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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review;
Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for
which approval has expired; Cost Recovery Regulations, Communications
Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until September 2, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Porter Dunn, (703) 814-4902, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, TCAU, 14800 Conference Center Drive, Suite 300 Chantilly, VA 20151.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency,

including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Cost Recovery Regulations, Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: None. Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None. This collection is facilitated by the procedures whereby telecommunications carriers can recover the costs associated with complying with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, which went into effect on October 25, 1994.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: The average time burden of the approximately 3,000 respondents to provide the information requested is approximately four hours per telecommunications switch.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total annual hour burden, to provide the information necessary to file a claim under the Cost Recovery Regulation, is approximately 46,000 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: June 26, 2003.

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