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REGULATORY FEES FACT SHEET

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WHAT YOU OWE – MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES FOR FY 2010

The Commission's automated filing and payment system ("Fee Filer") is now available for filing and payment of FY 2010 regulatory fees. Regulatory fee payments must be made no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on August 31, 2010.

This *Fact Sheet* concerns licensees of media services such as: commercial AM & FM radio stations, FM translators and boosters, commercial television stations, satellite TV stations, low power television (LPTV) stations, TV translators and boosters and broadcast auxiliary stations. Media licensees and permit holders owe regulatory fees for each license or permit held as of **October 1, 2009**, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2009. In instances where a license or permit is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2009, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the permit on the date that the fee payment is due

Commercial AM/FM Radio Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial AM and FM radio stations, holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations, and licensees who hold auxiliary broadcast service licenses for stations operated in conjunction with the main station (e.g., remote pickup stations, aural broadcast STLs, intercity relay stations and low power auxiliary stations), provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2009, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2009.

Fee Requirement: Fees are determined for AM and FM radio station licensees based upon class of station and population served. A station's class is based upon the station's most recent license that was granted on or before October 1, 2009. Fee amounts for AM and FM radio stations are indicated on a 42-block table, as shown on the following page. Fee amounts for individual stations may be obtained by accessing the FCC's internet website at (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>). If you have a commercial AM or FM radio station that is not listed, please contact the FCC Help Desk at (877) 480-3201, Option 4.

Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new AM and FM stations for which a license to cover the construction permit had not been granted as of October 1, 2009, owe \$390 (AM) and \$675 (FM), for each construction permit held, regardless of station class or population served. Licensees also owe \$10 for each broadcast auxiliary license held.

Payment Type Codes and Payment Amounts For FY 2010 Radio Station Regulatory Fees						
Population Served	AM Class A	AM Class B	AM Class C	AM Class D	FM Classes A, B1 & C3	FM Classes B, C, C0, C1 & C2
<=25,000	1017 \$675	1023 \$550	1029 \$500	1035 \$575	1041 \$650	1047 \$825
25,001 - 75,000	1018 \$1,350	1024 \$1,075	1030 \$750	1036 \$875	1042 \$1,325	1048 \$1,450
75,001 - 150,000	1019 \$2,025	1025 \$1,350	1031 \$1,000	1037 \$1,450	1043 \$1,825	1049 \$2,725
150,001 - 500,000	1020 \$3,050	1026 \$2,300	1032 \$1,500	1038 \$1,725	1044 \$2,800	1050 \$3,550
500,001 - 1,200,000	1021 \$4,400	1027 \$3,500	1033 \$2,500	1039 \$2,875	1045 \$4,450	1051 \$5,225
1,200,001 - 3,000,000	1022 \$6,750	1028 \$5,400	1034 \$3,750	1040 \$4,600	1046 \$7,250	1052 \$8,350
>3,000,000	1079 \$8,100	1080 \$6,475	1081 \$4,750	1082 \$5,750	1083 \$9,250	1084 \$10,850

Regulatory Fee Group or Category	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Construction Permit for New AM Station	\$390	1015
Construction Permit for New FM Station	\$675	1016
Broadcast Auxiliary Station License	\$10	1069

VHF/UHF/Satellite TV Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial VHF, UHF and satellite television stations, holders of construction permits for new stations, and licensees who hold auxiliary broadcast service licenses for stations operated in conjunction with the main station (e.g., remote pickup stations, intercity relay stations), provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2009, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2009.

Fee Requirement: Fees for commercial television stations are based upon the size of the Nielsen Designated Market Area (DMA), as indicated in the chart below.

Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new television stations for which a license had not been granted as of October 1, 2009, owe \$6,125 (VHF), \$3,050 (UHF), or \$675 (Satellite TV) for each permit held, regardless of market size. Finally, licensees also owe \$10 for each broadcast auxiliary license held.

