

assistance at \$150 per hour at 30 hours per filing=\$337,500. Total annual costs to respond-
ents = \$3,000+\$337,500 = \$340,500.

Needs and Uses: The information is reviewed by the Commission to ensure that franchising authority decisions regarding cable rates are consistent with the provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the Commission's rules regarding cable rate regulation. Commission review of appeals is necessary to ensure uniformity of interpretation of these federal guidelines.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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

June 30, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, 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(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. 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 August 6, 1997. 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 Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0536.

Title: Rules and Requirements for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Interstate Cost Recovery.

Form Number: FCC Form 431.

Type of Review: Extension of existing collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3.1 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 15,593 hours.

Cost of Respondents: N/A.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR Part 64, Subpart F, implements the shared-funding program for the recovery of interstate telecommunications relay services (TRS) costs. All common carriers must contribute to the TRS Fund and complete FCC Form 431. Providers seeking reimbursement must provide certain data. The information will be used to administer the program.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Uniform Rate-Setting Methodology.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 160.

Estimated Time Per Response: 21.8 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 3,500 hours.

Cost of Respondents: We estimate that cable operators will have postage and stationery expenses of \$15 per rate proposal to serve copies of the proposal and each set of replies on the Commission and affected LFAs. (10 × \$15 = \$150.) We estimate that postage and stationery expenses for each LFA will be \$5 to file comments on each proposal. (10 proposals × 15 LFAs per proposal × \$5 = \$750.) Total costs to all respondents = \$900.

Needs and Uses: On March 14, 1997, the Commission released a Report and Order, FCC 97-86, which permits the establishment of uniform rates across multiple franchise areas on a case-by-case basis upon the Commission's

finding that the operator's submission of a uniform rate proposal and supporting justification demonstrates that the proposed rate structure will be reasonable, taking into account all critical factors relevant to its implementation.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0427.

Title: Section 73.3523, Dismissal of applications in renewal proceedings.

Type of Review: Extension of existing collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Burden: 1 hour.

Cost to Respondents: We assume that the respondent would contract out with an attorney for the completion and filing of the request for approval. We estimate that the respondent would spend approximately 1 hour in consultation with this attorney. The respondent would be the applicant for a new broadcast station. We estimate that the respondent would have an average salary of \$60,000/year (\$28.74/hour).

We also assume that the respondent would contract with an attorney to complete and file written agreements. We estimate that this attorney would have an average hourly salary of \$200/hour—1 request × 8.0 hours × \$200/hour = \$1,600.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.3523 requires an applicant for a construction permit to obtain approval from the FCC to dismiss or withdraw its application when that application is mutually exclusive with a renewal application. This request for approval must contain a copy of any written agreement and an affidavit, stating that it has not received any consideration (pre-Initial Decision) or it has not received any consideration in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses (post-Initial Decision) for the dismissal/withdrawal of its application. In addition, within 5 days of the applicant's request for approval, each remaining competing applicant and the renewal applicant must submit an affidavit certifying that it has not paid any consideration, or that it has not paid consideration in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses for the dismissal/withdrawal of a competing application. The data is used by FCC staff to ensure that an application was filed under appropriate circumstances and not to extract payments prohibited by the Commission.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0681.

Title: Toll-Free Service Access Codes—CC Docket No. 95-155; 47 CFR Part 52, Subpart D, Sections 52.101-52.111.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 168.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 2,520 hours.

Cost to Respondents: N/A.

Needs and Uses: In the Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket 95-155, FCC 97-123, a rule is promulgated requiring RespOrgs who wish to make a specific toll free number unavailable to submit written requests to DSMI, the toll-free database administrator. The requests shall include the appropriate documentation of the reason for the request.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 31, 1996, the Commission released a Memorandum Opinion and Order ("MO&O"), FCC 96-491, MM Docket No. 92-266, in response to the decision of the court in *Time Warner Co. v. FCC*, 56 F.3d 151 (D.C. Cir. 1995). Among other things, the MO&O revised Commission rulesection 47 CFR 76.913 Assumption of jurisdiction by the Commission. Section 76.913 permits local franchising authorities ("LFAs") that are unable to meet certification standards to petition the Commission to regulate the rates for basic cable service and associated equipment of its franchisee. If the franchising authority lacks the resources to administer rate regulation, its petition no longer must be accompanied by a demonstration that franchise fees are insufficient to fund any additional activities required to administer basic service rate regulation. Elimination of this requirement constitutes a modified information collection requirement. All other information collection requirements contained in Section 76.913 remain intact. The MO&O also amended Commission rulesection 47 CFR 76.922 Rates for Basic Service Tiers and Cable Programming Tiers. Section 76.922(f)(4) was amended to permit cable operators to adjust their current permissible rates to reflect the rates the operators would currently be charging if they had been permitted to include increases in external costs occurring between September 30, 1992 and their initial date of regulation (this period of time is also referred to as the "gap period") reduced by inflation increases already received with respect to those costs. The increase in rates due to external cost changes that occurred during the gap period shall be reflected in the cable operator's next rate adjustment filing in accordance with the Commission's current rules. Section 76.922(f)(4) is the only portion of Section 76.922 to be amended by the MO&O, therefore, the other information collection requirements contained in Section

76.922 remain intact. The information collection control number 3060-0607 reports on some, but not all, of the information collection requirements contained in Section 76.922. Specifically, 3060-0607 reports on the Section 76.922(f)(4) gap period adjustment process, as well as the Section 76.922(b)(5) streamlined rate reduction process and the Section 76.922(e)(7) headend upgrade certification process. Although the MO&O only amended the gap period process, pursuant to the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, we are required to initiate OMB review and public comment on the entire OMB control number 3060-0607. We therefore invite the public to take this opportunity to also comment on the streamlined rate reduction process and the headend upgrade certification process. Section 76.922(b)(5) provides that an eligible small system that elects to use the streamlined rate reduction process must implement the required rate reductions and provide written notice of such reductions to local subscribers, the local franchising authority ("LFA"), and the Commission.

Section 76.922(e)(7) permits qualified small systems and small systems owned by small multiple system operators to increase rates to recover the actual cost of the headend equipment required to add up to seven channels to Cable Programming Service Tiers ("CPSTs") and single-tier systems, not to exceed \$5,000 per additional channel. These rate increases may occur between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1997, as a result of additional channels offered on those tiers after May 14, 1994. In order to recover costs for headend equipment pursuant to this paragraph, systems must certify to the Commission their eligibility to use this paragraph, and the level of costs they have actually incurred for adding the headend equipment and the depreciation schedule for the equipment.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0561.

Title: Section 76.913 Assumption of jurisdiction by the Commission.

Type of Review: Revision of an existing collection.

Respondents: Business and for profit entities; state, local and tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: We estimate that 50 petitions are filed annually. The average burden on petitioners is estimated at an average of 8 hours per petition. 50 petitions × 8 hours per petition = 400 hours.