

private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. This final rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number and title for this final rule are as follows: 64.024 VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program; 64.033 VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program.

**List of Subjects**

*38 CFR Part 61*

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol abuse, Alcoholism, Day care, Dental health, Drug abuse, Government contracts, Grant programs—health, Grant programs—veterans, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Homeless, Mental health programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans.

*38 CFR Part 62*

Administrative practice and procedure, Day care, Disability benefits, Government contracts, Grant programs—health, Grant programs—social services, Grant programs—transportation, Grant programs—veterans, Grants—housing and community development, Health care, Homeless, Housing, Housing assistance payments, Indian—lands, Individuals with disabilities, Low and moderate income housing, Manpower training program, Medicare, Medicaid, Public assistance programs, Public housing, Relocation assistance, Rent subsidies, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas, Social security, Supplemental security income (SSI), Travel and transportation expenses, Unemployment compensation, Veterans.

**Signing Authority**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on October 2, 2017, for publication.

Dated: October 31, 2017.

**Michael Shores,**

*Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, we are amending 38 CFR parts 61 and 62 as follows:

**PART 61—VA HOMELESS PROVIDERS GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 61 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501, 2001, 2002, 2011, 2012, 2061, 2064.

■ 2. Amend § 61.1 by revising the definition of “Veteran” to read as follows:

**§ 61.1 Definitions.**

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*Veteran* means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom. Veteran excludes a person who received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces or was discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces by reason of the sentence of a general court-martial. The length of service restrictions under 38 U.S.C. 5303A do not apply.

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■ 3. Amend § 61.33 by revising paragraph (b) introductory text and adding paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 61.33 Payment of per diem.**

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(b) *Rate of payments for individual veterans.* Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the rate of per diem for each veteran in supportive housing shall be the lesser of:

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(3) For a veteran who is placed in housing that will become permanent housing for that veteran upon termination of supportive housing services, the rate of payment shall be the lesser of 150 percent of the current VA state home program per diem rate for domiciliary care, as set by the Secretary under 38 U.S.C. 1741(a)(1) or the daily cost of care estimated pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

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**PART 62—SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES PROGRAM**

■ 4. The authority citation for part 62 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501, 2044, and as noted in specific sections.

■ 5. Amend § 62.2 by revising the definition of “Veteran” to read as follows:

**§ 62.2 Definitions.**

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*Veteran* means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom. Veteran excludes a person who received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces or was discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces by reason of the sentence of a general court-martial. The length of service restrictions under 38 U.S.C. 5303A do not apply.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Chapter I**

[FRL-9970-25-OP]

**Final Report on Review of Agency Actions That Potentially Burden the Safe, Efficient Development of Domestic Energy Resources Under Executive Order 13783**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final report; notification of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing the availability of its *Final Report on Review of Agency Actions that Potentially Burden the Safe, Efficient Development of Domestic Energy Resources Under Executive Order 13738*.

**DATES:** November 3, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Dravis, Office of Policy, Mail Code 1803-A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: 202-564-4332; email address: [PolicyOffice@epa.gov](mailto:PolicyOffice@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13783, Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth. The Executive Order establishes a national policy to promote the clean and safe development of domestic energy resources while avoiding unnecessary regulatory burdens. It directs federal agencies to “review all existing regulations, orders,

guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions (collectively, “agency actions”) that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources[.]”<sup>1</sup> The Executive Order also orders the EPA to review specific rules. As part of E.O. 13783, agencies are to develop a report detailing this review that includes recommendations for reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens. The EPA’s final report is available at <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform>.

Dated: October 30, 2017.

**E. Scott Pruitt,**  
Administrator.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 13–249; FCC 17–119]

### Revitalization of the AM Radio Service

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends certain Commission rules applying to AM broadcast stations using directional antenna arrays. AM directional antenna arrays are multiple-tower installations designed to direct radio energy primarily in certain directions in order to avoid interfering with other AM broadcast stations. Approximately 40 percent of all AM broadcasters use directional arrays during some part of the broadcast day. These rule amendments are intended to decrease the burdens and expense of installing and maintaining directional arrays, especially for AM broadcasters using Method of Moments (MoM) modeling for proofs of performance of their directional arrays.

**DATES:** Effective December 4, 2017, except for the amendments to 47 CFR 73.151(c)(1)(ix) and (x) and (c)(3), 47 CFR 73.154(a), and 47 CFR 73.155, which contain new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), and which will become effective after the Commission publishes a document in the **Federal Register** announcing such approval and the relevant effective date.

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For additional information concerning the Paperwork Reduction Act information collection requirements contained in this document, contact Cathy Williams at 202–418–2918, or via the Internet at [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission’s Third Report and Order (Third R&O), FCC 17–119, adopted September 22, 2017, and released September 25, 2017. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Room CY–A257, Portals II, Washington, DC 20554. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice), 202–418–0432 (TTY).

### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis

The Third R&O contains new and modified information collection requirements subject to the PRA (Pub. L. 104–13, 109 Stat 163 (1995) (codified in 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520)). It will be submitted to the OMB for review under section 3507(d) of the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies will be invited to comment on the new or modified information collection requirements contained in this proceeding in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

### Synopsis

1. In the Third R&O, the Commission adopted many of the proposals set forth in the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in this proceeding (FCC 15–142, 30 FCC Rcd 12145 (2015)) (AMR FNPRM). Specifically, the Commission modified the partial proof of performance rules to reduce the expense and burden of such proofs, and made a number of changes to the rules and policies surrounding Method of Moments (MoM) modeling, also to reduce burdens on broadcasters using AM directional antenna arrays.

2. Partial proof of performance measurements are currently required for AM stations using directional antennas whenever the licensee has reason to believe that the radiated fields may be exceeding the limits for which the

station is authorized. Such measurements are also required whenever minor directional antenna system repairs are made that result in certain changes to the station’s licensed operating parameters. Some commenters, in response to the original Notice of Proposed Rule Making in this proceeding (FCC 13–139, 28 FCC Rcd 15221 (2013)) (AMR NPRM) requested that the current rule governing partial proof of performance field strength measurements for AM directional antenna arrays, 47 CFR 73.154, be modified to require measurements only on radials containing a monitoring point. Currently, the rule requires field strength measurements on radials from the latest complete field strength proof of performance that are adjacent to the monitored radials, if the array has fewer than four monitored radials, in addition to measurements on monitored radials. Commenters claimed that eliminating the requirement to take measurements on non-monitored radials will reduce the cost to maintain AM directional antenna systems without affecting authorized service. The Commission proposed in the AMR FNPRM to require measurements only on radials containing a monitoring point.

3. The Commission adopted the rule change as proposed in the AMR FNPRM. Many commenters stated that a partial proof of performance measuring only the monitored radials will adequately demonstrate that the directional pattern is properly adjusted, and would result in cost savings to AM broadcasters. Other commenters noted that radials containing a monitor point provide the best indication of a station’s directional pattern condition. Although some commenters favored a return to the prior rule requiring ten field strength measurements along each radial containing a monitoring point, compared to the current rule requiring at least eight such measurements, the Commission’s experience showed that the eight-point partial proof minimum is sufficient to evaluate antenna system performance, and that returning to the 10-point minimum would only increase the burden on AM broadcasters in exchange for little more in the way of useful data. The Commission therefore rejected the request to require 10 field strength measurements, and adopted this rule change as proposed.

4. Since the Commission first permitted MoM computer modeling to verify AM directional antenna performance, over 220 MoM directional antenna proofs of performance have been prepared and submitted to the Commission in support of AM station applications for license. This analysis

<sup>1</sup> 82 FR 16093 (Mar. 28, 2017).