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BROADCAST LEGAL SERVICES

General Radio Renewal Information

Every radio broadcast station's license expires on a set schedule and must be renewed every eight years. A station's renewal date will be determined by the location of the station's community of license as detailed in the table below. License renewal applications (Form 303-S) must be filed at least four months prior to the expiration of the station's license and should be filed via the internet through CDBS, the Media Bureau's electronic filing system (http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/cdbs_ef.htm). More information on radio renewal application process may be found on the Audio Division website at www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/renewal.

RENEWAL APPLICATION FILING DATES AND LICENSE EXPIRATION DATES FOR AM AND FM BROADCAST STATIONS, FM TRANSLATORS, AND LOW POWER FM RADIO BROADCAST STATIONS

STATES	AM/FM FILING DATES	AM/FM EXPIRATION DATES	STATES	AM/FM FILING DATES	AM/FM EXPIRATION DATES
ALABAMA	DEC 1, 2003	APR 1, 2004	MONTANA	DEC 1, 2004	APR 1, 2005
ALASKA	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006	NEBRASKA	FEB 1, 2005	JUN 1, 2005
ARIZONA	JUN 1, 2005	OCT 1, 2005	NEW HAMPSHIRE	DEC 1, 2005	APR 1, 2006
ARKANSAS	FEB 1, 2004	JUN 1, 2004	NEVADA	JUN 1, 2005	OCT 1, 2005
CALIFORNIA	AUG 1, 2005	DEC 1, 2005	NEW JERSEY	FEB 1, 2006	JUN 1, 2006
COLORADO	DEC 1, 2004	APR 1, 2005	NEW MEXICO	JUN 1, 2005	OCT 1, 2005
CONNECTICUT	DEC 1, 2005	APR 1, 2006	NEW YORK	FEB 1, 2006	JUN 1, 2006
DELAWARE	APR 1, 2006	AUG 1, 2006	NORTH CAROLINA	AUG 1, 2003	DEC 1, 2003
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	JUN 1, 2003	OCT 1, 2003	NORTH DAKOTA	DEC 1, 2004	APR 1, 2005
FLORIDA	OCT 1, 2003	FEB 1, 2004	OHIO	JUN 1, 2004	OCT 1, 2004
GEORGIA	DEC 1, 2003	APR 1, 2004	OKLAHOMA	FEB 1, 2005	JUN 1, 2005
GUAM	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006	OREGON	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006
HAWAII	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006	PENNSYLVANIA	APR 1, 2006	AUG 1, 2006
IDAHO	JUN 1, 2005	OCT 1, 2005	PUERTO RICO	OCT 1, 2003	FEB 1, 2004
ILLINOIS	AUG 1, 2004	DEC 1, 2004	RHODE ISLAND	DEC 1, 2005	APR 1, 2006
INDIANA	APR 1, 2004	AUG 1, 2004	SAMOA	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006
IOWA	OCT 1, 2004	FEB 1, 2005	SOUTH CAROLINA	AUG 1, 2003	DEC 1, 2003
KANSAS	FEB 1, 2005	JUN 1, 2005	SOUTH DAKOTA	DEC 1, 2004	APR 1, 2005
KENTUCKY	APR 1, 2004	AUG 1, 2004	TENNESSEE	APR 1, 2004	AUG 1, 2004
LOUISIANA	FEB 1, 2004	JUN 1, 2004	TEXAS	APR 1, 2005	AUG 1, 2005
MAINE	DEC 1, 2005	APR 1, 2006	UTAH	JUN 1, 2005	OCT 1, 2005
MARIANA IS.	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006	VERMONT	DEC 1, 2005	APR 1, 2006
MARYLAND	JUN 1, 2003	OCT 1, 2003	VIRGIN ISLANDS	OCT 1, 2003	FEB 1, 2004
MASSACHUSETTS	DEC 1, 2005	APR 1, 2006	VIRGINIA	JUN 1, 2003	OCT 1, 2003
MICHIGAN	JUN 1, 2004	OCT 1, 2004	WASHINGTON	OCT 1, 2005	FEB 1, 2006
MINNESOTA	DEC 1, 2004	APR 1, 2005	WISCONSIN	AUG 1, 2004	DEC 1, 2004
MISSISSIPPI	FEB 1, 2004	JUN 1, 2004	WEST VIRGINIA	JUN 1, 2003	OCT 1, 2003
MISSOURI	OCT 1, 2004	FEB 1, 2005	WYOMING	JUN 1, 2005	OCT 1, 2005

Stations up for renewal of license are advised to read the application, including all worksheets carefully before proceeding. The application contains broad certifications which could lead to potential misrepresentation issues, if taken lightly. Licensees should also participate in their station association of broadcasters ABIP program and conduct a self-inspection. The FCC's self-inspection check list is very helpful in this regard and can be found on the FCC website at <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/bc-chklsts/>.

