

information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

OMB Control Number: 3060–0678.

Title: Part 25 of the Federal Communications Commission’s Rules Governing the Licensing of, and Spectrum Usage by, Commercial Earth Stations and Space Stations.

FCC Form Number: FCC Form 312 (Main Form and Schedules A, B, and S), FCC Form 312–R.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 3,535 respondents and 3,587 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5–80 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, one time and annual reporting requirements; third-party disclosure requirement; recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 157, 301, 303, 307, 308, 309, and 310.

Total Annual Burden: 27,620 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$4,154,267.

Needs and Uses: The Commission requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve a revision of the information collection titled “Part 25 of the Federal Communications Commission’s Rules Governing the Licensing of, and Spectrum Usage by, Commercial Earth Stations and Space Stations” under OMB Control No. 3060–0678 as a result of a Report and Order (89 FR 34148) adopting a framework to offer supplemental coverage from space (SCS). SCS is a crucial component of the Commission’s vision for a “single network future,” in which satellite and terrestrial networks work seamlessly together to provide coverage that neither network can achieve on its own, and will enable consumers in areas not covered by terrestrial networks to be connected using their existing devices via satellite-based communications. In order to ensure that prospective SCS operators will be able to comply with the applicable rules, that the public interest will be served by granting their applications, and that harmful interference will be avoided to the greatest extent possible thereafter, the Commission seeks approval to collect the following information to confirm

that satellite service operators who seek to enter lease agreements with terrestrial service providers to offer supplemental coverage from space (SCS) do so in compliance with the rules that govern SCS operations.

Specifically, the Commission adopted requirements in its part 25 rules that parties who seek to provide SCS must submit a new or modified FCC Form 312 with the following certifications: that they have submitted a lease notification; that the space station licensee or grantee of market access will provide SCS in the geographic area covered by the licenses held by its terrestrial partner(s); and that SCS earth stations will qualify as licensed by rule stations under the Commission’s part 25 rules. An applicants must also describe its SCS proposal in detail in its FCC Form 312 (Main Form and Schedule S), with a brief description of the coverage areas that will be served, domestically and internationally, and include a list of the file and identification numbers associated with the relevant leasing notification(s) under the Commission’s part 1 rules. This revised information collection is designed to allow Commission staff to carry out its statutory duties to regulate satellite communications in the public interest; namely, to ensure that prospective providers of SCS will operate in compliance with the applicable regulatory framework. The Commission will use this information to assess applicants’ qualifications, and to conclude whether, and under what conditions, grant of an authorization to provide SCS will serve the public interest. This collection will thereby enable the Commission to monitor and enforce the entry criteria that SCS providers must satisfy, and which are designed to minimize the possibility of harmful interference.

Finally, the collection will play a critical role in the Commission’s effort to review and track leasing arrangements that will result in entities providing SCS.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0174; FR ID 242812]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

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 of 1995 (PRA), 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 collection(s). 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 Office of Management and Budget (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.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before November 4, 2024. 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 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: 3060–0174.

Title: Sections 73.1212, 76.1615, and 76.1715, Sponsorship Identification.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities and Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 52,760 respondents, 1,939,422 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.0011 hour–2.166 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement; On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i), 154(j), 303(r), 307, 317, and 325(c) of the Communications Act, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 332,922 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$2,010,723.

Needs and Uses: The Commission, in the *Second Report and Order*, FCC 24–61, takes steps to ensure clear and reasonable foreign sponsorship identification rules. Section 73.1212(j) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 73.1212(j), requires radio and television broadcast stations to disclose to their audiences, at the time of broadcast, when material aired pursuant to the lease of time on the station has been sponsored, paid for, or furnished by a foreign governmental entity. Section 73.1212(k) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 73.1212(k), imposes corresponding obligations on stations with section 325(c) permits. The Commission’s authority to impose these regulations stems from section 317 of the Communications Act, which requires broadcast licensees to inform their audiences when the station has been paid to air a particular program, in furtherance of the longstanding broadcasting tenet that the public has a right to know the identity of those that solicit its support.

The foreign sponsorship identification rules require broadcast licensees, at the time of entering or renewing a lease agreement (unless a once-a-year exception applies), to exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain whether a programming disclosure is required. To ensure that licensees are complying with their reasonable diligence and disclosure obligations, the foreign sponsorship identification rules require licensees to memorialize their required inquiries of lessees and to maintain records of their programming disclosures and their reasonable diligence efforts.

In the *Second Report and Order*, the Commission modified the rule’s

information collection requirements by adopting an approach that provides licensees with two options for demonstrating that they have met their duty of inquiry in seeking to obtain the information needed to determine whether the programming provided by a lessee is sponsored by a foreign governmental entity. The Commission designed this approach to provide licensees with as much flexibility as possible and to minimize their paperwork costs and burdens while still ensuring compliance with the reasonable diligence requirements.

One option available to licensees is the use of certifications, where both the licensee and the lessee complete a certification reflecting the communications and inquiries required under the existing rules. Licensees and lessees have the option either to use sample certification language set forth in simple, one-page, “check-box” templates appended to the *Second Report and Order* or to use language of the parties’ own choosing. Most licensee and lessee employees should be able to complete the forms quickly and readily, based upon their existing knowledge and understanding. It is highly unlikely that either the licensee or the lessee would need to engage in any type of research to respond to the queries contained in the certifications. Notably, these are the same inquiries the Commission adopted in the *First Report and Order*, only formatted now as a certification. If licensees and lessees prefer not to use the Commission’s templates, they may use their own certification language, provided that language addresses the points listed in § 73.1212(j)(3)(i) through (iii) of the rules, which were adopted in the *First Report and Order*. The Commission granted this flexibility to alleviate or minimize costs for licensees that already had developed their own certifications based on the existing foreign sponsorship identification rules. A lessee’s certification should convey the information needed to determine whether a disclosure is required and the information needed for a broadcast disclosure if one is required.

As an alternative to the certification option, licensees may choose to ask their lessees for screenshots of lessees’ search results of two federal government websites (the Department of Justice’s FARA database and the Commission’s U.S.-based foreign media outlet report). Licensees choosing this option must still comply with all other aspects of the current rules, as they have been required to do since the compliance date of the *First Report and Order*. Licensees are encouraged to include in

their lease agreements a requirement for lessees to provide notice of any change in status so as to trigger the need for a foreign sponsorship disclosure.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.” The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (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.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before October 7, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into www.reginfo.gov per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in www.reginfo.gov also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov. Include in the