

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority 5 CFR 1320 Authority, Comments Requested**

February 20, 2003.

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, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current 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 May 2, 2003. 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 Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0474.

Title: Section 74.1263, Time of Operation.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 38 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$0.00.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 74.1263(c) requires licensees of FM translator or booster stations to notify the Commission of their intent to discontinue operations for 30 or more consecutive days. In addition, licensees must notify the Commission within 48 hours of the station's return to operation. Section 74.1263(d) requires FM translator or booster station licensees to notify the Commission of their intent to permanently discontinue operations and to forward the station license to the FCC for cancellation. FCC staff uses these data to keep records up-to-date. These notifications inform FCC staff that frequencies are not being used for a specified amount of time and that frequencies have become available for other users.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0602.

Title: Section 76.917, Notification of Certification Withdrawal.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time reporting requirement.

Total annual burden: 3 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$0.00.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 76.917 of the FCC Rules requires a local franchising authority ("LFA") that has been certified to regulate basic service tier ("BST") cable rates to notify the Commission if it no longer intends to regulate BST cable rates. The notifications are used by the Commission to readily determine the extent of BST rate regulation of cable systems and to be aware of circumstances where certified LFAs no longer intend to regulate BST cable rates.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested**

February 21, 2003.

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, 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: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments May 2, 2003. 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 Herman, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-C804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judy Boley Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0927.

Title: Auditor's Annual Independence and Objectivity Certification.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 5.
Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The Responsible Accounting Officer (RAO) letter requires that carriers' independent auditors disclose in writing all relationships between the auditor and its related entities and the carrier and its related entities that in the auditor's professional judgment may reasonably be thought to bear on independence; confirm in writing in its professional judgment it is independent of the carrier; and discuss the auditor's independence. The information will be used to determine whether the independent auditors are performing their audits independently and unbiased of the carrier they audit.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

AGENCY: Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning grants.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of the availability of mitigation planning grants for fiscal year (FY) 2003 under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, authorized by section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5133, as amended by section 102 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), Public Law 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552. Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, H.J. Res. 2 (February 20, 2003), directs FEMA to provide \$250,000 of the FY 2003 appropriation to each of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa for eligible State and local (to include Indian Tribal governments) hazard mitigation planning. However, a general provision in the law directs that every program, project, and activity be reduced by .65 percent. Therefore, the maximum Federal share is \$248,375.

FEMA will contribute up to 75 percent of the cost of activities approved for funding up to a maximum of \$248,375. At least 25 percent of the total eligible costs must be provided from a non-Federal source. There will be no additional FEMA funding available for cost overruns.

All contributions, cash and in-kind, are accepted as part of the non-Federal matching share. Except as allowed by Federal statute, no other Federal funds can be used as a match. Requirements for in-kind contributions can be found in 44 CFR 13.24. In-kind contributions must be comprised of eligible program costs. The following documentation is required for in-kind contributions: record of source of donor, dates, rates, amounts, and deposit slips (cash contributions only).

Grants awarded to small, impoverished communities may receive a Federal cost share of up to 90 percent of the total cost to implement eligible PDM activities. A small, impoverished community must meet all of the following criteria:

- It must be a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals that is identified by the State as a rural community, and is not a remote area within the corporate boundaries of a larger city;
- It must be economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of national per capita income, based on best available data;
- It must have a local unemployment rate that exceeds by one percentage point or more, the most recently reported, average yearly national unemployment rate; and
- It must meet any other factors as determined by the State in which the community is located.

DATES: Each of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa must submit a grant application to the appropriate FEMA Regional Office by April 30, 2003. If an applicant cannot meet the April 30, 2003, application deadline due to budget issues related to cost share, a letter of intent must be submitted to the Regional Director by April 30, 2003. The letter should indicate the intent to submit a FY 2003 PDM planning grant application, include an explanation of relevant budget issues, and provide a list of proposed activities and sub-grantees. Grant applications from applicants that submit a letter of intent by April 30, 2003, are due to FEMA by July 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: FEMA Regional Offices:

Serving Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts: FEMA Region I, Federal Regional Center, Building A, 63 Old Marlboro Road, Maynard, MA 01754-2147.

Serving New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands: FEMA Region II, 26 Federal Plaza, Rm. 1337, New York, NY 10278-0002.

Serving the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia: FEMA Region III, 1 Independence Mall, 6th Floor, 615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404.

Serving Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee: FEMA Region IV, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

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Serving Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska: FEMA Region VII, 2323 Grand Avenue, Suite 900, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Serving Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming: FEMA Region VIII, Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Box 25267, Denver, CO 80225-0267.

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Serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: FEMA Region X, Federal Regional Center, 130 228th Street, SW., Bothell, WA 98021-979.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Lawless, Program Planning and Delivery Division, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 401, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3027 or E-mail: Margaret.Lawless@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Appropriations

Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, H.J. Res. 2 (February