Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Docket: Supporting documents, including the ICR that explains in detail the information collection activities and the related burden and cost estimates that are summarized in this document, are available in the docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at http://www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566–1744. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on February 28, 2017. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Under PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers are displayed either by publication in the Federal Register or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This information collection supports the consultation process by which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will refine and enhance its logo redesign and education approach for the Safer Choice Product Recognition Program (Safer Choice program), formerly known as the Design for the Environment Program. The Safer Choice program recognizes products where all ingredients meet EPA’s stringent requirements for human health and the environment as found in the Safer Choice Standard. Under the encouragement of the current program, leading companies have already made great progress in developing safer, highly effective chemical products. Since the program’s inception in 1997, formulators have been using the program as a portal to OPPT’s unique chemical expertise, information resources, and guidance on greener chemistry. Safer Choice partners enjoy Agency recognition, including the use of the Safer Choice label on qualifying products.

The Safer Choice program adopted a new logo in March 2015 in response to stakeholder feedback. Following the launch of the new logo, EPA will conduct consumer surveys to gauge consumer recognition of the new logo and understand how the new logo and educational activities are diffusing over time and changing purchasing decisions. This ICR will enable Safer Choice to collect feedback from consumers through focus groups and online surveys and integrate it into the program, which will help to strengthen the visibility of the logo and program, improve product recognition among formulators and partners, and further promote chemical safety.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR are individual adult consumers who are members of the general population.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 2,330.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total burden: 777 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Estimated total costs: $29,513 (per year), includes no annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is an increase of 333 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase reflects an increase in per-response burden estimates for completing the consumer online survey based on experience from the previous ICR. This decrease is partially offset by a reduction in the total number of responses because EPA will conduct fewer online consumer surveys. This change is an adjustment.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

Courtney Kerwin,
Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3006–1163]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

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 (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection.

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 collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before April 5, 2017. 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 contacts listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov; and to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Cathy
Williams at (202) 418–2918. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called “Currently Under Review,” (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

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OMB Control Number: 3060–1163.

Title: Regulations Applicable to Broadcast, Common Carrier, and Aeronautical Radio Licensees Under Section 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 81 respondents; 81 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours–46 hours.

Frequency of Response: On-occasion reporting required.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i), 154(j), 160, 303(r), 309, 310 and 403.

Total Annual Burden: 1,830 hours. Total Annual Cost: $524,400.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: In submitting the information request, respondents may need to disclose confidential information to satisfy the requirements. However, covered entities would be free to request that such materials submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection (see 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules).

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impacts.


• Modified its foreign ownership filing and review process for broadcast licensees by extending to such licensees the streamlined rules and procedures developed for foreign ownership reviews of common carrier and certain aeronautical licensees (collectively, “common carrier” licensees) under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act) with certain modifications to tailor them to the broadcast context; and

• Reformed the methodology used by both common carrier and broadcast licensees that are, or are controlled by, U.S. publicly traded companies to assess their compliance with the foreign ownership limits in Sections 310(b)(3) and 310(b)(4) of the Act, respectively.

The Commission therefore requests approval of substantial changes to the above-referenced information collection in order to apply to broadcast licensees substantially the same foreign ownership rules and procedures that apply to common carrier licensees and spectrum lessees and certain aeronautical licensees (collectively, “common carrier” licensees) under this information collection and the rules adopted in Review of Foreign Ownership Policies for Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licensees under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, Docket No. 11–133, Second Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 5741 (2013).

The 2016 Foreign Ownership Report and Order incorporated broadcasters into the common carrier foreign ownership rules (previously codified in Part 1, Subpart F, Sections 1.990 through 1.994 of the Commission’s rules) through various changes. Notably, the Commission added new text to certain paragraphs of the rules (see e.g. Note to paragraph (i)(1) of Section 1.5001(i)), and by adding new paragraphs where needed. In this regard, we have added new paragraph (e) to Section 1.5000, which sets forth the new methodology for eligible public companies—both broadcast and common carrier—and new paragraphs (f)(2)–(3) of Section 1.5004, which sets forth new compliance provisions for such companies.

The rules adopted in the 2016 Foreign Ownership Report and Order include the following broadcast-specific provisions in lieu of provisions applicable to common carrier licensees:

• Broadcast licensees filing a petition for declaratory ruling (petition) to request Commission approval of foreign ownership in excess of the 25 percent benchmark in Section 310(b)(4) will use the broadcast “attribution” criteria to determine those U.S. and foreign ownership interests that must be disclosed in the petition. The disclosure will ensure the Commission has sufficient information to understand the licensee’s ownership structure and to verify the identity and ultimate control of the foreign investor for which the petitioner seeks specific approval.

• Broadcast licensees will use the broadcast “insulation criteria” set forth in the broadcast attribution rules in determining whether the broadcaster must include in its petition a request for “specific approval” of a particular foreign investor because the investor holds, or would hold, directly and/or indirectly, more than 5 percent (or, in the case of certain passive investors, more than 10 percent) of the total outstanding capital stock (equity) and/or voting stock (or a controlling share) of the licensee’s controlling U.S.-organized parent company. The current insulation criteria for common carrier licensees will continue to apply.

