On September 21, 2004, the Commission released the Safe Harbor Order establishing a limited safe harbor in which callers will not be liable for placing autodialed and prerecorded message calls to numbers posted from a wireline service to a wireless service within the previous 15 days. The Commission also amended its existing National Do-Not-Call Registry safe harbor to require telemarketers to scrub their lists against the Registry every 31 days.

On June 17, 2008, in accordance with the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007, the Commission revised its rules to minimize the inconvenience to consumers of having to re-register their preferences not to receive telemarketing calls and to further the underlying goal of the National Do-Not-Call Registry to protect consumer privacy rights. The Commission released a Report and Order in CG Docket. No. 02–278, FCC 08–147, amending the Commission’s rules under the TCPA to require sellers and/or telemarketers to honor registrations with the National Do-Not-Call Registry so that registrations will not automatically expire based on the then-current five year registration period. Specifically, the Commission modified § 64.1200(c)(2) of its rules to require sellers and/or telemarketers to honor numbers registered on the Registry indefinitely or until the number is removed by the database administrator or the registration is cancelled by the consumer.

On February 15, 2012, the Commission released a Report and Order in CG Docket. No. 02–278, FCC 12–21, revising its rules to: (1) Require prior express written consent for all autodialed or prerecorded telemarketing calls to wireless numbers and for all prerecorded telemarketing calls to residential lines; (2) eliminate the established business relationship exception to the consent requirement for prerecorded telemarketing calls to residential lines; (3) require telemarketers to include an automated, interactive opt-out mechanism in all prerecorded telemarketing calls, to allow consumers more easily to opt out of future robocalls during a robocall itself; and (4) require telemarketers to comply with the 3% limit on abandoned calls during each calling campaign, in order to discourage intrusive calling campaigns. Finally, the Commission also exempted from the Telephone Consumer Protection Act requirements prerecorded calls to residential lines made by health care-related entities governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

On August 11, 2016, the Commission released a Report and Order in CG Docket. No. 02–278, FCC 16–99, adopting rules to implement the TCPA amendments Congress enacted in Section 301 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. The Commission adopted rules implementing the law’s exception from the prior express consent requirement for autodialed or prerecorded calls to wireless numbers “solely to collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the United States,” and placing limits on the number and duration of autodialed or prerecorded calls to wireless numbers “to collect a debt owed or guaranteed by the United States.” Federal government callers and contractors making these calls on behalf of the federal government, without prior express consent of the called party, may call the person or persons responsible for paying the debt at one of three phone numbers specified in the rules, may call three times during a 30-day period, may call between between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time at the debtor’s location, may not call once the debtor requests that the calls cease, and must transfer the stop-call request to the new servicer if the debt servicer changes. Callers must notify debtors of their right to request that no further autodialed or prerecorded calls be made to the debtor for the life of the debt. Prerecorded calls may not exceed 60 seconds, excluding required disclosures and stop-calling instructions. Text messages are limited to 160 characters, including required disclosures, which may be sent in a separate text message. Calls may be made (1) once the debt is delinquent and, (2) if the debt is not yet delinquent, then after one of the following events: The end of a grace, deferment, or forbearance period; expiration of an alternative payment arrangement; or occurrence of a similar time-sensitive event or deadline affecting the amount or timing of payments due.

Federal Communications Commission
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Office of the Secretary.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collections 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 burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. 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 FCC 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 March 20, 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 below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Control No.: 3060–1203. Title: Section 79.107 User Interfaces Provided by Digital Apparatus; Section
79.108 Video Programming Guides and Menus Provided by Navigation Devices; Section 79.110 Complaint Procedures for User Interfaces, Menus and Guides, and Activating Accessibility Features on Digital Apparatus and Navigation Devices.

Form No.: N/A.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal government.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 4,175 respondents and 516,982 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 0.0167 hours to 10 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement; Recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.
The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA), Public Law 111–260, 124 Stat. 2751, and sections 4(i), 4(j), 303(r), 303(u), 303(aa), 303(bb), and 716(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 303(r), 303(u), 303(aa), 303(bb), and 617(g).
Total Annual Burden: 24,043 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: $70,500.
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Confidentiality is an issue to the extent that individuals and households provide personally identifiable information, which is covered under the FCC’s updated system of records notice (SORN), FCC/CGB–1, “Informal Complaints, Inquiries, and Requests for Dispute Assistance.” As required by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commission also published a SORN, FCC/CGB–1 “Informal Complaints, Inquiries, and Requests for Dispute Assistance,” in the Federal Register on August 15, 2014 (79 FR 48152) which became effective on September 24, 2014.

Privacy Impact Assessment: The FCC completed a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) on June 28, 2007. It may be reviewed at http://www.fcc.gov/omb/privacyact/Privacy-Impact-Assessment.html. The Commission is in the process of updating the PIA to incorporate various revisions to it as a result of revisions to the SORN.

