

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. 47 CFR 73.1590(d) requires licensees of AM, FM and TV stations to make audio and video equipment performance measurements for each main transmitter. These measurements and a description of the equipment and procedures used in making the measurements must be kept on file at the transmitter or remote control point for two years. In addition, this information must be made available to the FCC upon request.

The Commission is requesting an extension of this information collection to receive the full OMB full three year approval/clearance.

This information collection does not affect individuals or households; thus, there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Section 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. FCC staff use the data in field investigations to identify sources of interference.

3. We do not believe the use of information technology is feasible in this situation due to the requirement being recordkeeping/notification requirements.

4. This agency does not impose a similar information collection on the respondents. There is no similar data available.

5. In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission is making an effort to minimize the burden on all respondents. Therefore, this information collection will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities/businesses.

6. The frequency for this recordkeeping requirement is upon initial installation of a new or replacement main transmitter, upon modification of an existing transmitter, upon installation of stereophonic or sub-carrier transmission equipment, and annually for AM stations.

7. This collection of information is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR Section 1320.5(d) (2).

8. The Commission published a Notice (81 FR 22265) in the *Federal Register* on April 15, 2016 seeking public comment on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No comments were received from the public as a result of the Notice.

9. No payment or gift was provided to the respondents.
10. There is no need for confidentiality for this information collection for this information collection.
11. This collection of information does not address any private matters of a sensitive nature.
12. We estimate 13,049 respondents (4,685 AM, 8,032 FM and 332 TV stations) will take equipment performance measurements and keep records of these measurements, 13,049 responses. The average burden on an AM or FM licensee is 0.5 hours per measurement. The average burden on a TV licensee is 18 hours. This estimate is based on FCC staff's knowledge and familiarity with the availability of the data required.

4,685 AM x 0.5 hours = 2,343 hours
8,032 FM x 0.5 hours = 4,016 hours
332 TV x 18 hours = 5,976 hours
Total burden hours = 12,335 hours

Annual "In-House" Cost: We assume that the licensee would use its station engineer to take measurements. We estimate that the average hourly wage for the station engineer to be \$48.08/hour.

4,685 AM stations x \$48.08 x 0.5 hours = \$112,627.40
8,032 FM stations x \$48.08 x 0.5 hours = \$193,089.28
332 TV stations x \$48.08 x 18 hours = \$287,326.08
Total Annual "In-House Cost" = \$593,042.76

13. Annual Cost Burden:

- (a) Total annualized capital/startup costs: None
- (b) Total annual costs (O&M): None
- (c) Total annualized cost requested: **None**

14. There is no cost to the Federal Government.
15. There are no program changes or adjustments to this information collection.
16. The data will not be published.
17. OMB approval of the expiration of the information collection will be displayed at 47 CFR

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18. There are no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

No statistical methods are employed.