, Schedule F.

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

Statutory authority for the collection of information associated with the LPPA is contained in Sections 1, 2, 4(i), 4(j), 303, 307, 309, 311, and 336(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ Sections 151, 152, 154(i), 154(j), 303, 307, 309, 311, 336(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Low Power Protection Act, Pub. L. 117-344, 136 Stat. 6193 (2023).

Statutory authority for the collection of information associated with the CBPA is contained in Sections 154(i), 307, 308, 309, and 319 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999, and the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

2. The FCC staff use the data to confirm that the station meets the eligibility standards to convert their licenses to Class A status. Data is then extracted from FCC Form 2100, Schedule F for

³ The LPPA *Report and Order* also adopts new rules 47 CFR §§ 73.6030(c) and (d), which contain information collections. The supporting statement for those rules is 3060-xxxx.

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inclusion in the subsequent license to operate the station.

3. Form 2100, Schedule F must be filed electronically.
4. No other agency imposes a similar information collection on the respondents. There is no similar data available.
5. In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission is making an effort to minimize the burden on all respondents. Therefore, this collection of information will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities/businesses.
6. The frequency for this collection of information is determined by the respondent, as necessary.
7. This collection of information is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR § 1320.5(d)(2).
8. The Commission published a Notice in the *Federal Register* on April 16, 2026 (91 FR 20436) seeking comments on the information collection 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 the 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. The burden for this collection is as follows:

FCC Form 2100, Schedule F:

We expect 25 Class A stations will need to file an application for modification of license on FCC Form 2100, Schedule F to specify a rule compliant community of license. We expect it will take 2 hours to complete the legal portion and 2 hours for in-house engineering staff.

We expect 5 Class A stations will seek to downgrade to LPTV status by filing an application for modification of license on FCC Form 2100, Schedule F. We expect it will take 2 hours to complete the legal portion and 2 hours for in-house engineering staff.

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In addition, we estimate that 65 FCC Forms 2100, Schedule F will be filed and processed annually. We assume that the respondent (station licensee/permittee) will file this form. We estimate that the respondent will take two (2) hours to complete each application and file it.

Total Number of Annual Respondents: 95 Station Licensees

Total Number of Annual Responses: 395 FCC Form 2100, Schedule F Forms

Total Annual Burden Hours:

95 applications for 2 hours/form for the legal portion of the form = 190 hours

95 applications for 2 hours/form in-house engineering review = 190 hours

Total One-Time Burden Hours 380 hours

Annual “In House” Cost:

The respondent is estimated to have an average salary of \$100,000/year (\$48.08/hour). A station engineer is estimated to have an average salary of \$60,000 (\$30/hour).

95 applications x 2 hours/form for the legal portion of the form x \$48.08/hour = \$ 9,135

95 applications x 2 hours/form in-house engineering review x \$30.00/hour = \$ 5,700

Total Annual “In House” Cost: \$ 14,835

13. Annual Cost Burden to Respondents:

An application fee of \$425 must be submitted with the filing of the application.

Total Annual Cost Burden: 95 applications x \$425 = \$40,375

14. Cost to the Federal Government: The Commission will use professionals at the GS-13, step 5 level (\$66.14/hour) and clerical personnel at the GS-5, step 5 level (\$25.31/hour) to process the FCC Form 2100, Schedule F applications.

Annual Costs Associated with Schedule F

Professional: 2.5 hours x \$66.14/hour x 95 applications = \$15,708.25

Clerical: 1 hour x \$25.31 x 95 applications = \$ 2,404.45

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Total Cost to the Federal Government: \$18,112.70

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15. There are program changes to this information collection requirements due to the changes to the rules to require that license modification applications be filed whenever an Class A station seeks to change its community of license or to downgrade its status to low power television station adopted in FCC 25-84. The program changes are -20 to the number of respondents, 230 to the annual number of responses, -80 to the annual burden hours and -\$1,350 to the annual cost. There are no adjustments to this collection.

16. The data will not be published.

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.