

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

December 7, 2001.

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(s), 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 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.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before January 22, 2002. 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 Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0298.

Title: Part 61—Tariffs (Other Than Tariff Review Plan).

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,000 respondents; 3,000 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20-43 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual and biennial reporting requirements and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 135,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$2,161,000.

Needs and Uses: Part 61 is designed to ensure that all tariffs filed by common carriers are formally sound, well organized, and provide the Commission and the public with sufficient information to determine the justness and reasonableness as required by the Act, of the rates terms and conditions in those tariffs. In the *Seventh Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 96-262, the Commission has limited the application of its' tariff rules to interstate access services provided by non-dominant local exchange carriers. The *Seventh Report and Order* was approved in June 2001 from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under emergency processing procedures. This submission is being made to obtain the full-three year OMB approval.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0798.

Title: FCC Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization.

Form No.: FCC Form 601.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not for profit institutions; individuals for household; and state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 240,576.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.25 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 210,504 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$48,115,000.

Needs and Uses: The FCC Form 601 is a multi-purpose form used to apply for an authorization to operate radio stations, amend pending applications, modify existing licenses and perform a variety of other miscellaneous tasks in the Public Mobile Services, Personal Communications Services, General Wireless Communications Services, Private Land Mobile Radio Services, Broadcast Auxiliary Services, Fixed Microwave Services, Maritime Services (excluding ships) and Aviation Services (excluding aircraft). The information is used by the Commission to determine whether the applicant is legally, technically and financially qualified to be licensed, to update the database and to provide for proper use of the frequency spectrum.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0991.

Title: AM Measurement Data.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,900 respondents and 4,288 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.5–25 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping; on occasion reporting requirement; and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 29,180 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$72,500.

Needs and Uses: In order to control interference between stations and assure adequate community coverage, AM stations must conduct various engineering measurements to demonstrate that the antenna system operates as authorized. The data is used by station engineers to correct the operating parameters of an antenna. The data is also used by FCC staff in field operations to ensure that stations are in compliance with the technical requirements of the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket Nos. 94–1, 96–45, 96–262, and 99–249; DA 01–2817]

Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Remand of \$650 Million Support Amount Under Interstate Access Support Mechanism for Price Cap Carriers

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In a Public Notice in this proceeding released on December 4, 2001, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) sought further comment on the \$650 million support amount available under the interstate access support mechanism. Specifically, the Bureau sought comment on the uses of a cost model, including the Commission's forward-looking high-cost model or the study submitted by AT&T in this proceeding, to identify the appropriate amount available under the interstate access support mechanism. The Bureau also sought comment on the use of other studies or analyses to determine whether \$650 million is the support amount that best serves the Commission's universal service goals.

DATES: Comments are due on or before January 22, 2002. Reply comments are due on or before February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information section for where and how to file comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Burmeister, Attorney, or Sheryl Todd, Management Analyst, Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Policy Division, (202) 418–7400 TTY: (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 31, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission adopted the *CALLS Order*, 65 FR 57739, September 26, 2000, which reformed the interstate access rate structure for price cap carriers by removing implicit universal service support and replacing it with explicit support. To accomplish this, the Commission created a new universal service support mechanism called the interstate access support mechanism. The Commission directed that \$650 million annually be made available under the interstate access support mechanism. The Commission concluded that this amount would provide sufficient, but not excessive, support. In adopting this amount, the Commission noted that \$650 million fell within a range of proposed amounts submitted in the proceeding, and reflected agreement among disparate interests, including interexchange carriers and price cap carriers.

On September 10, 2001, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit remanded the *CALLS Order* to the Commission for further analysis and explanation regarding the establishment of the \$650 million amount. The court concluded that the Commission provided inadequate justification for the support amount. Specifically, the court concluded that the Commission "failed to exercise sufficiently independent judgment in establishing the \$650 million amount," by granting too much deference to the fact that many parties agreed that \$650 million was an adequate support amount. The court recognized that identifying a specific amount of explicit support to replace implicit support is "an imprecise exercise," but held that the Commission must better explain how it arrived at the \$650 million amount. In particular, the court noted that the Commission should better address the relevance of studies filed in the proceeding to the establishment of the support amount, including the AT&T study using the synthesis model, the ALTS and Time Warner studies, and other studies. The court therefore directed that the Commission provide further analysis and explanation justifying \$650 million

as an appropriate amount of support available under the interstate access universal service support mechanism.

Accordingly, we seek further comment on the \$650 million support amount available under the interstate access support mechanism. Specifically, we seek comment on the uses of a cost model, including the Commission's forward-looking high-cost model or the study submitted by AT&T in this proceeding, to identify the appropriate amount available under the interstate access support mechanism. We also seek comment on the use of other studies or analyses to determine whether \$650 million is the support amount that best serves the Commission's universal service goals.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before January 22, 2002. Reply comments are due on or before February 4, 2002. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties also should send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5–A422, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th St., SW, Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554.

Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this proceeding will continue to be conducted in a permit-but-disclose proceeding in