

The additions and revision read as follows:

§ 2.10–25 Definitions.

Alternative Compliance Program option means the option described in 46 CFR part 8, subpart D.

Annual vessel inspection fee means the fee charged for inspection and related services provided by the Coast Guard to determine whether a vessel meets the requirements to maintain its Certificate of Inspection.

Coast Guard option means an option used by—

(1) A vessel inspected under a 46 CFR subchapter that is not participating in the Alternative Compliance Program described in 46 CFR part 8, subpart D:

(2) A vessel inspected under a 46 CFR subchapter that is not participating in the Streamlined Inspection Program described in 46 CFR part 8, subpart E; or

(3) A vessel inspected under 46 CFR subchapter M that is not participating in

the Towing Safety Management System option described in 46 CFR part 138.

Seagoing towing vessel means a commercial vessel 300 gross tons or more engaged in or intending to engage in the service of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside, or any combination of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside, and that makes voyages beyond the Boundary Line as defined by 46 U.S.C. 103, and has been issued a Certificate of Inspection under the provisions of subchapter I of this chapter.

Streamlined Inspection Program
option means the option described in 46
CFR part 8, subpart E.

Towing Safety Management System option means the option described in 46 CFR part 138 for towing vessels subject to 46 CFR subchapter M.

Towing vessel means a commercial vessel engaged in or intending to engage

in the service of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside, or any combination of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside.

■ 3. Amend § 2.10–101, in Table 2.10–101, by:

■ a. Revising the “Sea-going Towing Vessels” entry and, in order, adding the subentries “Coast Guard option”, “Alternative Compliance option”, and “Streamlined Inspection Program option”; and

■ b. Adding an entry for “Towing Vessels (Inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter M)” and, in order, adding the subentries “Coast Guard option” and “Towing Safety Management System option”.

The addition and revision read as follows:

§ 2.10–101 Annual vessel inspection fee.

TABLE 2.10-101—ANNUAL VESSEL INSPECTION FEES FOR U.S. AND FOREIGN VESSELS REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Seagoing Towing Vessels (Inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter I):							
Coast Guard option							2,747
Alternative Compliance Program option							1,850
Streamlined Inspection Program option							2,260
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Towing Vessels (Inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter M):							
Coast Guard option							2,184
Towing Safety Management System option							973
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Dated: December 18, 2023.

W.R. Arguin,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant
Commandant for Prevention Policy.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION**

47 CFR Part 1

[MD Docket Nos. 22-301, 23-159; FCC 23-34; FR ID 191170]

Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2023

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final action.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) amends its rules to simplify and streamline the Commission's procedures for filing waiver, deferral, and reduction requests for regulatory fees and the procedures for filing installment payment requests for all debt owed to the Commission, including regulatory fees, to reduce administrative expenses and ensure more rapid disposition of such requests.

DATES: The revision to the Commission’s waiver procedure, 47 CFR 1.1166, became effective on October 16, 2023. The revision to 47 CFR 1.1914 is delayed indefinitely until after review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Roland Helvajian, Office of Managing
Director, at (202) 418-0444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report

and Order (*May Report and Order*), in MD Docket Nos. 22–301 and 23–159, FCC 23–34, adopted on May 12, 2023, and released on May 15, 2023, as amended by the *sua sponte* technical corrections the Commission made to the language of 47 CFR 1.1166 and 1.1914 in the Commission’s Report and Order, FCC 23–66, MD Docket Nos. 22–310 and 23–159, adopted and released on August 10, 2023 (August Report and Order), 88 FR 63694, (Sept. 15, 2023). The full text of the Commission’s May Report and Order and August Report and Order are available for public inspection by downloading the text from the Commission’s website at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/regulatory-fees>.

