

themselves should follow the Notification Procedures below.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals wishing to contest information pertaining to him or her in the system of records should follow the Notification Procedures below.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals wishing to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves may do so by writing to privacy@fcc.gov. Individuals requesting record access or amendment must also comply with the FCC's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity as required under 47 CFR part 0, subpart E.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

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Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1058; FR ID 230644]

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 September 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 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: 3060-1058.

Title: FCC Application or Notification for Spectrum Leasing Arrangement or Private Commons Arrangement: WTB and PSHS Bureaus.

Form Number: FCC Form 608.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: Individual and households; Businesses or other for-profit entities; State, local, or Tribal government, and Not for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,697 respondents; 1,697 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.05 hours-3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement, third party disclosure requirement, on occasion reporting requirement, one-time reporting requirement and periodic reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1, 4(i), 157, 301, 303, 307, 308, 309, and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 2,878 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$1,763,375.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 608 is a multi-purpose form. It is used to provide notification or request approval for any spectrum leasing arrangement ("Lease") entered into between an existing licensee in certain Wireless

and/or Public Safety Radio Services and a spectrum lessee. This form also is required to notify or request approval for any spectrum subleasing arrangement ("Sublease"). The data collected on the form is used by the FCC to determine whether the public interest would be served by the Lease or Sublease. The form is also used to provide notification for any Private Commons Arrangement entered into between a licensee, lessee, or sublessee and a class of third-party users (as defined in Section 1.9080 of the Commission's Rules).

The Commission is revising this form to collect information in order to confirm that satellite service operators and terrestrial service providers who seek to enter lease agreements in order to offer supplemental coverage from space (SCS) do so in compliance with the rules that govern SCS operations. On March 15, 2024, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in GN Docket No. 23-65 and IB Docket No. 22-271, FCC 24-28, which adds new section 1.9047(d)(2) to the Commission's rules requiring the spectrum lessee or sublessee seeking to engage in spectrum leasing under this section to provide certain information within the Commission Form 608 when seeking a leasing agreement to provide SCS. Applicants will file Form 608 into the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS) database.

The Commission anticipates that SCS will enable consumers in areas not covered by terrestrial networks to be connected using their existing devices via satellite-based communications. 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. 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 from prospective SCS spectrum lessees.

The Commission has adopted new requirements in its part 1 rules that obligate lessees to provide the following on FCC Form 608: a certification that they are entering a leasing agreement in order to provide SCS; a description of the type of permitted arrangement the parties will enter (e.g., is there a single terrestrial licensee or multiple terrestrial licensees that together hold the required

licenses); and, if there are multiple terrestrial licensees, a further description of the leasing arrangement and explanation of how those licensees together hold all of the relevant licenses in a particular geographically dependent area (GIA). Entities completing FCC Form 608 for the purposes of providing SCS must also indicate that the application is for SCS by checking a box on Form 608.

This 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. This process utilizes an existing Commission form, which will remove confusion by employing the procedures that are already in place. The modifications for Form 608 covered herein will enable the Commission to more accurately track filings related to the provision of SCS, a critical component of application review given the interplay between part 1 lease filings and part 25 license applications inherent in the SCS framework. This is especially crucial where multiple entities together hold all co-channel licenses in a particular band throughout a geographically independent area (GIA) and wish to deploy a leasing agreement with a satellite operator to provide SCS. Such arrangements are only permitted in the circumstances described in section 1.9047(d)(1)(ii)(A)–(B); specifically, the Commission must be able to confirm that the multiple licensees in fact cover the entirety of the GIA in question and that, when reviewing related part 25 license applications, the entire area of the proposed service is covered by the associated leases. 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.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Notice of Estimated Lump Sum Catch-Up Payments to Eligible 1983 Beirut Barracks Bombing Victims and 1996 Khobar Towers Bombing Victims and Planned Methodology; Request for Comment

AGENCY: U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

ACTION: Notice of estimated lump sum catch-up payments and planned methodology; request for comment.

