FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection Being Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval, Comments Requested

10/20/2009.

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 on November 23, 2009. 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.

ADRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at (202) 395–5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 445 12th Street, SW, Room 1–C823, Washington, DC 20554. To submit your comments by e-mail send them to: PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to 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, and (6) when the FCC list appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB Control Number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection send an e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov or contact Cathy Williams (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060–1061. Title: Earth Stations on Board Vessels (ESV). Form No.: Not applicable. Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection. Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities. Number of Respondents and Responses: 15 respondents; 15 responses. Estimated Time per Response: Estimated time is different for each response—the response with the longest duration takes an estimated 0.25 hours to complete and the response with the shortest duration takes an estimated 24 hours to complete. Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement; On occasion reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement. Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The Commission has statutory approval for the information collection requirements under Sections 4(i), 7(a), 303(c), 303(f), 303(g) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 157(a), 303(c), 303(f), 303(g) and 303(r). Total Annual Burden: 264 hours. Total Annual Cost: $149,925. Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s). Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality pertaining to the information collection requirements in this collection. Needs and Uses: On July 31, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) released an Order on Reconsideration titled, “In the Matter of the Procedures to Govern the Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels in the 5925–6425 MHz/3700–4200 MHz Bands and 14.0–14.5 GHz/11.7–12.2 GHz Bands” (FCC 09–63, IB Docket No. 02–10 (“ESV Reconsideration Order”). In the ESV Reconsideration Order, the Commission resolved various concerns raised regarding the operational
restrictions placed on ESVs that are designed to protect the fixed–satellite service (FSS), operating in the C–band and Ku–band, and the terrestrially–based fixed service (FS), operating in the C–band, from harmful interference. The Commission adopted rule changes that should provide ESV operators with greater operational flexibility while continuing to ensure that the other services in these bands are protected from harmful interference.

The PRA information collection requirements contained in the ESV Reconsideration Order are as follows:

1. Any ESV applicant that uses transmitters with off–axis EIRP densities lower than or equal to the off–axis EIRP limits must: (1) file three tables showing the off–axis EIRP level of the proposed earth station antenna in the direction of the plane of the GSO; the co–polarized EIRP in the elevation plane, that is, the plane perpendicular to the plane of the GSO; and cross polarized EIRP. In each table, the EIRP level must be provided at intervals of, for angles between 0° and 10° off–axis, and at increments of 5° for angles between 10° and 180° off–axis or; (2) a certification, in Schedule B, that the ESV antenna conforms to the gain pattern criteria of § 25.209(a) and (b), that, combined with the maximum input power density calculated from the EIRP density less the antenna gain, which is entered in Schedule B, demonstrates that the off–axis EIRP spectral–density envelope will be met under the assumption that the antenna is pointed at the target satellite.

2. An ESV applicant proposing to implement a transmitter that will maintain a pointing error of less than or equal to 0.2° must provide a certification from the equipment manufacturer stating that the antenna tracking system will maintain a pointing error of less than or equal to 0.2° between the orbital location of the target satellite and the axis of the main lobe of the ESV antenna and that the antenna tracking system is capable of ceasing emissions within 100 milliseconds if the angle between the orbital location of the target satellite and the axis of the main lobe of the ESV antenna exceeds the declared maximum antenna pointing error, and will not resume transmissions until the angle between the orbital location of the target satellite and the axis of the main lobe of the ESV antenna is less than or equal to the declared maximum antenna pointing error.

3. An ESV applicant proposing to implement a transmitter with an antenna pointing error of greater than 0.2 degrees must: (A) declare, in its application, a maximum antenna pointing error and demonstrate that the maximum antenna pointing error can be achieved without exceeding the off–axis EIRP spectral–density limits in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section and (B) declare that the ESV transmitter can detect if the transmitter exceeds the declared maximum antenna pointing error and can cease transmission within 100 milliseconds if the angle between the orbital location of the target satellite and the axis of the main lobe of the ESV antenna exceeds the declared maximum antenna pointing error, and will not resume transmissions until the angle between the orbital location of the target satellite and the axis of the main lobe of the ESV antenna is less than or equal to the declared maximum antenna pointing error.

4. An ESV applicant proposing to implement a transmitter that exceeds the off–axis EIRP spectral–density limits shall provide the following certifications and demonstration as exhibits to its earth station application: (i) a statement from the target satellite operator certifying that the proposed operation of the ESV has the potential to create harmful interference to satellite networks adjacent to the target satellite(s) that may be unacceptable; (ii) a statement from the target satellite operator certifying that the power–density levels that the ESV applicant provided to the target satellite operator are consistent with the existing coordination agreements between its satellite(s) and the adjacent satellite systems within 6° of orbital separation from its satellite(s); (iii) a statement from the target satellite operator certifying that it will include the power–density levels of the ESV applicant in all future coordination agreements; (iv) A demonstration from the ESV operator that the ESV system is capable of detecting and automatically ceasing transmission within 100 milliseconds when the transmitter exceeds the off–axis EIRP spectral–densities supplied to the target satellite operator; and (v) a certification from the ESV operator that the ESV system complies with the power limits in Section 25.204(h).

5. The point of contact information referred to in paragraph (a)(3) and, if applicable, paragraph (a)(6), of Sections 25.221 and 25.222, must be included in the application.

