

• The nature and extent of peer review, including stature and quality of the peer-reviewed journal or the publisher of a book for a review chapter published therein.

I have determined that the meetings of the STAA Panel and Chartered SAB will be closed to the public because they are concerned with selecting employees deserving of awards. In making these recommendations, the Agency requires full and frank advice from the SAB. This advice will involve professional judgments on the relative merits of various employees and their respective work. Such matters relate solely to EPA's internal personnel rules and practices and involve the discussion of information that is of a personal nature and the disclosure of which would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and, therefore, are protected from disclosure by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10, and subsections (c)(2) and (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b. Minutes of the meetings of the STAA Panel and the Chartered SAB will be kept and certified by the chair of those meetings.

**Michael S. Regan,**  
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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0999; FR ID 224289]

### 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 August 9, 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](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto: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:* 3060-0999.

*Title:* Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Report and Section 20.19, Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets (Hearing Aid Compatibility Act).

*Form Numbers:* FCC Forms 655 and 855.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents:* 934 respondents; 934 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 13.97 hours per response (average).

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and annual reporting requirements; Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure 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, 160, 201, 202, 214, 301, 303, 308, 309(j), 310 and 610 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 13,049 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission is requesting that OMB grant it a three-year extension of the currently approved information collection related to the

Commission's wireless hearing aid compatibility requirements located in section 20.19 of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR 20.19. OMB's approval of the information collection contained in these rules expires on October 31, 2024. While the Commission is not requesting approval of any substantive changes to the information collection, it is requesting approval of a few minor, non-substantive changes to FCC Form 855 and the related instructions. The Commission uses this form to ensure wireless service provider compliance with the hearing aid compatibility rules. The Commission is also requesting approval of certain minor, non-substantive changes to the instructions for FCC Form 655 but not to the form, itself. The Commission uses this form to ensure handset manufacturer compliance with the Commission's hearing aid compatibility rules. These changes are for clarification purposes only and do not affect the burden hours or the cost of compliance associated with the approved information collection.

The Commission's wireless hearing aid compatibility rules ensure that consumers with hearing loss have the same access to the newest and most technologically advanced handset models as consumers without hearing loss. These rules were adopted by the Commission in response to the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act, which was enacted in 1988 and is codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. 610. See Public Law 100-394, sec. 3, 102 Stat. 976, 976 (1988). In order to ensure handset manufacturer and service provider compliance with the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act and the Commission's regulations implementing the Act, the Commission has adopted handset labeling and disclosure requirements, website posting and record retention requirements, and handset manufacturer and mobile wireless service provider reporting requirements. See 47 CFR 20.19(f), (h), (i). These requirements are the subject of this information collection submission, and these regulations ensure that consumers are given the information that they need to make informed purchasing decisions and that handset manufacturers and service providers meet hearing aid-compatible handset model deployment requirements that the Commission has adopted.

The Commission is not proposing changes to the handset labeling and disclosure requirements, nor to the website posting and record retention requirements. These requirements will remain unchanged after OMB approval

of this information collection submission.

With respect to FCC Form 855, the Commission is proposing to add an information icon to two of the form’s questions for clarification purposes only. The two questions appear in the certification part of the form and the Commission will place a validation stop after each question to ensure that filers provide answers to the questions before proceeding to complete the form. The two information icons will be placed in the following locations and will provide as follows:

- One information icon will be placed at the end of the question requesting filers to provide the percentage of hearing-aid compatible handset models that they provided for the reporting period. The information icon will provide the following clarification: “If your company claims a HAC handset model compliance percentage of less than 85%, then you must indicate above which *de minimis* exception your company is claiming.” The addition of this information icon will not change what the question is asking, but will provide filers with guidance on how to complete the form.

- The second information icon will be placed at the end of the question requesting filers who maintain publicly accessible websites to provide the website address where required hearing aid compatibility information is posted. The information icon will provide the following clarification: “If your company did not have a publicly-accessible website for the reporting period, then type the following statement into the box: ‘For the reporting period, [name of company] did not operate a publicly-accessible website.’” The addition of this information icon will not change what the question is asking, but will provide filers with guidance on how to complete the form.

In addition to these minor, non-substantive changes to FCC Form 855, the Commission is proposing to modify the form’s instructions to provide the following clarifications:

- The filing window for the form opens on the first business day in January each year and closes on January 31, unless January 31 is not a business

day. In this case, the filing window closes on the first business day after January 31. This change conforms the form’s instructions concerning the filing window with the information on the Commission’s wireless hearing aid compatibility website concerning the filing window.

- The instruction which states that service providers should provide the percentage of handset models that they offered for the reporting period that were hearing aid-compatible will be modified by changing the word “should” to “must,” and “must” will be bolded for emphasis. This instruction will also reference the information icon discussed above that will be added to this question for clarification purposes only.

- The instruction which states that service providers must post on their publicly accessible websites certain hearing aid compatibility information required by the Commission’s rules will be modified by bolding the existing word “must” for emphasis. This instruction will also reference the information icon discussed above that will be added to this question for clarification purposes only.

- The instruction which states that service providers who are not in full compliance with the Commission’s hearing aid compatibility rules must provide an attachment explaining their non-compliance will be modified by bolding the existing word “must” for emphasis.

The Commission is not seeking approval of any changes to FCC Form 655 used by handset manufacturers to show compliance with the Commission’s hearing aid compatibility requirements. The Commission is proposing to modify the form’s instructions to provide the following clarifications:

- The filing window for the form opens on the first business day in July each year and closes on July 31, unless July 31 is not a business day. In this case, the filing window closes on the first business day after July 31. This change conforms the form’s instructions concerning the filing window with the information on the Commission’s wireless hearing aid compatibility website concerning the filing window.

- The instruction which states that handset manufacturers must post on their publicly accessible websites certain hearing aid compatibility information required by the Commission’s rules will be modified by bolding the existing word “must” for emphasis.

These minor, non-substantive modifications the Commission is proposing to the existing information collection will provide clarity and promote efficiency. These changes will not affect the burden estimate or compliance cost that OMB has previously approved for this information collection. After the 60-day comment period expires, the Commission will submit the information collection to OMB to obtain a full three-year clearance.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**Open Commission Meeting Thursday, June 6, 2024**

May 30, 2024.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, June 6, 2024, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

While attendance at the Open Meeting is available to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: [www.fcc.gov/visit](http://www.fcc.gov/visit). Open Meetings are streamed live at: [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live) and on the FCC’s YouTube channel.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1 .....	Public Safety and Homeland Security .....	<p><i>Title:</i> Reporting on Border Gateway Protocol Risk Mitigation Progress (PS Docket No. 24–146); Secure Internet Routing (PS Docket No. 22–90)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to increase the security of the information routed across the internet and promote national security by requiring broadband providers to report on their progress in addressing vulnerabilities in the Border Gateway Protocol.</p>