

applies to rules subject to notice-and-comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA") or any other statute. Today's proposed general permit is not subject to notice and comment requirements under the APA or any other statute because the APA defines "rules" in a manner that excludes permits. See APA section 551(4), (6), and (8).

APA section 553 does not require public notice and opportunity for comment for interpretative rules or general statements of policy. In addition to proposing the new general permit, today's notice repeats an interpretation of existing regulations promulgated almost twenty years ago. The action would impose no new or additional requirements.

Nevertheless, the Agency has considered and addressed the potential impact of the proposed general permit on small entities in a manner that meets the requirements of the FRA. EPA took such action based on the likelihood that a large number of small entities may seek coverage under the general permit if finalized as proposed. The proposed general permit would make available to many small entities, particularly operators of construction sites, a streamlined process for obtaining authorization to discharge. Of the possible permitting mechanisms available to dischargers subject to the CWA, NPDES general permits are designed to reduce the reporting and monitoring burden associated with NPDES permit authorization, especially for small entities with discharges having comparatively less potential for environmental degradation than discharges regulated under individual NPDES permits. Thus, general permits provide small entities with a permitting application option that is much less burdensome than NPDES individual permit applications.

IX. Official Signatures

After review of the facts present in the notice printed above, I hereby certify pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that these general permits will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: December 14, 2001.

Jo Lynn Traub,

Director, Water Division, Region V.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

December 11, 2001.

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, 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: Written comments should be submitted on or before February 19, 2002. 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 Commissions, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0644.

Title: Establishing Maximum Permitted Rates for Regulated Cable Services on Small Cable Systems.

Form Number: FCC Form 1230.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2.25 hours.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 11.25 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$5,281.85.

Needs and Uses: On May 5, 1995, the Commission adopted rules that allow a small cable system owned by a small cable company to use a simplified cost-of-service procedure to set its maximum permitted rate. Pursuant to these rules, a cable system is eligible to set its maximum permitted rate with the FCC form 1230 if it is a system with 15,000 or fewer subscribers, and it is not owned by a cable company with more than 400,000 subscribers. The data collected are used by the Commission and local franchise authorities to determine whether cable rates for basic service, cable programming service, and associated equipment are reasonable under Commission regulations.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0433.

Title: Basic Signal Leakage Performance Report.

Form Number: FCC Form 320.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 33,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 hours.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 660,000 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$3,750.

Needs and Uses: Cable television system operators who use frequencies in the bands 108-137 and 225-400 MHz (aeronautical frequencies) are required to file a cumulative leakage index (CLI) derived under section 76.611(a)(1) or the results of airspace measurements derived under section 76.611(a)(2). This filing must include a description of the method by which compliance with basic signal leakage criteria is achieved and the method of calibrating the measurement equipment. This yearly filing is done in accordance with section 76.615 with the use of FCC Form 320. The data collected on the FCC Form 320 are used by the Commission staff to ensure the safe operation of aeronautical and marine radio services, and to monitor for compliance of cable aeronautical usage in order to minimize future interference to these safety of life services.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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