

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

July 31, 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 information collection, 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 estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarify 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.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments October 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commission, 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 Number: 3060-0390.
Title: Broadcast Station Annual Employment Report.
Form Number: FCC 395-B.
Type of Review: Extension/Revision.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 14,000.
Estimated Time Per Response: 0.88 hours.
Total Annual Burden: 12,320 hours.
Needs and Uses: The Annual Employment Report (FCC 395-B) is

required to be filed by all licensees and permittees of AM, FM, TV, international and low power TV broadcast stations. It is a data collection device used to assess and enforce the Commission's EEO requirements. The report identifies each staff by gender, race, color and/or national origin in each of the nine major job categories. The data is used by FCC staff to monitor a broadcast station's efforts to afford equal employment opportunity. The data is also used to assess industry trends.

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

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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 October 7, 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 Number: 3060-0120.
Title: Broadcast Equal Employment Opportunity Model Program Report.
Form Number: FCC 396-A.
Type of Review: Extension.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,526.
Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.
Total Annual Burden: 2,526 hours.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 396-A is filed in conjunction with applicants seeking authority to construct a new broadcast station, to obtain assignment of construction or license and/or seeking authority to acquire control of an entity holding construction permit or license. This program is designed to assist the applicant in establishing an effective EEO program for its station. The data is reviewed by FCC analysts to determine if stations will provide equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

OMB Number: 3060-0394.
Title: Section 1.420 Additional procedures in proceedings for amendment of FM, TV or Air-Ground Table of Allotments.

Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Extension.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 30.
Estimated time per response: 20 minutes—2 hours (20 minutes consultation—1-2 hours contract attorney).

Total annual burden: 10 hours.
Needs and Uses: Section 1.420 requires a petitioner seeking to withdraw or dismiss its expression of interest in allotment proceedings to file a request for approval. This request would include a copy of any related written agreement and an affidavit

certifying that neither the party withdrawing its interest nor its principals has received any consideration in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses in exchange for dismissing/withdrawing its petition, an itemization of the expenses for which it is seeking reimbursement, and the terms of any oral agreement. Each remaining party to any written or oral agreement must submit an affidavit within 5 days of petitioner's request for approval stating that it has paid no consideration to the petitioner in excess of the petitioner's legitimate and prudent expenses. The data is used by FCC staff to ensure that an expression of interest in applying for, constructing, and operating a station was filed under appropriate circumstances and not to extract payment in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses.

OMB Number: 3060-0175.

Title: Section 73.1250 Broadcasting emergency information.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated time per response: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 50 hours.

Needs and Uses: Emergency situations in which the broadcasting of information is considered as furthering the safety of life and property include, but are not limited to, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, earthquakes, and school closings. Section 73.1250(e) requires that immediately upon cessation of an emergency during which broadcast facilities were used for the transmission of point-to-point messages or when daytime facilities were used during nighttime hours by an AM station, a report in letter form shall be forwarded to the FCC in Washington, D.C., setting forth the nature of the emergency, the dates and hours of the broadcasting of emergency information and a brief description of the material carried during the emergency. A certification of compliance with the noncommercialization provision must accompany the report where daytime facilities are used during nighttime hours by an AM station. The report is used by FCC staff to evaluate the need and nature of the emergency broadcast to confirm that an actual emergency existed.

OMB Number: 3060-0423.

Title: Section 73.3588 Dismissal of petitions to deny or withdrawal of informal objections.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 80 petitioners.

Estimated time per response: 20 minutes—8 hours (20 minutes consultation; 8 hours contracted attorney).

Total annual burden: 26 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.3588 requires a petitioner to obtain approval from the FCC to dismiss or withdraw its petition to deny when it is filed against a renewal application and applications for new construction permits, modifications, transfers and assignments. This request for approval must contain a copy of any written agreement, an affidavit stating that the petitioner has not received any consideration in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses in exchange for dismissing/withdrawing its petition and an itemization of the expenses for which it is seeking reimbursement. Each remaining party to any written or oral agreement must submit an affidavit within 5 days of petitioner's request for approval stating that it has paid no consideration to the petitioner in excess of the petitioner's legitimate and prudent expenses. The data is used by FCC staff to ensure that a petition to deny or informal objection was filed under appropriate circumstances and not to extract payments in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses.

OMB Number: 3060-0452.

Title: Section 73.3589 Threats to file petitions to deny or informal objections.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 15 AM/FM/TV stations.

Estimated time per response: 20 minutes—1 hour (20 minute consultation time; 1 hour contracted attorney).

Total annual burden: 5 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.3589 requires an applicant or licensee to file with the FCC a copy of any written agreement related to the dismissal or withdrawal of a threat to file a petition to deny or informal objection and an affidavit certifying that neither the would-be petitioner nor any person or organization related to the would-be petitioner has not or will not receive any consideration in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses incurred in threatening to file. The data is used by FCC staff to ensure that a threat to file a petition to deny or informal objection was made under appropriate circumstances and not to extract

payments in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses.

OMB Number: 3060-0251.

Title: Section 74.833 Temporary authorizations.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6 low power auxiliary stations.

Estimated time per response: 2 hours.

Total annual burden: 12 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 74.833 requires that requests for special temporary authorization be made by informal applications for low power auxiliary station operations which cannot be conducted in accordance with Section 74.24 of the FCC's rules and for operations of a temporary nature. (Section 74.24 states that classes of broadcast auxiliary stations may be operated on a short-term basis under the authority conveyed by a Part 73 licensee without prior authorization from the FCC, subject to certain conditions.) The data is used by FCC staff to insure that the temporary operation of a low power auxiliary station will not cause interference to other existing stations and to assure compliance with current FCC rules and regulations.

Federal Communications Commission

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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