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DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 25, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to dconway@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217 or via internet at dconway@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0573.

Form No.: FCC Form 394 Application for Franchise Authority ("LFA") Consent to Assignment or Transfer of Control of Cable Television Franchise.

Type of Review: Revision of existing collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,000 (1,000 system owners + 1,000 LFAs).

Estimated Time Per Response: 1-5 hours. Burden to cable system owners is estimated to be an average of 5 hours per application. We estimate that 50% owners will contract out the burden of filing and that it will take 1 hour to coordinate information with those contractors. The remaining 50% will employ in house staff to complete the application. 500 applications (50% contracted out) x 1 hour = 500 hours.

500 applications (50% in house) x 5 hours = 2,500 hours. Burden for owners = 500 + 2,500 = 3,000 hours.

Burden to LFAs is estimated to be an average of 4 hours to review each application. This burden was previously treated as a third party requirement and was not reported by the Commission. We now include this burden in this collection's inventory. 1,000 applications x 4 hours = 4,000 hours.

Total Annual Burden: Total burden for all respondents: 3,000 + 4,000 = 7,000 hours.

Cost to respondents: \$377,000.

Printing and postage costs are estimated at \$2 per application x 1,000 = \$2,000. Assistance by outside legal counsel will be paid at an average of \$150/hour for 50% of the Form 394 applications. \$150/hour x 500 applications x 5 hours per application = \$375,000. Total annual cost burden to respondents = \$2,000 + \$375,000 = \$377,000.

Needs and Uses: On 3/15/96, the Commission adopted an Order in CS Docket No. 96-56, Implementation of Sections 202(f), 202(i) and 301(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Among other things, this order eliminates the three-year holding requirement of cable systems and reduces ownership restrictions for cable systems. Though there are no revisions necessary to FCC Form 394 to reflect the Commission's new rules, its use as an information collection requirement has been modified because potential respondents now may include broadcasters and multichannel multipoint distribution service providers other than cable operators. The FCC Form 394 is used to apply for LFA approval to assign or transfer control of a cable television system. The data are used by the LFAs to restrict profiteering transactions and other transfers that are likely to adversely affect cable rates or service in the franchise area.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by FCC For Extension Under Delegated Authority 5 CFR 1320 Authority, Comments Requested

April 17, 1996.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other

Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The FCC is reviewing the following information collection requirements for possible 3-year extension under delegated authority 5 CFR 1320, authority delegated to the Commission by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 25, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0546.

Title: 76.59 Modification of Television Market.

Type of Review: Extension of approval of existing collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1-20 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 1,575 hours. The Commission estimates the average

burden to file a request for modification of a television market is 20 hours per request. We estimate that 75 (50% of entities) will use in-house legal staff to file requests; while 75 (50% of entities) will contract out the use of legal assistance at an average burden of 1 hour per filing to coordinate information with contracted out legal assistance. The burden for this collection is therefore: $(75 \times 20 \text{ hours}) + (75 \times 1 \text{ hour}) = 1,575 \text{ hours}$.

Total Costs to Respondents: \$226,500. Respondents that use contracted out legal assistance will pay \$150 per hour for this assistance. $75 \times 20 \text{ hours} @ \$150 = \$225,000$. Also, all respondents will incur postage and stationery costs of \$10 per filing. $150 \text{ filings} \times \$10 = \$1,500$.

Needs and Uses: On 3/11/93, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in MM Docket Nos. 92-259, 90-4 and 92-295, Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues. Among other things, this Report and Order, pursuant to Section 614(h)(1)(C) of the Cable Act of 1992, created procedures to enable the Commission to add communities to or subtract communities from a station's television market to better reflect marketplace conditions following a written request. Section 76.59 requires a television station or cable operator to file a written request to modify a television station's must-carry market. Television stations and cable operators are to follow the process specified in Section 76.7 Petitions for Special Relief. The information derived from this collection has been used by the Commission to determine whether a television station's must-carry market should be modified.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

April 18, 1996.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a

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DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 28, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to dconway@fcc.gov and Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or fain_t@a1.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217 or via internet at dconway@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0685.

Title: Annual Updating of Maximum Permitted Rates for Regulated Cable Services.

Form No.: FCC Form 1240.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 8,475. (5,475 cable operators and 3,000 local franchise authorities ("LFAs").

Estimated Time Per Response: 1-15 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 88,459 hours. Burden for operators: We estimate that 25% of operators will contract out the burden of filing and that it will take 1 hour to coordinate information with those contractors. The remaining 75% of operators are estimated to employ in house staff to complete the filing. $1,369 \text{ filings (25% contracted out)} \times 1 \text{ hour} =$

$1,369 \text{ hours. } 4,106 \text{ filings (75% in house)} \times 15 \text{ hours} = 61,590 \text{ hours.}$

Additionally, 76.933(g)(2) states: If an LFA has taken no action within the 90-day review period, then the proposed rates may go into effect at the end of the review period, subject to a prospective rate reduction and refund if the LFA subsequently issues a written decision disapproving any portion of such rates. However, if an operator inquires as to whether the LFA intends to issue a rate order after the initial review period, the LFA or its designee must notify the operator of its intent in this regard within 15 days of the operator's inquiry.

We estimate this will occur in 25% of the instances when Form 1240s are filed by cable operators with their LFAs. $25\% \text{ of } 3,000 = 750 \text{ inquiries at an estimated } 1 \text{ burden for each inquiry} = 750 \text{ hours. Total burden hours to operators} = 1,369 + 61,590 + 750 = 63,709 \text{ hours.}$

Burden to LFAs: The Commission estimates there will be 3,000 FCC Form 1240s filed with LFAs, annually. Average LFA reviewing time for each FCC Form 1240 is estimated to be 8 hours. $3,000 \times 8 \text{ hours} = 24,000 \text{ burden hours.}$

Additionally, we estimate 750 responses to operator requests pursuant to 76.933(g)(2). 750 notifications at an estimated 1 burden hour for each notification = 750 hours. Total burden hours to LFAs = $(3,000 \times 8 \text{ hrs.}) + (750 \times 1 \text{ hr.}) = 24,750 \text{ hrs.}$

Total burden hours for all respondents = $63,799 + 24,750 = 88,549 \text{ hours.}$

Costs for Respondents: \$2,084,450.

We estimate an annual purchase of 4,000 diskette versions of FCC Form 1240 @ \$5 per diskette = \$20,000. Printing, photocopying and postage costs incurred by respondents is estimated to be \$2 per form $(5,475 \text{ filings} \times \$2) = \$10,950$. We estimate Form 1240 assistance will be performed by legal and accounting contractors at an average of \$100/hour for 25% of the filings. $\$100/\text{hour} \times 1,369 \text{ filings (25% of Form 1240 filings)} \times 15 \text{ hours} = \$2,053,500$

Total respondent costs: $\$20,000 + \$10,950 + 2,053,500 = \$2,084,450$.

Needs and Uses: Cable operators submit FCC Form 1240 to their respective LFAs upon certification to regulate basic service tier rates and associated equipment; or with the Commission (in situations where the Commission has assumed jurisdiction). The Form 1240 is also filed with the Commission pursuant to the cable programming service tier rate complaint process. The data will be used by the Commission and LFAs to adjudicate permitted rates for regulated cable