

PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before April 8, 2022. 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 Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0084.

*Title:* Ownership Report for Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Stations, FCC Form 323-E; Section 73.3615, Ownership Reports.

*Form Number:* FCC Form 323-E.

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

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,636 respondents; 2,636 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 to 1.5 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement; biennial reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for these collections are contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 152(a), 154(i), 257, 303(r), 307, 308, 309, and 310.

*Total Annual Burden:* 3,867 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$2,319,900.

*Needs and Uses:* Licensees of noncommercial educational AM, FM, and television broadcast stations must file FCC Form 323-E every two years. Biennial Ownership Reports shall provide information accurate as of October 1 of the year in which the Report is filed. Form 323-E shall be filed by December 1 in all odd-numbered years.

In addition, Licensees and Permittees of noncommercial educational AM, FM, and television broadcast stations must file Form 323-E following the consummation of a transfer of control or an assignment of a noncommercial educational AM, FM, or television broadcast station license or construction permit; a Permittee of a new noncommercial educational AM, FM, or television broadcast station must file Form 323-E within 30 days after the grant of the construction permit; and a Permittee of a new noncommercial educational AM, FM, or television

broadcast station must file Form 323-E to update the initial report or to certify the continuing accuracy and completeness of the previously filed report on the date that the Permittee applies for a license to cover the construction permit.

In the case of organizational structures that include holding companies or other forms of indirect ownership, a separate Form 323-E must be filed for each entity in the organizational structure that has an attributable interest in the Licensee or Permittee.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Katura Jackson,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0995; FR ID 70084]

### Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: 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; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with

a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0995.

*Title:* Section 1.2105(c), Bidding Application and Certification Procedures; Sections 1.2105(c) and 1.2205, Prohibition of Certain Communications.

*Form Number:* N/A.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents and Responses:* 10 respondents and 10 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.5 hours to 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 154(i), 309(j), and 1452(a)(3) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 4(i), 309(j)(5), 1452(a)(3), and sections 1.2105(c) and 1.2205 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.2105(c), 1.2205.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 50 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* \$9,000.

*Needs and Uses:* A request for extension of this information collection (no change in requirements) will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60-day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from OMB.

The Commission's rules prohibiting certain communications in Commission auctions are designed to reinforce existing antitrust laws, facilitate detection of collusive conduct, and deter anticompetitive behavior, without being so strict as to discourage pro-competitive arrangements between auction participants. They also help assure participants that the auction

process will be fair and objective, and not subject to collusion. The information collected under this information collection allows the Commission to enforce the prohibition on auction applicants and other covered parties by making clear the responsibility of parties who receive information that potentially violates the rules to promptly report to the Commission. It also enables the Commission to ensure that no bidder gains an unfair advantage over other bidders in its auctions, thereby enhancing the competitiveness and fairness of Commission spectrum auctions. The information collected will be reviewed and, if warranted, referred to the Commission's Enforcement Bureau for possible investigation and administrative action. The Commission may also refer allegations of anticompetitive auction conduct to the Department of Justice for investigation.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[PS Docket Nos. 15-80; FR ID 69281]

### Potential Safeguards in Connection With NORS-DIRS Information Sharing Public Notice

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC or Commission) seeks comment on the cost, manner, and technical feasibility of technological safeguards to protect the integrity of NORS and DIRS information that will be shared with agencies granted access to the information pursuant to the *Second Report and Order*.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 9, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by PS Docket Nos. 15-80, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Communications Commission's website:* <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

<sup>1</sup> See *Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications*, PS Docket No. 15-80, *Second Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd 6136 (2021) (*Second Report and Order*).

- Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for more instructions.

- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432. For detailed instructions for submitting comments see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general questions, contact Scott Cinnamon, Attorney Advisor, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-2319 or [scott.cinnamon@fcc.gov](mailto:scott.cinnamon@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the *Potential Safeguards in Connection with NORS-DIRS Information Sharing Public Notice*, PS Docket Nos. 15-80; DA 21-62, released January 19, 2022.

The complete text of the *Potential Safeguards in Connection with NORS-DIRS Information Sharing Public Notice* is also available electronically at: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/pshsb-seeks-comments-nors-dirs-information-sharing-safeguards>.

#### I. Background

On March 17, 2021, the Commission adopted a framework to allow sharing certain communications network outage information submitted to the FCC's NORS and DIRS systems with state, federal, and Tribal nation agencies to improve situational awareness, enhance their ability to respond more rapidly to outages, and to help save lives. Information submitted in NORS and DIRS "is sensitive for reasons concerning national security and commercial competitiveness, and the Commission this treats it as presumptively confidential."<sup>2</sup>

To protect the confidentiality and integrity of this sensitive information, the *Second Report and Order* adopted four specific safeguards: "(1) providing read-only access to the NORS and DIRS filings; (2) limiting the number of users with access to NORS and DIRS filings at participating agencies; (3) requiring special training for participating agencies regarding their privileges and obligations under the program; and (4) potentially terminating access to

<sup>2</sup> *Second Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 6137, para 2.

agencies that misuse or improperly disclose NORS and DIRS data."<sup>3</sup>

#### II. Comment on the Cost, Utility and Feasibility of Specific Safeguards and Suggestions for Additional Safeguards

Acknowledging the utility of proposals raised by commenters earlier in this proceeding, the Commission directed the Bureau to "to seek, via Public Notice, further information on the cost, manner and technical feasibility" of including confidential notifications, headers, or watermarks on the read-only outage reports.<sup>4</sup> The Bureau seeks specific comments on the usefulness and effectiveness of these specific safeguards as well as information on costs and feasibility of these proposals.

The Bureau was further directed to "implement in NORS and DIRS any measures and safeguards that it determines suitable and in the public interest based on the record developed in response to the Public Notice."<sup>5</sup> Keeping in mind that proposed safeguards "should not impose new regulatory requirements on service providers or additional conditions on agencies seeking access to outage data," the Bureau invites comments proposing additional technical measures to preserve the confidentiality and integrity of the newly shared NORS and DIRS data.<sup>6</sup>

#### III. Implementation

Following the receipt of comments, the Bureau will release a Public Notice specifying any technical safeguards implemented in response to this Public Notice. To the extent necessary, these changes may be made without prior notice-and-comment under the Administrative Procedure Act as "rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice," 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). The Bureau will then seek Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the modifications to the extent required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. Upon receipt of OMB approval, and the Bureau's completion of all necessary changes to the systems, the Bureau will announce that the modifications are effective.

#### IV. Procedural Matters

Interested parties may file comments in response to this *Public Notice* on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document. See *Electronic*

<sup>3</sup> *Second Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 6153, para. 58.

<sup>4</sup> *Second Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 6154, para. 61.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*