6. Section 25.132(b)(3) requires applicants seeking authority to use an antenna that does not meet the standards set forth in §§ 25.209(a) and (b) of this part, pursuant to the procedure set forth in § 25.220, § 25.221, § 25.222, or § 25.223(c) of this part, are required to submit a copy of the manufacturer’s range test plots of the antenna gain patterns specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

7. Section 25.221(a)(4) requires that for each ESV transmitter, a record of the ship location (i.e., latitude/longitude), transmit frequency, channel bandwidth and satellite used shall be time annotated and maintained for a period of not less than 1 year. Records will be recorded at time intervals no greater than every 20 minutes while the ESV is transmitting. The ESV operator will make this data available upon request to a coordinator, fixed system operator, fixed–satellite system operator, or the Commission within 24 hours of the request.

8. Section 25.221(a)(5) requires that ESV operators communicating with vessels of foreign registry must maintain detailed information on each vessel’s country of registry and a point of contact for the relevant administration responsible for licensing ESVs.

9. Section 25.221(a)(11) requires ESVs operating within 200 km from the baseline of the United States, or within 200 km from a U.S.–licensed fixed service offshore installation, shall complete coordination with potentially affected U.S.–licensed fixed service operators prior to operation. The coordination method and the interference criteria objective shall be determined by the frequency coordinator. The details of the coordination shall be maintained and available at the frequency coordinator, and shall be filed with the Commission to be placed on Public Notice. Operation of each individual ESV may commence immediately after the Public Notice is released that identifies the notification sent to the Commission. Continuation of operation of that ESV for the duration of the coordination term shall be dependent upon successful completion of the normal public notice process. If, prior to the end of the 30–day comment period of the Public Notice, any objections are received from U.S.–licensed fixed service operators that have been excluded from coordination, the ESV licensee shall immediately cease operation of that particular station on frequencies used by the affected U.S.–licensed fixed service station until the coordination dispute is resolved and the ESV licensee informs the Commission of the resolution.

10. Section 25.221(b)(5) states that there shall be an exhibit included with the application describing the geographic area(s) in which the ESVs will operate.

11. Section 25.221(b)(5) requires ESVs that exceed the radiation guidelines of Section 1.1310 Radiofrequency radiation exposure limits must provide, with their environmental assessment, a plan for mitigation of radiation exposure to the extent required to meet those guidelines.

12. Section 25.222(a)(4) states that for each ESV transmitter, a record of the ship location (i.e., latitude/longitude),
transmit frequency, channel bandwidth and satellite used shall be time annotated and maintained for a period of not less than 1 year. Records shall be recorded at time intervals no greater than every 20 minutes while the ESV is transmitting. The ESV operator will make this data available upon request to a coordinator, fixed system operator, fixed–satellite system operator, NTIA, or the Commission within 24 hours of the request.

13. Section 25.222(a)(5) requires ESV operators communicating with vessels of foreign registry must maintain detailed information on each vessel’s country of registry and a point of contact for the relevant administration responsible for licensing ESVs.

14. Section 25.222(b)(3) states there shall be an exhibit included with the application describing the geographic area(s) in which the ESVs will operate.

15. Section 25.222(b)(5) requires that ESVs that exceed the radiation guidelines of Section 1.1310 Radiofrequency radiation exposure limits must provide, with their environmental assessment, a plan for mitigation of radiation exposure to the extent required to meet those guidelines.

The information collection requirements accounted for in this collection are necessary to determine the technical and legal qualifications of applicants or licensees to operate a station, transfer or assign a license, and to determine whether the authorization is in the public interest, convenience and necessity. Without such information, the Commission could not determine whether to permit respondents to provide telecommunication services in the U.S. Therefore, the Commission would be unable to fulfill its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the obligations imposed on parties to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Basic Telecom Agreement.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 16, 2009, the Commission released a public notice announcing GSA’s approval of the renewal of the North American Numbering Council charter through September 25, 2011. The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the renewal of the North American Numbering Council charter.

DATES: Renewed through September 25, 2011.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Blue, Special Assistant to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (202) 418–1466 or Deborah.Blue@fcc.gov. The fax number is: (202) 418–1413. The TTY number is: (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Released October 16, 2009.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has renewed the charter of the North American Numbering Council (NANC or Council) through September 25, 2011. The Council will continue to advise the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on rapidly evolving and competitively significant numbering issues facing the telecommunications industry.

In October 1995, the Commission established the NANC, a Federal advisory committee created pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988), to advise the Commission on issues related to North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration in the United States. The original charter of the Council was effective on October 5, 1995, establishing an initial two-year term. Amended charters were filed on October 5, 1997, October 5, 1999, October 5, 2001, October 5, 2003, September 26, 2005, and September 27, 2007, each renewing the term of the charter for an additional two years.

Since the last charter renewal, the Council has provided the Commission with critically important recommendations regarding number administration, such as the recommendation regarding the assignment of geographic numbers from the NANP and a central database to support interoperability for Internet-based relay services. In addition, the Council reviewed and recommended technical requirements for a request for proposals associated with a new North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) contract. The Council also provided detailed evaluations of the current NANPA, the Pooling Administrator (PA) and the Billing and Collection (B&C) Agent. The Council will continue to evaluate the performances of the NANPA, the PA and the B&C Agent on an annual basis. Moreover, the Council is presently considering and formulating recommendations on other important numbering-related issues that will require work beyond the term of the present charter.

The value of this Federal advisory committee to the telecommunications industry and to the American public cannot be overstated. Numbers are the means by which consumers gain access to, and reap the benefits of, the public switched telephone network. The Council’s recommendations to the Commission will facilitate fair and efficient number administration in the United States, and will ensure that numbering resources are available to all telecommunications service providers on a fair and equitable basis, consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board’s Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors.