

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: On October 10, 2002, the FCC adopted a First Report and Order (Order), MM Docket No. 99–325, FCC 02–286, in which the Commission selects in-band, on-channel (IBOC) as the technology that will permit AM and FM radio broadcasters to introduce digital operations efficiently and rapidly. In addition, provisions of the Order require radio station licensees to provide information relative to implementation of interim hybrid digital operations. Implementation of hybrid digital operations is entirely voluntary. Commercial and noncommercial AM and FM radio stations that choose to begin hybrid digital transmissions must notify the FCC within 10 days of the commencement of digital operations. The notification letter shall certify that the digital operations conform to applicable rule and standards. Furthermore, implementation of the notification letter will eliminate both the need for the FCC staff to issue an STA to the broadcaster and for the broadcaster to file and pay the initial and any subsequent filing fees.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket 98–67; DA 03–494]

Notice of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Applications for State Certification Accepted Pleading Cycle Established for Comment on TRS Certification Applications

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission notifies the public, State Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) programs, and TRS providers that

TRS applications for certification have been accepted and that the pleading cycle for comments and reply comments regarding these applications has been established.

DATES: Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than April 1, 2003. Reply comments may be filed no later than April 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Myers, (202) 418–2429 (voice), (202) 418–0464 (TTY), or e-mail emyers@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice, CC Docket 98–67, released February 24, 2003. This notice seeks public comment on the above-referenced applications for TRS certification. Copies of applications for certification are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The applications for certification are also available on the Commission's Web site at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/trs_by_state.html. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863–2893, facsimile (202) 863–2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than April 1, 2003. Reply comments may be filed no later than April 21, 2003. When filing comments, please reference CC Docket No. 98–67 and the relevant state file number of the state application that is being commented upon. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full

name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, “get form <your e-mail address>.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW–A325, Washington, DC 20554.

Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette or via e-mail in Microsoft Word. These diskettes should be submitted to: Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 6–A432, Washington, DC 20554. The e-mail should be submitted to Erica Myers at emyers@fcc.gov. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in “read only” mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case, CC Docket No. 98–67), type of pleading (comment or reply