

OMB Control Number in OMB's inventory.

The April 2007 Report and Order made two changes. First 47 CFR 27.50(c)(5) now designated as 27.50(c)(8) and its scope is changed slightly. The section previously covered stations operating "at a power level greater than 1 Kw ERP" and is now "under the provisions of (c)(6)," which defines the group as "transmitting a signal at an ERP greater than 1000 watts and greater than 1000 watts/MHz" or in rural counties "if transmitting a signal with an ERP greater than 2000 watts and greater than 2000 watts/MHz."

Specifically, lower 700 MHz licensees intending to operate a base or fixed station at a power level permitted under the provisions of paragraph (c)(6) must provide advanced notice of such operation to the Commission and to licensees authorized in their area of operation. Licensees who must be notified are all licensees authorized under this part to operate on an adjacent spectrum block within 75 miles (120 km) of the base or fixed station, including the station's ERP, antenna coordinates, antenna height above ground, and vertical antenna pattern, and such notifications must be provided at least 90 days prior to the commencement of station operation. Second, in relation to lower 700 MHz service rules, in the April 2007 Report and Order, the Commission, in response to proposals by parties seeking greater power limits for rural area operations, permits power levels of up to 2 kw/MHz ERP in rural areas. In an effort to be consistent with its Part 27 rules with respect to the Advanced Wireless Service (AWS), the Commission allowed rural licensees operating with bandwidths less than one megahertz to operate at power levels up to 2 kW ERP over their bandwidth, but at the same time imposed on licensees operating at such increased power levels a requirement to coordinate with other licensees in nearby areas similar to that requirement applied to similarly-situated AWS licensees under 47 CFR 27.50(d)(1).

Specifically, section 27.50(c)(5)(i) and (ii) requires that lower 700 MHz licensees seeking to operate a fixed or base station located in a county with population density of 100 or fewer persons per square mile, based upon the most recently available population statistics from the Bureau of the Census, and transmitting a signal at an ERP greater than 1000 watts must:

(i) Coordinate in advance with all licensees authorized to operate in the 698–764 MHz and 776–794 MHz bands

within 120 kilometers (75 miles) of the base or fixed station;

(ii) Coordinate in advance with all regional planning committees, as identified in section 90.527 of FCC's rules, with jurisdiction within 120 kilometers (75 miles) of the base or fixed station.

Note: The notification requirement in section 27.50(c)(5) includes a material change to the collection instrument in that more stations may be captured by the regulation if they take advantage of the new power limits.

Finally, in relation to the Guard Bands service rules, the April 2007 Report and Order replaced the "band manager" leasing regime which previously applied to Guard Bands licensees with spectrum leasing policies and rules adopted in the Secondary Markets proceeding in WT Docket 00–230, to provide Guard Band licensees and spectrum users additional flexibility to enter into spectrum leasing agreements. Because the Commission will now apply the different spectrum leasing rules, the requirement previously found in OMB Control Number 3060–1027, pursuant to 47 CFR 27.602, was revised to reflect the change in leasing policies.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 27.602, Guard Band Managers are required to enter into written agreements regarding the use of their licensed spectrum by others, subject to certain conditions outlined in the rules. Section 27.602(h) requires Guard Band Managers to maintain their written agreements with spectrum users at their principal place of business, and retain such records for at least two years after the date such agreements expire. Such records shall be kept current and made available upon request for inspection by the Commission or its representatives.

The service rules have been designed to promote the development and rapid deployment of new technologies, products and services for the benefit of the public; to promote economic opportunity and competition; and to create an efficient and intensive use of the spectrum by promoting the objectives identified in 47 U.S.C. 309(j), and to alleviate any problems associated with the increased power limits available to rural licensees.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested

August 6, 2008.

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, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520. 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: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments October 20, 2008. 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 PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), (202) 395–5887, or via fax at 202–395–5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your comments by e-mail send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review", (3) click the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the

“Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box and (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB Control Number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR Reference Number to view detailed information about this ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, send an e-mail to Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0347.

Title: Section 97.311, Spread Spectrum (SS) Emission Types.
Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 10

respondents; 10 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 6 seconds.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 1 minute (1 hour placeholder in OMB’s system).

Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: Yes.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:

There is no need for confidentiality. The Commission has a System of Records, FCC/WTB-1, “Wireless Services Licensing Records,” which covers this personally identifiable information (PII) that individual applicants may include in their submissions for licenses or grants of equipment authorization. At such time as the Commission revises this System of Records Notice (SORN), the Commission will conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and publish the revised SORN in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the Commission will post a copy of both the PIA and the SORN on the FCC’s Privacy Web page.

Needs and Uses: This collection will be submitted as an extension (no change in recordkeeping requirements) after this 60 day comment period to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three year clearance.

The recordkeeping requirement in Section 97.311 is necessary to document all spread spectrum (ss) transmissions by amateur radio operators. This requirement is necessary so that quick resolution of any harmful interference problems can be achieved and to ensure that the station is operating in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The information is used by FCC’s Enforcement Bureau (EB) personnel during inspections and investigations to ensure compliance with applicable rules, statutes, and treaties. In the absence of this recordkeeping requirement, field inspections and investigations related to the solution of cases initiated by causes of harmful interference would be severely hampered and needlessly prolonged due to the inability to quickly obtain vital information used to demodulate spread spectrum (ss) transmissions.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, Comments Requested

August 15, 2008.

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 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 Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before September 22, 2008. 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 contacts listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, via Internet at Nicholas_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov or via fax at (202) 395-5167 and to Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or via Internet at Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov or PRA@fcc.gov.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called “Currently Under Review,” (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB control number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR Reference Number to view detailed information about this ICR.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1115.

Title: DTV Consumer Education Initiative; Sections 15.124, 27.20, 54.418, 73.674, and 76.1630.

Form Number: FCC Form 388.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions, State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents/Responses: 11,022 respondents; 70,026 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.50 hours-85 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement; Monthly reporting requirement; Quarterly reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain benefits—Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 4(i), 303(r), 335, and 336 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Section 154(I), 303(r), 335, and 336.

Total Annual Burden: 155,646 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Confidentiality: No need for confidentiality required.