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DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before January 16, 2007. 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 Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918 or via the Internet at Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1032.

Title: Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices and Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, CS Docket No. 97-80 and PP Docket No. 00-67.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 611.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 seconds-40 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement; On occasion reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 97,928 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: On March 17, 2005, the FCC released a Second Report and Order (2005 Deferral Order), In the *Matter of Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices*, CS Docket No. 97-80, FCC 05-76, in which the Commission set forth reporting requirements for certain cable providers, the National Cable and Telecommunications Association (NCTA), and the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA). The cable providers are responsible for filing status reports regarding deployment and support of point of deployment modules, more commonly known as CableCARDs. The NCTA and CEA are required to file status reports to keep the FCC abreast of negotiations over bidirectional support and software-based security solutions

for digital cable products available at retail.

On October 9, 2003, the FCC released the Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (2nd R&O), In the *Matter of Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment*, CS Docket No. 97-80, PP Docket No. 00-67, FCC 03-225, the Commission adopted final rules that set technical and other criteria that manufacturers would have to meet in order to label or market unidirectional digital cable televisions and other unidirectional digital cable products as "digital cable ready." This regime includes testing and self-certification standards, certification recordkeeping requirements, and consumer information disclosures in appropriate post-sale materials that describe the functionality of these devices and the need to obtain a security module from their cable operator. To the extent manufacturers have complaints regarding the certification process, they may file formal complaints with the Commission. In addition, should manufacturers have complaints regarding administration of the Dynamic Feedback Arrangement Scrambling Technique or DFAST license which governs the scrambling technology needed to build unidirectional digital cable products, they may also file complaints with the FCC. The 2nd R&O also prohibits MVPDs from encoding content to activate selectable output controls on unidirectional digital cable products, or the down-resolution of unencrypted broadcast television programming. MVPDs are also limited in the levels of copy protection that could be applied to various categories of programming. As a part of these encoding rules is a petition process for new services within existing business models, a PR Newswire Notice relating to initial classification of new business models, and a complaints process for disputes regarding new business models.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

November 7, 2006.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid 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 control number. 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; and (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.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before December 15, 2006. 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: You may submit your Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments by email or U.S. postal mail. To submit your comments by e-mail send them to PRA@fcc.gov. To submit your comments by U.S. mail, mark them to the attention of Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 and Allison E. Zaleski, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-6466 or via the Internet at Allison_E_Zaleski@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection(s) send an e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov or contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918. If you

would like to obtain a copy of the information collection, you may do so by visiting the FCC PRA Web page at: <http://www.fcc.gov/omd/pr>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0580.

Title: Section 76.1710, Operator Interests in Video Programming.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 22,500 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 76.1710 requires cable operators to maintain records in their public file for a period of three years regarding the nature and extent of their attributable interests in all video programming services. The records must be made available to members of the public, local franchising authorities and the Commission on reasonable notice and during regular business hours. The records will be reviewed by local franchising authorities and the Commission to monitor compliance with channel occupancy limits in respective local franchise areas.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WT Docket No. 06-203; DA 06-2285]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Topics To Be Addressed in Hearing Aid Compatibility Report

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document seeks comment on the three topics to be addressed in the Hearing Aid Compatibility staff report to assist in the examination of three topics: The impact of our rules in achieving greater compatibility between hearing aids and digital wireless phones; the development of new technologies that could provide greater or more efficient

accessibility of wireless telecommunications to hearing aid users; and the impact of the compatibility requirements on cochlear implant and middle ear implant users and their ability to use digital wireless phones.

DATES: Comments are due December 15, 2006 and Reply comments are due January 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by WT Docket No. 06-203, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Federal Communications Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by e-mail: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Clearwater or Peter Trachtenberg, Spectrum & Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 8, 2006, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a public notice in which it seeks comments on topics to be addressed in the hearing aid compatibility report. Interested parties may file comments by December 15, 2006 and reply comments by January 5, 2007.

Background

On August 13, 2003, the Commission released the *Hearing Aid Compatibility Report and Order*, 68 FR 54,173, September 16, 2003 which adopted several measures to enhance the ability of persons with hearing disabilities to access digital wireless telecommunications. Among other actions, the Commission established technical standards that digital wireless handsets must meet to be considered hearing aid-compatible, including a standard for radio frequency interference that would enable acoustic coupling between hearing aids and digital wireless phones, and a separate standard for handset production of an audio signal-based magnetic field that

would enable inductive coupling between digital wireless phones and hearing aids operating in telecoil mode. The Commission further established phased-in deployment benchmark dates for the offering of hearing aid-compatible digital wireless handset models.

In particular, the Commission required handset manufacturers and providers of public mobile services that did not fall within the *de minimis* exception to offer, for each air interface they use, at least two digital wireless handset models that meet the Commission's radio frequency interference standard by September 16, 2005, and to ensure that at least 50 percent of their handset offerings for each air interface comply with the interference standard by February 18, 2008. The Commission further required these entities to offer at least two handset models for each air interface they used that comply with the technical standard for inductive coupling by September 18, 2006. In order to monitor efforts to make compliant handsets available, the Commission required manufacturers and wireless carriers to report every six months on efforts toward compliance with the hearing aid-compatibility requirements for the first three years of implementation (on May 17, 2004, November 17, 2004, May 17, 2005, November 17, 2005, May 17, 2006, and November 17, 2006), and then annually thereafter through the fifth year of implementation (on November 19, 2007, and November 17, 2008).

In addition to establishing these requirements, the Commission provided that, "[s]hortly after three years after the effective date of this Order, FCC staff will deliver to the Commission a report" that examines three topics: (1) "the impact of our rules in achieving greater compatibility between hearing aids and digital wireless phones;" (2) "the development of new technologies that could provide greater or more efficient accessibility of wireless telecommunications to hearing aid users;" and (3) "the impact of this Order's compatibility requirements on cochlear implant and middle ear implant users and their ability to use digital wireless phones." The Commission stated that the report would "form the basis for the Commission to initiate a proceeding to evaluate: (1) Whether to increase [or] decrease the 2008 requirement to provide 50 percent of phone models that comply with a U3 rating; (2) whether to adopt HAC implementation benchmarks beyond 2008; and (3) whether to