The Commission does not anticipate that these broadcast-specific provisions will impact the time per response for broadcast companies filing a Section 310(b)(4) petition. Thus, we estimate the same time per response for broadcast as for common carrier petitions. The Commission also finds that adopting a standardized filing and review process for broadcast licensees’ requests to exceed the 25 percent foreign ownership benchmark in Section 310(b)(4), as the
Commission has done for common carrier licensees, will provide the broadcast sector with greater transparency, more predictability, and reduce regulatory burdens and costs. In addition to these tailored changes to incorporate broadcast licensees into the existing foreign ownership rules applicable to common carrier licensees under Section 310(b)(4), the 2016 Foreign Ownership Report and Order clarifies the Commission’s foreign ownership compliance procedures (to be codified in Section 1.5004(f)(3)-(4)) specifically to allow a broadcast or common carrier licensee to file a petition for declaratory ruling to remedy the licensee’s inadvertent non-compliance with the statutory foreign ownership limits or the terms and conditions of the licensee’s existing foreign ownership ruling with reasonable assurance that the Commission will not take enforcement action. The Commission is also making non-substantial changes to this information collection to renumber the foreign ownership rules, which currently are codified in Part 1, Subpart F, Sections 1.990 through 1.994 of the Commission’s rules. The new rules, as adopted in the 2016 Foreign Ownership Report and Order, will be codified in Part 1, Subpart T, Section 1.5000 through 1.5004 of the Commission’s rules. There is for the most part a one-to-one correlation between the existing rules (1.990–1.994) and the new rules (1.5000–1.5004).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
[MB Docket No. 16–306; GN Docket No. 12–268; DA 17–106]
Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Procedures for the Post-Incentive Auction Broadcast Transition

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) addresses the transition of full power and Class A television stations to post-auction channel assignments in the reorganized television bands following the conclusion of the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction (Auction 1000), summarizes and clarifies the process established in the Incentive Auction Report and Order and further developed in subsequent decisions.

DATES: March 6, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaun Maher, Video Division, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, barbara.kreisman@fcc.gov, (202) 418–2324.


The document DA 17–106 provides detailed information, instructions, and projected deadlines for filing applications related to the post-incentive auction broadcast transition. It includes details about the requirement that all stations assigned a new channel as a result of the incentive auction submit an application for construction permit for their post-auction channel, as well as the procedures by which winning reverse auction bidders must relinquish their spectrum usage rights. It also sets forth the process by which eligible television stations can seek reimbursement of certain costs incurred in relocating to new channels and Multichannel Video Programming Distributors (MVPDs) for certain costs incurred in order to continue to carry the signals of relocating television stations. Additionally, this Public Notice includes an Appendix with instructions for filing in the Commission’s Licensing and Management System (LMS) the applications required to effectuate this transition.

The document DA 17–106 provides broadcasters and other entities involved in the transition with information, instructions, and projected deadlines for filing applications related to the transition based on the following categories to which the broadcaster or entity belongs:

• Reassigned Station: A full power or Class A station that was protected during the repacking process and involuntarily assigned to a new channel in one of the reorganized broadcast television bands. This category includes every station involuntarily assigned to a new channel including those that did not apply to bid in Auction 1001, those that applied and did not bid, and those that bid, but exited.
• Band Changing Station: A station with a winning bid to move to the low or high very-high frequency (VHF) band.
• Non-Reassigned Station With Population Loss In Excess of One Percent: A station that was not reassigned to a new channel but was entitled to protection in the repacking process and is predicted to experience a loss in population served in excess of one percent because of new station-to-station interference.
• Displaced Class A Station: A Class A station that was not protected during the repacking process and is consequently displaced as a result of the repacking.
• License Relinquishment Station: A station with a winning bid to go off air that will relinquish its spectrum usage rights and cease broadcasting.
• Channel Sharing Station: Includes both a station with a winning bid to go off air that intends to relinquish spectrum usage rights on its current channel in order to share a channel (the sharer), as well as the station with which it will share following the incentive auction (the sharer).
• MVPDs: Multichannel Video Programming Distributors that reasonably incur costs in order to continue to carry the signals of stations relocating to new channels as a result of the incentive auction and that are eligible for reimbursement.

LPTV, TV translator, and digital replacement translator stations were not eligible to participate in the incentive auction, are not protected in the repacking process, are not eligible for reimbursement, and are not included in the phased transition schedule. Some of these facilities will be displaced as a result of the repacking process. Such a displaced station will have the opportunity to file an application for a construction permit to move to another channel or seek to channel share with another LPTV or TV translator station. The Media Bureau will issue a public notice listing potential channels in all areas in which LPTV or TV translator stations are displaced not less than 60 days in advance of the filing window for displacement applications. A separate public notice will outline the requirements and approximate timeline for the filing of applications for such displaced stations.

Some of the post auction transition-related deadlines set forth in the Commission’s rules, such as the deadline for filing an application for a construction permit for post-auction