

Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be covered in the environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The document entitled "Scoping Document I" (SDI) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternative, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments to scoping, whether licensing the Mitchell Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project constitutes a major federal action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. The Commission staff will not hold scoping meetings unless the Commission decides to prepare an environmental impact statement, or the response to SCI warrants holding such meetings.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encourage to comment on SDI and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h). In addition, commentors may submit a copy of their comments on a 3½-inch diskette formatted for MS-DOS based computers. In light of our ability to translate MS-DOS based materials, the text need only be submitted in the format and version that it was generated (i.e., MS Word, WordPerfect 5.1/5.2, ASCII, etc.). It is not necessary to reformat word processor generated text to ASCII. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word

processor format then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-DOS machines. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should show the following captions on the first page: Mitchell Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11530-000.

Further, interested persons are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, requiring parties or interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) to file documents on each person whose name is on the official service list for this proceeding. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

The Commission staff will consider all written comments and may issue a Scoping Document II (SDII). SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping process.

For further information regarding the scoping process, please contact Ms. Julie Bernt, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Hydropower Licensing, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 at (202) 219-2814.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, Comments Requested

January 11, 1996.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. 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 estimates; (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 February 21, 1996. 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 comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to dconway@fcc.gov and Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or fain_t@a1.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217 or via internet at dconway@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0134.

Title: Application for Renewal of Private Radio Station License.

Form No.: 574R.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; small businesses or organizations; individuals or households; state or local governments; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Responses: 84,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: .33 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 27,720 hours.

Needs and Uses: FCC rules require that radio station licensees renew their radio station authorization every five years. Data is used to update the existing database and make efficient use of the frequency spectrum. Data is also used by compliance personnel in conjunction with field engineers for enforcement and interference resolutions. The data collected is required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; International Treaties and FCC Rules 47 CFR Parts 1.922, 90.119, 90.135, 90.157, 95.89, 95.103 and 95.107. The Commission is revising the form to include a certification block for the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

OMB Approval Number: New Collection.

Title: Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Carriers.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Responses: 431.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 4,127 hours.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is contained in amendments to Part 63 and in the Report and Order adopting such amendments. This collection is necessary to determine whether, and under what conditions the public interest, convenience and necessity will be served by authorizing particular foreign carriers, or their U.S. affiliates, to provide international common carrier service between the United States and countries where these foreign carriers have market power. Second, the information collections in these amendments are necessary for the Commission to maintain effective oversight of U.S. carriers that are affiliated with, or involved in certain co-marketing or similar arrangements with foreign carriers and that have market power. The Order adopts a requirement that Section 214 applicants amend their pending applications to the extent they are inconsistent with the new rules. Applications pending as of the effective date of the new rules must be amended within thirty days of the effective date of the new rules. The information will be used by Commission staff in carrying out its duties under the Communications Act.

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0395.

Title: Automated Reporting and Management Information System (ARMIS)—Sections 43.21 and 43.22.

Form No.: FCC Reports 43-05, 43-07.

Type of Review: Revision and Extension.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 102.

Estimated Time per Response: 941 (avg.).

Total Annual Burden: 151,868.

Needs and Uses: The Commission requires that all price cap LECs and small and mid-sized LECs electing incentive regulation file Service Quality Reports. The Commission also requires that certain carriers file Infrastructure Reports. The purpose of these requirements is to enable the Commission to monitor service quality and infrastructure development in carriers under price cap or other incentive regulation.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0544.

Title: 47 CFR 76.701 Leased access channels.

Type of Review: Extension of approval.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 550.

Total Annual Burden: 4,854 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 10(a) of the Cable Television Consumer Protection

and Competition Act of 1992, Pub.L. No. 102-385, permits cable operators to enforce voluntarily a written and published policy of prohibiting indecent programming on commercial leased access channels on their cable systems. Section 10(b) of the Act requires the Commission to adopt regulations that are designed to restrict access of children to indecent programming on leased access channels (that is not voluntarily prohibited under section 10(a) by requiring cable operators to place indecent leased access programming, as identified by program providers, on a "blocked" leased access channel. The various information collection, disclosure and recordkeeping requirements set forth in 47 CFR 76.701 protect cable operators against involuntarily transmitting indecent programming on leased access channels; and unknowingly transmitting indecent programming on leased access channels to children or adult subscribers without adult subscribers' consent.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0323.

Title: Section 97.527 Reimbursement for expenses.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of existing collection.

Respondents: Individuals, non-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 3,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12.167 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 42,585 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 97.527 is needed to assure that Amateur Radio Service volunteer examiner coordinators and volunteer examiners do not collect reimbursement for other than necessary and prudent expenses. The coordinators or persons administering the examinations must keep records of their expenditures and certify annually to the FCC that all expenses for which they were reimbursed were necessarily and prudently incurred. If the information were not collected, it is conceivable that fraud and abuse could occur in the amateur volunteer examination program.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, Comments Requested

December 14, 1995.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. 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 estimates; (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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0298.

Title: Tariffs (other than review plan) - Part 61.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Responses: 4,797.

Estimated Time Per Response: 203 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 972,423 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Communications Act requires that common carriers establish just and reasonable charges, practices, and