Before a station files its application for renewal, it must make pre-filing announcements on the 1st and 16th of the two months before the renewal application is due. After the renewal has been submitted, the station must make post filing announcements on the 1st and 16th of the three months following the application renewal. Please see the chart below for date and time schedules for these announcements. In addition to the renewal applications and announcements, stations must pay a filing fee and submit a Form 159 (filing fee form) along with an Equal Employment Opportunity Form 396.

If the license is set to expire in:	Make <i>Pre-Filing Announcements</i> on the 1 st and 16 th day of the previous:	File the Form 303- <i>S Renewal Application</i> by the first weekday of:	Make Post Filing Announcements on the 1 st and 16 th day of:
February	August & September	October	October, November & December
April	October & November	December	December, January & February
June	December & January	February	February, March & April
August	February & March	April	April, May & June
October	April & May	June	June, July & August
December	June & July	August	August, September & October

Requirements for TIMING of announcements for Radio Broadcast Stations:

Pre-Filing Renewal Announcements:

- At least two of the required announcements must be made between 7-9am and/or 4-6pm

- If the station does not operate during these hours, then at least two of the required announcements during the first two hours of operation.

Post-Filing Renewal Announcements:

- At least three of the required announcements between 7-9am and/or 4-6pm
- At least one between 9am-Noon
- At least one between Noon –4pm.
- At least one between 7pm-Midnight. If the station does not operate during the hours of 7-9am and/or 4-6pm, then at least two of the required announcements during the first two hours of operation.

Silent AM/FM Stations:

Must publish the post-filing announcements in a newspaper of general circulation in the community served by the station and copy should be kept in the public inspection file.

FM Translators:

Must publish the post-filing announcements at least one time immediately following the filing of the Renewal Application in a newspaper of general circulation in the community served by the station. If there is no such newspaper, the licensee should keep a copy of the notice in the public inspection file.

Public Comment:

During this process, interested parties may file opposition or support of the station's license renewal. Stations should therefore have their public file in order and available to any parties who wish to review the file. The term "interested parties" has been broadly defined as a person who has more than a passing interest in the station. This includes a regular listener or in some other way have contact with the station that gives the petitioner a stake in the outcome of the renewal process.

Petitions to deny must be filed at least one month prior to the license expiration date and must be supported by an affidavit. A less strict 'informal objection' may be filed at any time prior to staff action on the license renewal application. Affirmative comments may also be made in support of the station's performance and must be filed within one month prior to the renewal applications.

PRE-FILING ANNOUNCEMENT

On _____ (date of last renewal grant), _____ (station's call letters) was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to serve the public interest until _____ (license expiration date).

Our license will expire on _____ (date). We must file an application for license renewal with the FCC on _____ (date four calendar months prior to expiration date) . When filed, a copy of this application will be available for public inspection during our regular business hours. It contains information concerning this station's performance during the last _____ (period of time covered by the application) .

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by _____ (first day of full calendar month prior to the month of expiration) .

Further information concerning the Commission's broadcast license renewal process is available at _____ (address of location of station's public inspection file) or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

POST-FILING ANNOUNCEMENT

On _____ (*date of last renewal grant*), _____ (*station's call letters*) was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to serve the public interest as a public trustee until _____ (*license expiration date*).

Our license will expire on _____ (*date*). We have filed an application for license renewal with the FCC.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. It contains information concerning this station's performance during the last _____ (*Period of time covered by the application*).

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by _____ (*date of first day of full calendar month prior to the month of expiration*).

Further information concerning the Commission's broadcast license renewal process is available at _____ (*address of location of station's public inspection file*) or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Now comes the undersigned who sates that the “Pre-Filing Announcement,” attached hereto, was broadcast over station _____ on the dates and times indicated below:

DATES:

TIMES:

The undersigned further states that the station broadcast the “Post-Filing Announcement,” attached hereto, over the station on the dates and times indicated below:

DATES:

TIMES:

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____