I. Administrative Matters

A. Final Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis

1. The Commission adopted amendments to 47 CFR 1.1166 and

1.1914 in the May Report and Order, and made technical corrections to the language of those rules in the August Report and Order, which may contain new or substantively modified information collection requirements subject to the PRA and new or modified information collection burdens for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). The amendments to 47 CFR 1.1166, as adopted in the May Report and Order, and as technically corrected in the August Report and Order, were approved by OMB on August 17, 2023, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as non-substantive modifications to an information collection under the PRA. The effective date of the amended 47 CFR 1.1166 was October 16, 2023, which was 30 days after it was published in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2023. The amendments to 47 CFR 1.1914 will not become effective until 30 days after publication of a document in the **Federal Register** announcing that the Office of Management and Budget has completed review of any information collection requirements that the Office of Managing Director determines are required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of the revisions to 47 CFR 1.1914.

B. Congressional Review Act

2. The Commission will not send a copy of the May Report and Order to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because the adopted rule is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not “substantially affect the right or obligations of non-agency parties.”

II. Discussion

3. In the May Report and Order, the Commission codified several of the temporary measures it had implemented in FY 2020 through FY 2022 to permanently simplify and streamline the process for filing waiver, deferral, and reduction requests for regulatory fees and the process for filing installment payment requests for all debt owed to the Commission, including regulatory fee debt. Specifically, it amended 47 CFR 1.1166 and 1.1914 as follows: (i) parties seeking multiple forms of regulatory fee relief, including installment payment of their regulatory fees, may file a single pleading in which all requested relief is included; (ii)

parties must submit their requests electronically to regfeerelief@fcc.gov; and (iii) parties seeking only installment payment relief to pay debt owed to the Commission, including regulatory fee debt, must submit such requests in writing, electronically to regfeerelief@fcc.gov. The Commission received many more requests for waiver, reduction, deferral, and installment payment relief in FYs 2020, 2021, and 2022 than it had received in previous years. As in other years, many of the requests were submitted by regulatory fee payors without the assistance of counsel. The Commission found that the procedural flexibility used during this time eased the Commission’s administrative burden and thereby reduced administrative expenses of collection. The Commission made these changes without notice and comment because they are rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice exempt from the general notice-and-comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

4. On August 10, 2023, the Commission adopted the August Report and Order, which included *sua sponte* technical corrections to the amended language of 47 CFR 1.1166 and 1.1914. Specifically, the Commission deleted “or installment payment” in the introductory paragraph of 47 CFR 1.1166 and in 47 CFR 1.1166(a), made grammatical changes to move the word “or” twice, and deleted “and 1.1914” in 47 CFR 1.1166(a). The Commission also restored the following text (bolded) that was inadvertently deleted from 47 CFR 1.1166(a) in the May Report and Order: “All requests for waiver, reduction and deferral shall be acted upon by the Managing Director with the concurrence of the General Counsel.” The Commission also (1) modified the heading of section 1.1166 to delete “and installment payment” and to add “and” before the word “deferrals”; (2) revised the final sentence of the introductory paragraph of section 1.1166 to delete the phrase “interest charges or penalties”; and (3) revised section 1.1166(b) to delete a comma and the phrase “from the date of the filing of the deferral request”.

5. The Commission also made technical corrections to 47 CFR 1.1914 to clarify the language of the rule. Specifically, the third sentence of 47 CFR 1.1914(a) was revised to read as follows: “Requests for installment payment of non-regulatory fee debt shall be filed electronically, by submission to the following email address: installmentplanrequest@fcc.gov.” The Commission explained that it made this change to ensure that, for administrative simplicity purposes, installment

payment requests that are non-regulatory fee in nature are submitted to a different email address than the email address to which all regulatory fee relief requests, including for installment payment of regulatory fees, are to be submitted. The Commission also revised the fourth sentence of 47 CFR 1.1914(a) to more clearly state that requests for installment payment of regulatory fees may be combined with other regulatory fee relief requests that are filed pursuant to 47 CFR 1.1166. Additionally, the Commission revised the fifth sentence of section 1.1914(a) to delete the phrase “their debt to the Commission.” Further, the Commission stated that the amendments to 47 CFR 1.1914 in the May Report and Order will continue as temporary measures until such time as they become effective.

6. On August 17, 2023, OMB approved the amendments to 47 CFR 1.1166, including the technical language corrections the Commission made in the August Report and Order. On September 15, 2023, the August Report and Order was published in the **Federal Register**, including 47 CFR 1.1166 and 1.1914, as fully amended and technically corrected. The effective date of 47 CFR 1.1166 was October 16, 2023, which was 30 days after it was published in the **Federal Register**. The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** to announce the effective date for the revisions to 47 CFR 1.1914, once OMB has approved the rule.

