

final 40 CFR Part 503 regulation, the Agency does not consider the final 40 CFR Part 503 regulation to be a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291. Hence, since this permit reflects only the provisions in the final 40 CFR Part 503 regulations, compliance with this general permit is not considered a major impact.

E. Paperwork Reduction Act

The annual public reporting burden for the collection of information imposed by this general permit is the same as that imposed by the now final 40 CFR Part 503 regulations. Respondent reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and revising the collection of information. The information collection requirements were submitted and approved to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

F. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act requires all Federal agencies to analyze the impact of a regulation on small businesses, small governmental jurisdictions, and small organizations. The purpose of this analysis is to determine the extent to which the general permit, as a result of the regulations, has an impact on small entities and the nature of those impacts.

The total estimated compliance costs for the final 40 CFR Part 503 regulation and for this general permit, since the conditions are the same, for small entities is \$14.1 million, the majority of which is attributed to land application and surface disposal of sewage sludge. Of the total estimated costs for all small entities, 73 percent is attributed to entities (treatment works and septage haulers) that place sewage sludge on a surface disposal site.

Estimated compliance costs for the 40 CFR Part 503 regulation and this general permit for small publicly and privately owned treatment works are \$11.0 million for direct and indirect costs including \$0.4 million for cost of reading and interpreting the regulation. Thus, compliance costs for small treatment works are only about 23 percent of the total estimated compliance costs for all treatment works and firms. EPA has judged that small privately or publicly owned treatment works are not subject to substantial compliance costs under 40 CFR Part 503.

Signed this 15th day of October, 1996.
Oscar Ramirez, Jr.
Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division (6WQ), EPA Region 6
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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

November 8, 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 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.

Note: The Commission is seeking emergency approval for these information collections by December 12, 1996, under the provisions of 5 CFR Section 1320.13.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before December 12, 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.

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

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: The following are estimates of paperwork burdens imposed on cable operators and local franchising authorities with respect to the FCC Form 1240 information collection requirement. The modification to the Form 1240 rate methodology requirements only pertains to first-time filings of FCC Form 1240. Also, the modification merely results in permitting operators to project and recoup certain costs sooner, rather than later. This results in no measurable burden revision for this information collection. Also, if there was an additional burden significant enough to be measured, any burden added to an operator's first Form 1240 filing would be cancelled out by the decreased burden in completing the second Form 1240 filing. The Commission therefore reports the estimated burden for the Form 1240 information collection requirement as it currently exists in the OMB inventory.

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 filings (25% contracted out) \times 1 hour = 1,369 hours. 4,106 filings (75% in house) \times 15 hours = 61,590 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% of 3,000 = 750 inquiries at an estimated 1 burden for each inquiry = 750 hours. Total burden hours to operators = 1,369 + 61,590 + 750 = 63,709 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. $3,000 \times 8 \text{ hours} = 24,000$ 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 = $63,799 + 24,750 = 88,549$ 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. $\$100/\text{hour} \times 1,369 \text{ filings} (25\% \text{ of Form 1240 filings}) \times 15 \text{ hours} = \$2,053,500$.

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

Needs and Uses: On September 22, 1995, the Commission released the Thirteenth Order on Reconsideration ("Order"), FCC 95-397, MM Docket No. 92-266, which adopted a new optional rate adjustment methodology permitting cable operators to make annual rate changes to their basic service tiers ("BSTs") and cable programming service tiers ("CPSTs"). Operators electing to use this methodology adjust their rates once per year to reflect reasonably certain and reasonably quantifiable changes in external costs, inflation, and the number of regulated channels that are projected for the 12 months following the rate change. To enable operators to use this optional rate adjustment methodology the Commission created FCC Form 1240 Annual Updating of Maximum Permitted Rates for Regulated Cable Services.

Subsequent to the availability of FCC Form 1240, the Commission received

numerous requests for waiver of certain rate adjustment requirements contained in the Order. Therefore, on, November 1, 1996, the Commission released an Order, DA 96-1804, which grants for all cable operators' initial Form 1240 filing, a waiver of the requirement that only costs that have actually been incurred may be included in the true-up period. Specifically, an operator's initial Form 1240 filing may now include projected changes in costs, inflation, channels and subscriber information attributable to the period between the last date for which historical cost data is available and the effective date of the new rates. These projections must be accompanied by a separate calculation and explanation of the basis for the costs (for the period between the last full month for which actual cost data is available and the effective date of the new rate). The creation of this blanket waiver modifies the Form 1240 information collection requirement and therefore requires the approval of the Office of Management and Budget.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

November 6, 1996.

The Federal Communications Commission has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Section 3507. Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should contact Timothy Fain, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 396-0651. For further information, contact Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0217.

Note: The Commission has requested emergency review of this collection by November 29, 1996, under the provisions of 5 CFR 1320.13.

Title: Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace; Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, CC Docket No. 96-61.

Form No.: N/A.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0704.

Action: Revised Collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Annual Burden: 519 respondents; 266.2 hours per response (avg.); 138,175.5 hours total annual burden.

Needs and Uses: In the Second Report and Order (Order), adopted in CC Docket No. 96-61, the Commission eliminated the requirement that nondominant interexchange carriers file tariffs for interstate, domestic, interexchange telecommunications services. In order to facilitate enforcement of such carriers' statutory obligation to geographically average and integrate their rates, and to make it easier for customers to compare carriers' service offerings, the Order requires affected carriers to maintain, and to make available to the public in at least one location, information concerning their rates, terms and conditions for all of their interstate, domestic interexchange services.

The foregoing estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the burden estimates or any other aspect of the collection of information including suggestions for reducing the burden to the Federal Communications Commission, Records Management Division, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

November 12, 1996.

A Petition for reconsideration has been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to this petition must be filed December 2, 1996. See Section 1.4(b) (1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Rulemaking to Amend Parts 1, 2, 21 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Redesignate the 27.5-29.5 GHz