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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[3060-0812]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

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 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), 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 comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER]**. 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 Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov; and to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to

Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the "Supplementary Information" section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page <<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0812.

Title: Exemption from Payment of Regulatory Fees When Claiming Non-Profit Status.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Not-for-profit organizations and business or other for-profit organizations.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 19,169 respondents; 19,269 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes (0.5 hours).

Frequency of Response: Annual, on occasion and one-time reporting requirements and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection (IC) is contained in 47 U.S.C. 159.

Total Annual Burden: 9,635 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Licensees or regulatees concerned about disclosure of sensitive information in any submissions to the Commission may request confidential treatment pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is required to assess and collect regulatory fees from its licensees and regulatees in order to recover its costs incurred in conducting enforcement, policy and rulemaking, international and user information services.

The purposes for the requirements are to facilitate: (1) the statutory provision that non-profit entities be exempt from payment of regulatory fees; and (2) the FCC's ability to audit regulatory fee payment compliance.

In order to develop a *Schedule of Regulatory Fees*, the FCC must, as accurately as possible, estimate the number of fee payment entities and distribute the costs. These estimates must be adjusted to account for any licensees or regulatees that are exempt from payment of regulatory fees. The FCC, therefore, requires all licensees and regulatees that claim exemption as non-profit entities to provide one-time only documentation sufficient to establish their non-profit status. Further, the FCC is requesting that it be similarly notified if for any reason that status changes. The documentation necessary to provide to the Commission will likely take the form of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Determination Letter, a state charter indicating non-profit status, proof of church affiliation indicating tax exempt status, etc.

The FCC is requiring licensees or regulatees to maintain and to make available, upon request, for inspection such records they would normally keep in the course of doing business.

This will enable the FCC to conduct any audits deemed appropriate to determine whether fee payments were made correctly, and will help ensure compliance with the FCC fee exemption policies.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary,
Office of the Secretary,
Office of the Managing Director.

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