III. Ordering Clauses

7. Accordingly, *it is ordered that*, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 9, 9A, and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 159, 159a, 303(r), this May Report and Order is hereby adopted.

8. *It is further ordered that* the amendments to section 1.1914 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.1914, which were technically corrected by the Commission on August 10, 2023, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 days after publication of a document in the **Federal Register** announcing that the Office of Management and Budget has completed review of any information collection requirements that the Office of Managing Director determines as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of the amendments to 47 CFR 1.1914. The amendments to section 1.1166 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.1166, which were technically corrected by the Commission on August 10, 2023, and approved by the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to the Paperwork

Reduction Act, on August 17, 2023, became effective on October 16, 2023.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 74

[MB Docket No. 03–185; FCC 23–58; FR ID 192560]

Digital Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements associated with the Commission's rules in a Report and Order which adopts rules to clarify for all stakeholders the status of LPTV FM6 service and codify that these services may be provided by a group of 14 existing FM6 stations, and only by those stations. This document is consistent with the Commission's Report and Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of those rules.

DATES: The amendments to 47 CFR 74.790(o)(9) and (10) are published at 88 FR 59455, August 29, 2023, are effective as of December 28, 2023, except for the portion of OMB Control No. 3060–0386 that approves the one-time requirement that FM6 LPTV stations notify the Media Bureau via letter filing as to whether they will continue FM6 operations and confirm their precise FM6 operational parameters. We establish January 29, 2024 as the deadline for filing this notification with the Bureau.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaun Maher, Video Division, Media Bureau at (202) 418–2324 or, Mark Colombo, Video Division, Media Bureau at (202) 418–7611 or Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov. For additional information concerning the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) information collection requirements contained in this document, contact Cathy Williams at 202–418–2918, or Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that, on December 5, 2023, OMB approved the information collection requirements contained in §§ 74.790(o)(9) and 74.790(o)(10) of the Commission's rules. The OMB Control Numbers are 3060–0110, 3060–0214, and 3060–0386. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of these rules. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed below, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 3–317, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060–0110, or 3060–0214, or 3060–0386, in your correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via email at PRA@fcc.gov.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received final OMB approval on December 5, 2023, for the information collection requirements contained in §§ 74.790(o)(9) and 74.790(o)(10) of the Commission's rules.

Under 5 CFR 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB 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 that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0110.

OMB Approval Date: December 5, 2023.

OMB Expiration Date: December 31, 2026.

Title: FCC Form 2100, Application for Renewal of Broadcast Station License, LMS Schedule 303–S.

Form Number: FCC 2100, LMS Schedule 303–S.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 5,140 respondents, 5,140 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours–12 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement; Every eight-year reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 14,868 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$3,994,164.

Obligation of Response: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for the collection is contained sections 154(i), 303, 307 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 204 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Needs and Uses: On July 20, 2023, the Commission adopted Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations, Fifth Report and Order, FCC 23–58 (rel. July 20, 2023) (FM6 Report and Order). The Commission adopted a new requirement that FM6 LPTV stations certify in their license renewal application that they have continued to provide FM6 operations in accordance with the FM6 rules during their prior license term. The Commission delegated authority to the Media Bureau to determine the most appropriate means for these stations to make such certification, be it by an attachment to the renewal application or some other reasonable means. This requirement is contained in 47 CFR 74.790(o)(10).

This submission is being made to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of the renewal certification requirement for FM6 LPTV stations as adopted in the FM6 Report and Order. Since the certification will be included as an additional exhibit to the existing form, it did not necessitate changes to LMS Form 2100 Schedule 303–S.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0214.

OMB Approval Date: December 5, 2023.

OMB Expiration Date: December 31, 2026.

Title: Sections 73.3526 and 73.3527, Local Public Inspection Files; Sections 73.1212, 76.1701 and 73.1943, Political Files.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 23,819 respondents; 66,392 responses.