

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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katura Jackson,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–1190; FR ID 245424]

Information Collection 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.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 18, 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 contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email 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: 3060–1190.
Title: Section 87.287(b), Aeronautical Advisory Stations (Unicom)—“Squitters.”

Form No.: 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 government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 200 respondents; 200 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On-occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 85 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: \$28,750.

Obligation to Respond: Require to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 157, 225, 303(r), and 309 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirements contained under Section 87.287(b) require that before submitting an application for an aircraft data link land test station, an

applicant must obtain written permission from the licensee of the aeronautical enroute stations serving the areas in which the aircraft data link land test station will operate on a co-channel basis. The Commission may request an applicant to provide documentation as to this fact.

The written permissions will aid the Commission in ensuring that licensees are complying with its policies and rules, while allowing the owners of antenna structures and other aviation obstacles to use Audio Visual Warning Systems (AVWS) stations, thereby helping aircraft avoid potential collisions and enhancing aviation safety, without causing harmful interference to other communications.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0984 and OMB 3060-1000; FR ID 245400]

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.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 18, 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 contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov*.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0984.

Title: 90.175(b)(1), Frequency Coordinator Requirements, Industrial/Business Pool frequencies.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, and State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,700 respondents; 2,700 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement, and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in sections 4(i), 11, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 301, 302(a), 303(g), 303(r), 309, 332(c)(7), 336 and 337.

Total Annual Burden: 2,700 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: Section 90.175 requires third party disclosures by applicants proposing to operate a land mobile radio station. If they are requesting a frequency that formerly was coordinated exclusively by one industry-specific frequency coordinator, they are required to obtain written concurrence of that frequency coordinator.

On August 18, 2016, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-110, in WP Docket No. 16-261, RM-11719 and RM-11722 (2016 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking), which proposed to amend Part 90 of the

Commission's Rules to expand access to private land mobile radio (PLMR) spectrum. Among the many actions taken in the 2016 Spectrum Access NPRM, the Commission proposed to make certain frequencies that are designated for central station alarm operations available for other PLMR uses.

Specifically, the Commission proposed to modify section 95.35(c)(63) to remove the use limitation in the urbanized areas where the frequencies designated for alarm use in urban areas are not in use. The Commission tentatively concluded that it would be in the public interest to make these frequencies available for other PLMR operations in those areas and sought comment on this proposal, including its costs and benefits. The Commission also sought comment on other ways to expand PLMR users' access to frequencies that are designated, but no longer needed, for central station commercial protection services, including by making available channels in urbanized areas where some of the urban frequencies are in use, including: Related costs and benefits associated with such proposals; current and expected future need for central station commercial protection service channels in the 460-470 MHz band; and how to protect incumbent central station commercial protection service operations from harmful interference if eliminating the use restriction on any frequency in any area where it currently is in use.

On October 22, 2018, the Commission issued a Report and Order and Order, FCC 18-143, in WP Docket No. 15-32, RM-11572, WP Docket No. 16-261, RM-11719 and RM-11722 (800/PLMR Access Order), in which it revised certain rules to require applicants for channels currently designated for central station alarm use to obtain the concurrence of the central station alarm frequency coordinator in order to use the channels for uses other than central station alarm operations. This requirement is similar to existing requirements pertaining to certain other channels. The Report and Order did not revise any of the information collection requirements that are contained in this collection but rather added additional frequencies to the list. Therefore, this essentially is adding an additional 200 respondents to this collection.

OMB Control Number: 3060-1000.

Title: Section 87.147, Authorization of Equipment.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.