Needs and Uses: The Commission consolidated all of the FCC informal consumer complaint intake into an online consumer complaint portal, which allows the Commission to better manage the collection of informal consumer complaints. Informal consumer complaints consist of informal consumer complaints, inquiries and comments. This revised information collection requests OMB approval for the addition of a layer of consumer reported complaint information related to the FCC’s disability accessibility requirements for video programming digital apparatus and navigation device user interfaces (e.g., TV and set-top box controls, menus, and program guides). The information collection burdens associated with these complaints is being transferred from OMB Control Number 3060–1203 to OMB Control Number 3060–0874 to enable consumers to file complaints related to the Commission’s user interfaces accessibility requirements through the Commission’s online complaint portal.

On October 29, 2013, in document FCC 13–156, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the User Interfaces Accessibility Order), MB Docket Nos. 12–108, 12–107, published at 78 FR 77210, December 20, 2013, the Commission adopted rules implementing sections 204 and 205 of the CVAA related to making accessible the user interfaces, text menus and guides of digital apparatus designed to receive or play back video programming and navigation devices for the display or selection of multichannel video programming. On November 20, 2015, in document FCC 15–156, the Commission released a Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the Second User Interfaces Accessibility Order), MB Docket No. 12–108, published at 81 FR 5921, February 14, 2016, adopting additional rules to ensure that consumers are able to find out about what accessible devices and features are available from covered manufacturers and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) and how to use such devices and features. Collectively, these rules are codified at 47 CFR 79.107–79.110.

Covered entities are required to comply with the rules and information collection requirements contained in the User Interfaces Accessibility Order and in the Second User Interfaces Accessibility Order beginning December 20, 2016.

The Commission is submitting this revised information collection to transfer certain information collection burdens associated with this OMB Control Number 3060–1203 to OMB Control Number 3060–0874. This transfer is being made because the Commission’s online consumer complaint portal, which is part of the information collection contained in OMB Control Number 3060–0874, is being revised to enable consumers to file complaints related to the Commission’s user interfaces accessibility requirements through the Commission’s online complaint portal.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0874.
Title: Consumer Complaint Portal.
General Complaints, Obscenity or Indecency Complaints, Complaints under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Slamming Complaints, RDAs and Communications Disability Accessibility Complaints.
Form Number: N/A.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 335,979 respondents:
335,979 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes (.25 hours) to 30 minutes (.50 hours).
Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.
Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.
The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act).
Total Annual Burden: 84,006 hours.
Total Annual Cost: None.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Confidentiality is an issue to the extent that individuals and households provide personally identifiable information, which is covered under the FCC’s updated system of records notice (SORN), FCC/CGB–1, “Informal Complaints, Inquiries and Requests for Dispute Assistance.” As required by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commission also published a SORN, FCC/CGB–1 “Informal Complaints, Inquiries, and Requests for Dispute Assistance,” in the Federal Register on August 15, 2014 (79 FR 48152) which became effective on September 24, 2014.
Federal Communications Commission
Marlene H. Dortch, 
Secretary, Office of the Secretary.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
[OMB 3060–0214]
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 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), 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 February 16, 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.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Control Number: 3060–0214.
Title: Sections 73.3526 and 73.3527, Local Public Inspection Files; Sections 73.1212, 76.1701 and 73.1943, Political Files.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Respondents: Business or other for profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal government; Individuals or households.
Number of Respondents and Responses: 24,013 respondents; 63,364 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 1–52 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, Recordkeeping requirement, Third party disclosure requirement.
Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority that covers this information collection is contained in Sections 151, 152, 154(i), 303, 307 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
Total Annual Burden: 2,087,626 hours.
Total Annual Cost: $27,363.
Privacy Impact Assessment: The Commission prepared a system of records notice (SORN), FCC/MB–2, “Broadcast Station Public Inspection Files,” that contains the information collected in the broadcast station public inspection files located on the Commission’s Web site. The Commission will revise appropriate privacy requirements as necessary to include any entities and information added to the online public file in this proceeding. Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Most of the documents comprising the public file consist of materials that are not of a confidential nature. Respondents complying with the information collection requirements may request that the information they submit be withheld from disclosure. If confidentiality is requested, such requests will be processed in accordance with the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 0.459.
In addition, the Commission has adopted provisions that permit respondents subject to the information collection requirement for Shared Service Agreements to redact confidential or proprietary information from their disclosures.
Needs and Uses: The information collection requirements included under this OMB Control Number 3060–0214, requires commercial broadcast stations to maintain for public inspection a file containing the material set forth in 47 CFR 73.3526.
This collection is being revised to reflect the burden associated with the Shared Service Agreement disclosure requirements adopted in the 2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review (81 FR 76220, Nov. 1, 2016, FCC 16–167, rel. Aug. 25, 2016). The collection requires commercial television stations to place in their online public inspection file a copy of every Shared Service Agreement for the station (with the substance of oral agreements reported in writing), regardless of whether the agreement involves commercial television stations in the same market or in different markets, with confidential or proprietary information redacted where appropriate. For purposes of this collection, a Shared Service Agreement is any agreement or series of agreements in which (1) a station provides any station-related services, including, but not limited to, administrative, technical, sales, and/or programming support, to a station that is not directly or indirectly under common de jure control permitted under the Commission’s regulations; or (2) stations that are not directly or indirectly under common de jure control permitted under the Commission’s regulations collaborate to provide or enable the provision of station-related services, including, but not limited to, administrative, technical, sales, and/or programming support, to one or more of the collaborating stations. For purposes of this collection, the term “station” includes the licensee,