SUMMARY: GAO is now accepting comments on proposed lump sum catch-up payments to certain 1983 Beirut barracks bombing victims and certain 1996 Khobar Towers bombing victims who have submitted eligible applications for payment to the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund. GAO is publishing this notice pursuant to the requirements of the Fairness for 9/11 Families Act. Comments should be sent to the email address below.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to FundPaymentComments@gao.gov or by U.S. mail to Ms. Triana McNeil at 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Lutter, at 202–512–7500 or LutterD@gao.gov, if you need additional information. For general information, contact GAO's Office of Public Affairs, 202–512–4800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to section 101 of the Fairness for 9/11 Families Act (Fairness Act), GAO is conducting a review and publishing a notice of proposed lump sum catch-up payments to certain 1983 Beirut barracks bombing victims¹ and certain 1996 Khobar Towers bombing victims² who have submitted eligible

¹ For the purposes of this analysis and consistent with the Fairness Act, “1983 Beirut barracks bombing victim” means “a plaintiff, or estate or successor in interest thereof, who has an eligible claim [to the Fund] that arises out of the October 23, 1983, bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon; and includes a plaintiff, estate, or successor in interest [] who is a judgment creditor [in] *Peterson v. Islamic Republic of Iran* [] or a Settling Judgment Creditor as identified in the order dated May 27, 2014, [in] *In Re 650 Fifth Avenue & Related Properties*.” 34 U.S.C. 20144(j)(15).

² The term “1996 Khobar Towers bombing victim” means “a plaintiff, or estate or successor in interest thereof, who has an eligible claim [to the Fund] that arises out of the June 25, 1996 bombing of the Khobar Tower housing complex in Saudi

applications to the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund (Fund), on or after December 29, 2022, and by June 27, 2023.³ On December 28, 2023, GAO published a notice (88 FR 89693) of our methodology for estimating certain lump sum catch-up payments. In this notice, we are providing a summary of comments and our responses to comments on the December notice, our revised proposed methodology, and the estimated amount needed to provide lump sum catch-up payments to certain 1983 Beirut barracks bombing victims and certain 1996 Khobar Towers bombing victims who have submitted eligible applications for payment to the Fund, and we are accepting comments on updates to our planned methodology.

The Fund, which is administered by a Special Master and supported by Department of Justice (DOJ) personnel,⁴ was established in 2015 by the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (Victims Act).⁵ For purposes of the Fund, the term “claim” generally refers to a claim based on compensatory damages awarded to a United States person in a qualifying final judgment.⁶ These judgments are issued by a United States district court under state or federal law against a foreign state that was designated as a state sponsor of terrorism at the time certain acts of international terrorism occurred or was so designated as a result of such acts,

Arabia; and includes a plaintiff, estate, or successor in interest [] who is a judgment creditor [in] *Peterson v. Islamic Republic of Iran* [] or a Settling Judgment Creditor as identified in the order dated May 27, 2014, [in] *In Re 650 Fifth Avenue & Related Properties*.” 34 U.S.C. 20144(j)(16).

³ Public Law 117–328, div. MM, sec. 101(b)(3)(B)(iii), 136 Stat. 4459, 6108–6109 (pertinent portion codified at 34 U.S.C. 20144(d)(4)(D)). Section 101 directs us to estimate catch-up payments for those who submitted eligible applications to the Fund between the date of enactment (Dec. 29, 2022), and June 27, 2023, which is the date by which claimants must have applied to the Fund to be considered for catch-up payments. We refer to this time frame, Dec. 29, 2022 through June 27, 2023, as the “statutory application time frame” throughout the remainder of this notice. In general, the deadline for submitting a claim to the Fund is not later than 90 days after obtaining a final judgment. However, the Fairness Act established a new application period for all 1983 Beirut barracks bombing victims and 1996 Khobar Towers bombing victims awarded final judgments before Dec. 29, 2022, providing that these victims had 180 days from the date of enactment of the Fairness Act (June 27, 2023) to submit an application for payment to the Fund. Public Law 117–328, 136 Stat. at 6106–6107 (pertinent portion codified at 34 U.S.C. 20144(c)(3)(A)(ii)).

⁴ See 34 U.S.C. 20144(b)(1).

⁵ Public Law 114–113, div. O, tit. IV, sec. 404, 129 Stat. 2242, 3007–3017 (codified as amended at 34 U.S.C. 20144).

⁶ 34 U.S.C. 20144(c)(2).