FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501– 3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s).

Estimated Time per Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirements.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. There is no statutory authority for this information collection. The reporting requirements are in international agreements and ITU–R M.541–9.

Total Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Privacy Impact Assessment: Yes. The Commission maintains a system of records notice (SORN), FCC/WTB–1, “Wireless Services Licensing Records,” that covers this collection, purpose(s), storage, safeguards and disposal of the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that marine VHF radio licensees maintain under 47 CFR section 80.103.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is a need for confidentiality with respect to all owners of Marine VHF radios with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability in this collection. Pursuant to section 208(b) of the E-Government Act of 2002, 44 U.S.C. section 3501, in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552(a), the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB or Bureau) instructs licensees to use the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), Antenna Structure Registration (ASR), Commission Registration System (CORES) and related systems and subsystems to submit information. CORES is used to receive an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password, after which one must register all current call signs and ASR numbers associated with a FRN within the Bureau’s system of records (ULS database). Although ULS stores all information pertaining to the individual license via the FRN, confidential information is accessible only by persons or entities that hold the password for each account, and the Bureau’s Licensing Division staff. Upon the request of a FRN, the individual licensee is consenting to make publicly available, via the ULS database, all information that is not confidential in nature.

Information on the marine VHF radios with DSC capability is maintained in the Commission’s system of records, FCC/WTB–1, “Wireless Services Licensing Records.” The licensee records will be publicly available and routinely used in accordance with subsection (b) of the Privacy Act. FRN numbers and material which is afforded confidential treatment pursuant to a request made under 47 CFR section 0.459 of the Commission’s rules, will not be made available for public inspection. Any PII that individual applicants provide is covered by a
system of records, FCC/WTB–1, “Wireless Services Licensing Records,” and these and all other records may be disclosed pursuant to the Routine Uses as stated in the system of records notice.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is seeking OMB approval for an extension of this information collection in order to obtain the full three year approval from OMB. There is no change to the Commission’s previous burden estimates.

The information collected is necessary to require owners of marine VHF radios with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability to register information such as the name, address, type of vessel with a private entity issuing marine mobile service identities (MMSI). The information would be used by search and rescue personnel to identify vessels in distress and to select the proper rescue units and search methods. The requirement to collect this information is not contained in a Commission rule or formal FCC order, but in agreements with the U.S. Coast Guard and private sector entities that issue MMSI’s. The information is used by private entities to maintain a database used to provide information about the vessel owner in distress using marine VHF radios with DSC capability. If the data were not collected, the U.S. Coast Guard would not have access to this information which would increase the time and effort needed to complete a search and rescue operation.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s).

Comments are requested concerning: 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; the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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; and ways to further reduce the information burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC 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.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by July 13, 2012. 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: Submit your PRA comments to Nicolas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at 202–395–5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov, and to Judith.B.Herman@fcc.gov, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your comments by email send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

For further information contact: For additional information about the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202–418–0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060–0910. Title: Section 20.18(i), Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 94–102, To Ensure Compatibility With Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems. Form No.: N/A. Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,398 respondents; 1,398 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour. Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1, 4(i), 201, 303, 309 and 332.

Total Annual Burden: 1,398 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an extension of this information collection (no change in the reporting requirement). The Commission will submit this information collection after this 60 day comment period.

The Commission has adjusted its previous burden estimates. The total annual burden has been reduced by 2,602 hours since 2009 because of fewer respondents and responses.

The Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 94–102, adopted rules applicable to wireless carriers to permit the use of network-based solutions, handset-based solutions, or hybrid solutions. The adopted rules require changes both to handsets and wireless networks in providing caller location information as part of Enhanced 911 (or E911) services. The Commission adopted the Third Report and Order to encourage the deployment of the best location technology for each area being served, promote competition in E911 location technology, and speed implementation of E911.

As part of the rules, the Third Report and Order also adopted a requirement that wireless carriers report their plans for implementing Phase II E911 service to the Commission. Specifically, this report must include the technology they plan to use to provide caller location as well as information to enable public safety organizations, equipment manufacturers, local exchange carriers, and the Commission to plan and support Phase II deployment. The Commission required wireless carriers to file these initial reports in 2000. Carriers are required to update these plans within thirty days of the adoption of any change. The reporting requirements are discussed in detail in 47 CFR 20.18(i).

OMB Control No.: 3060–1004. Title: Section 20.18(g)(1), Commission Rules to Ensure Compatibility With Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems. Form No.: N/A. Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Number of Respondents: 176 respondents; 508 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour to 4 hours.