Digital Television: In FY 2010, the Commission will assess regulatory fees on all full-service television stations licensed as of October 1, 2009. Because this is the first year following the Commission’s transition to digital full service television, it is possible that some facilities may be operating under a Special Temporary Authority (STA) beginning on October 1, 2009 until the digital license is issued. These facilities operating under an STA will be considered to be fully operational licensed facilities and will be obligated to pay the same regulatory fee as a licensed full-service television station. Beginning in FY 2010, the digital-only exemption (as a matter of Commission policy) is no longer applicable.¹

Commercial VHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10	\$81,550	1053
Markets 11-25	\$63,275	1054
Markets 26-50	\$42,550	1055
Markets 51-100	\$23,750	1056
Remaining Markets	\$6,125	1057
Construction Permit for New VHF Station	\$6,125	1058
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	1069

Commercial UHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10	\$32,275	1059
Markets 11-25	\$30,075	1060
Markets 26-50	\$18,900	1061
Markets 51-100	\$11,550	1062
Remaining Markets	\$3,050	1063
Construction Permit for New UHF Station	\$3,050	1064
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	1069

¹ See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010, Report and Order, 75 FR 41932 at ¶ 16 (July 19, 2010).

Satellite TV Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
All Markets	\$1,300	1065
Construction Permit for New Satellite Station	\$675	1066

LPTV, TV Translators & TV Boosters, FM Translators & FM Boosters

The Commission has established a category of “Class A TV” into which some Low Power TV (LPTV) stations were re-classified (See Establishment of a Class A TV Service, 65 FR 29985, MM Docket No. 00-10 (May 10, 2000). Therefore, LPTV stations that were re-classified as Class A TV as of October 1, 2000, as well as existing LPTV stations operating as of October 1, 2009, should pay the LPTV fee of \$415 for FY 2010.

Because the digital transition for Low Power, Class A, and TV Translators/Boosters is still voluntary, there is currently no set date for the completion of this transition. Historically, the discussion of the digital transition conversion with respect to regulatory fees has centered on full-service television stations, and as a result, there is no “digital only” exemption for this class of media services. Because the digital transition in the Low Power, Class A, and TV Translators/Booster facilities will occur over a period time, it is possible that some facilities will convert from analog to digital more quickly than others. During this interim transition period, licensees of Low Power, Class A, and TV Translator/Booster facilities could be operating in analog mode, in digital mode, or in an analog and digital simulcast mode. For regulatory fee purposes, a fee will be assessed for each facility operating either in an analog or digital mode. In instances in which a licensee is operating in both an analog and digital mode as a simulcast, a single regulatory fee will be assessed for this analog facility that has a digital companion channel. As greater numbers of facilities convert to digital mode, the Commission will provide revised instructions on how regulatory fees will be assessed.

Who Must Pay: Holders of LPTV, TV translator and booster licenses, and FM translator and booster licenses whose license was granted before October 1, 2009, even if the license expired after October 1, 2009.

Fee Requirement: Fees are owed on a per-license basis as follows:

Type of License	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Low Power Television Station, TV Translator/TV Booster	\$415	1067
FM Translator/FM Booster	\$415	1068

CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION

Beginning this year, the FCC will no longer accept fee exemption claims at the website www.fccfees.com. If you received a Regulatory Fee Notification and are fee-exempt, you are required to furnish to the FCC a copy of the documentation that proves your fee-exempt status. Acceptable documentation may include a copy of your IRS determination letter showing your IRS section 501(c) tax exemption status, or state or government certifications, or proof of your station's noncommercial educational ((NCE) broadcast status at the FCC. Documentation must be received by the due date of August 31, 2010. To claim your fee exemption:

You may e-mail your documentation to the FCC at ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov, or

You may fax your documentation to the FCC at (202) 418-7869, or

You may mail your documentation to: FCC, Office of the Managing Director, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A625, Washington, DC, 20554

MANDATORY USE OF FEE FILER

For FY 2010, the use of the online system (Fee Filer) for payment of regulatory fees has not changed from the process used in FY 2009: licensees and regulatees must first enter the Commission's Fee Filer system with a valid FRN and password, and follow the online prompts to generate a Form 159-E voucher to be submitted with the appropriate regulatory fee payment to the designated entity, U.S. Bank. Only Form 159-E vouchers generated from Fee Filer will be permitted to be submitted with regulatory fee payments to U.S. