

rulemaking to reform our system of universal service so that universal service is preserved and advanced as markets move toward competition. On May 8, 1997, the Commission released a Report and Order on Universal Service (Universal Service Order) in CC Docket 96-45 that established new federal universal service support mechanisms consistent with section 254. In the Universal Service Order, the Commission expanded and made competitively neutral its programs for low-income consumers, Lifeline and Link Up. On December 30, 1997, the Commission released a Fourth Order on Reconsideration that amended some of the Lifeline and Link Up rules. The following describes the universal service support reimbursement available to eligible telecommunications carriers for providing Lifeline and Link Up programs to qualifying low-income customers: Eligible telecommunications carriers are permitted to receive universal service support reimbursement for offering Lifeline service to qualifying low-income customers; eligible telecommunications carriers may receive universal service support reimbursement for the revenue they forego in reducing their customary charge for commencing telecommunications service and for providing a deferred schedule for payment of the charges assessed for commencing service for which the consumer does not pay interest, in conformity with 47 CFR 54.411; eligible telecommunications carriers providing toll-limitation services (TLS) for qualifying low-income subscribers will be compensated from universal service mechanisms for the incremental cost of providing either toll blocking or toll control; and eligible telecommunications carriers that serve qualifying low-income consumers who have toll blocking shall receive universal service support reimbursement for waiving the Presubscribed Interexchange Carriers Charge (PICC) for Lifeline customers. FCC Form 497 implements the Lifeline and Link Up reimbursement programs. This information is necessary in order for eligible telecommunications carriers to receive universal service support reimbursement for providing Lifeline and Link Up.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

March 6, 1998.

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. Any 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 May 12, 1998. 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-XXXX.
Title: Application for DTV Broadcast Station License.

Form Number: FCC Form 302-DTV.
Type of Review: New collection.
Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 19 hours (1.5 for applicant; 17.5 for contact engineer).

Total Annual Burden: 75 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: \$172,375.

Needs and Uses: Licensees and permittees of DTV broadcast stations are required to file FCC Form 302-DTV to obtain a new or modified station license, and/or to notify the Commission of certain changes in the licensed facilities of these stations.

The data is used by Commission staff to confirm that the station has been built to terms specified in the outstanding construction permit, and to update FCC station files. Data is then extracted from FCC 302-DTV for inclusion in the subsequent license to operate the station.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Application for Assignment of a Multipoint Distribution Service Authorization.

Form Number: FCC Form 305.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 160.

Estimated Time Per Response: 55 hours (12.7 hours—assignor; 37.3 hours—assignee).

Total Annual Burden: 800 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: \$1,609,660.

Needs and Uses: The Commission has developed a new FCC Form 305 application form which streamlines the application process for assignment of a Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) authorization. This new form will replace the FCC Form 702 (3060-0068) for facilities governed by 47 CFR Part 21. The new FCC Form 305 will collect only the information required to evaluate a proposed assignee's qualifications to become a Commission MDS licensee. This new form has been developed to accommodate electronic filing of an assignment of authorization for MDS applicants. The data is used by FCC staff to determine if the applicant is qualified to become a licensee or permittee and to carry out the statutory provisions of Section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0185.

Title: Section 73.3613, Filing of Contracts System Operation.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 3,180.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 0.75 hours reporting requirement (0.25 hours licensee/0.5 hours contract time); 0.5 hours recordkeeping requirement.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Cost to Respondents: \$74,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,405 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.3613 requires that licensees of TV and low power TV broadcast stations file with the FCC copies of network affiliation contracts, instruments, and documents together with amendments, supplements and cancellations. In addition, all radio and full service TV broadcast station licensees are required to file contracts, instruments, or documents relating to ownership or control and personnel.

Section 73.3613 also requires licensees to file, within 30 days of execution, a copy of any local time brokerage agreement which would result in the arrangement being counted in determining the brokering licensee's compliance with local and national radio multiple ownership rules.

Certain contracts, agreements or understandings need not be filed with the FCC under Section 73.3613(e), but must be retained at the station and be made available for inspection upon request by the FCC.

The contracts filed with the FCC and filed in the station file are used by FCC staff to assure that a licensee maintains full control over the operation and maintenance of the station.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2261]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

March 6, 1998.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy

contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed March 30, 1998. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rule (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Tylertown, Mississippi) (CC Docket No. 97-45).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE & TIME: Friday, April 24 at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Doubletree Hotel, Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217.

NAME: Federal Election Commission, Election Administration Advisory Panel.

STATUS: The Advisory Panel Meeting is open to the public, dependent on available space.

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appl I) and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-63, as revised, the Federal Election Commission announces the 1998 Advisory Panel meeting.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Using the Internet in Election Offices; Developing a Statewide Voter Registration Database; Year 2000 Compliance in Election Offices; Problems and Solutions; Updating the Voting Systems Standards; A Review of Recent Election Case Law; Confirming Identity Through Biometric Technology; Census 2000; Communicating with the Electronic Media.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The Panel will present their views on problems in the administration of Federal elections, and formulate recommendations to the Federal Election Commission Office of Election Administration for its future program development.

Any member of the public may file a written statement with the Panel before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, Panel Chair may allow public presentation or oral statements at the meeting.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Ms. Penelope Bonsall, Director, Office of

Election Administration, Telephone: (202) 694-1095.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Discussion Agenda

1. Proposed amendments to Regulation D (Reserve Requirements of Depository Institutions) regarding a proposed reserve maintenance system under which reserves are maintained on a lagged basis (proposed earlier for public comment; Docket No. R-0988).

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Note: This meeting will be recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. Cassettes will be available for listening in the Board's Freedom of Information Office, and copies may be ordered for \$6 per cassette by calling 202-452-3684 or by writing to: Freedom of Information Office, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 for a recorded announcement of this meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement. (The Web site also includes procedural and other information about the open meeting.)

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.