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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **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 burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 - 3520), the Federal Communications 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: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) 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 (e) ways to further reduce the information burden for 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 Paperwork Reduction

Act (PRA) that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your PRA comments to Judith B.Herman, Federal Communications Commission, via the Internet at [Judith-b.herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-b.herman@fcc.gov). To submit your PRA comments by email send them to: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith B. Herman, Office of Managing Director, (202) 418-0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-1003.

**Title:** Communications Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS).

**Form Number:** N/A.

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

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and state, local or tribal government.

**Number of Respondents:** 6,750 respondents; 6,750 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 0.7 hours per response.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Voluntary. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. Sections 154(i), 218 and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 4,725 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** N/A.

**Privacy Impact Assessment:** N/A.

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** The Commission acknowledges and agrees that is is consistent with the primary objective of the DIRS to treat filings as confidential.

We will work with respondents to ensure that their concerns regarding the confidentiality of DIRS filings are resolved in a manner consistent with Commission rules.

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as a revision after this comment period to obtain the three year clearance from them.

In response to the events of September 11, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) created an Emergency Contact Information System to assist the Commission in ensuring rapid restoration of communications capabilities after disruption by a terrorist threat or attack, and to ensure that public safety, public health, and other emergency and defense personnel have effective communications services

available to them in the immediate aftermath of any terrorist attack within the United States. The Commission submitted, and OMB approved, a collection through which key communications providers could voluntarily provide contact information.

The Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) updated the Emergency Contact Information system with a Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) that uses electronic forms to collect Emergency Contact Information forms and through which participants may inform the Commission of damage to communications infrastructure and facilities and may request resources for restoration. The Commission updated the process by increasing the number of reporting entities to ensure inclusion of wireless, wireline, broadcast, cable and satellite communications providers.

The Commission is now requesting revision of the currently approved collection. In recent years, communications have evolved from a circuit-switched network infrastructure to broadband networks. The Commission is seeking to extend the Disaster Information Reporting System to include interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol and broadband Internet Service Providers. Increasing numbers of consumers, businesses, and government agencies rely on broadband and interconnected VoIP services for everyday and emergency communications needs, including vital 9-1-1 services. It is therefore imperative that the Disaster Information Reporting System be expanded to include these new technologies in order for the Commission to gain an accurate picture of communications landscape during disasters. The Commission has revised its DIRS

screen shots and is including a copy of the DIRS user manual for which the Commission is requesting OMB approval.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Office of the Secretary,

Office of Managing Director.

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