

vi. Releases to the environment of alpha- and beta-HCH from stockpiles, obsolete stocks, and production wastes.

5. *Commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether (C-pentaBDE)*. Evaluation of the risk profile for C-pentaBDE indicated the need for additional specificity on production, uses, and releases for this chemical mixture. Therefore, in addition to seeking information under the headings listed in Annex F, POPRC is seeking quantitative and qualitative data related to the production, uses, and releases of C-pentaBDE and its components.

#### H. What is the Status of Chemicals at the Risk Profile Stage?

The second meeting of POPRC took place on November 6–10, 2006, in Geneva, Switzerland. EPA provided notice of this meeting and POPRC's intention to consider proposals for the five chemicals listed below in the **Federal Register** notice of October 6, 2006. Information about the November POPRC meeting is available at the Convention website (<http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/poprc/poprc.htm>), respectively. POPRC had before it five proposals which were submitted for its consideration by Parties to the Convention for addition to Annexes A, B, and/or C of the Convention.

1. Two of the five proposals were for industrial chemicals:

- Octabromodiphenyl ether.
- Short-chained chlorinated paraffins.

2. One of the five proposals was for a chemical with both industrial and pesticidal uses:

- Pentachlorobenzene.

3. Two of the five proposals were for pesticides:

- Alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane.
- Beta-hexachlorocyclohexane.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the Convention and discussed in Unit II.B., during the November meeting, POPRC examined the proposals and applied the screening criteria in Annex D of the Convention. With regard to all five chemicals, POPRC decided that it was satisfied that the screening criteria had been fulfilled and, in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article 8 of the Convention, POPRC invited Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex E to the Convention by February 2, 2007.

The next step in the process is for POPRC to prepare a risk profile for each of the chemicals to, as noted in Annex E, "evaluate whether the chemical is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or

environmental effects, such that global action is warranted." The risk profile must further evaluate and elaborate on the information referred to in Annex D of the Convention and include, as far as possible, the information listed in Annex E. A draft outline of the risk profile has been developed by POPRC, available at <http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/poprc/poprc.htm>. The risk profile will take into account information to be submitted by Parties and observers, as requested by POPRC through the Secretariat (a current step). The draft risk profiles developed by ad hoc working groups established under POPRC will be considered by the full POPRC and proceed as discussed in Unit II.B.

In addition to the Annex E information discussed in Unit II.D., POPRC determined, and the Secretariat requested in their December 8, 2006 letter, that additional information on the environmental fate of short-chained chlorinated paraffins or information relating to their properties which would enable a fuller evaluation of environmental fate as being particularly useful for the future process.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances.

Dated: December 14, 2006.

**Wendy Cleland-Hamnett,**

*Acting Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review to the Office of Management and Budget

December 14, 2006.

**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 (PRA) 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 January 19, 2007. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Allison E. Zaleski, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-6466, or via fax at 202-395-5167 or via Internet at [Allison\\_E.Zaleski@eop.omb.gov](mailto:Allison_E.Zaleski@eop.omb.gov) and to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov), Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-B441, 445 12th Street, SW., DC 20554 or an e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). If you would like to obtain or view a copy of this information collection, you may do so by visiting the FCC PRA Web page at: <http://www.fcc.gov/omd/pr>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0710.  
*Title:* Policy and Rules Concerning the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,250 respondents; 1,083,196 responses.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .50—2,880 hours.

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

*Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,055,150 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$625,000.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* N/A.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:*

The Commission is not requesting respondents to submit confidential information to the Commission. If the respondents request to submit information which they believe is confidential, they may request confidential treatment of such information under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will submit this information collection to OMB as an extension after this 60-day comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from them. The Commission has implemented parts of Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that affect local competition. Incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) are required to offer interconnection, unbundled network elements (UNEs), transport and termination, and wholesale rates for certain services to new entrants. Incumbent LECs must price such services at rates that are cost-based and just and reasonable and provide access to right-of-way as well as establish reciprocal compensation arrangements for the transport and termination of telecommunications traffic.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review to the Office of Management and Budget

December 7, 2006.

**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 (PRA) 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 February 20, 2007. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Allison E. Zaleski, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-6466, or via fax at 202-395-5167 or via Internet at [Allison\\_E\\_Zaleski@eop.omb.gov](mailto:Allison_E_Zaleski@eop.omb.gov) and to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov), Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-B441, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or an e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). If you would like to obtain or view a copy of this information collection after the 60 day comment period, you may do so by visiting the FCC PRA Web page at: <http://www.fcc.gov/omd/pra>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0953.

*Title:* Wireless Medical Telemetry Service (ET Docket No. 99-255).

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business and other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 1 respondent; 2,500 responses.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1-4 hours.

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

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Total Annual Burden:* 10,000 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$500,000.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* N/A.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Respondents are not required to submit confidential information for this reporting requirement.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will submit this information collection to OMB as an extension (no change in reporting, recordkeeping and/or third party disclosure requirements) after this 60 day comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from them.

On June 12, 2000, the Commission released a Report and Order, ET Docket No. 99-255, FCC 00-211, which allocated spectrum and established rules for a "Wireless Medical Telemetry Service" (WMTS) that allows potentially life-critical equipment to operate in an interference-protected basis. Medical telemetry equipment is used in hospitals and health care facilities to transmit patient measurement data such as pulse and respiration rate to a nearby receiver, permitting greater patient mobility and increased comfort. The Commission designated a frequency coordinator, who maintains a database of all WMTS equipment. All parties using equipment in the WMTS are required to coordinate/register their operating frequency and other relevant technical operating parameters with the designated coordinator. The database provides a record of the frequencies used by each facility or device to assist parties in selecting frequencies to avoid interference. Without a database, there would be no record of WMTS usage because WMTS transmitters will not be individually licensed.

The designated frequency coordinator has the responsibility to maintain an accurate engineering database of all WMTS transmitters, identified by location (coordinates, street address, building), operating frequency, emission type and output power, frequency range(s) used, modulation scheme used, effective radiated power, number of transmitters in use at the health care facility at the time of registration, legal name of the authorized health care provider, and point of contact for authorized health care provider. The frequency coordinator will make the database available to WMTS users, equipment manufacturers and the public. The coordinator will also notify users of potential frequency conflicts.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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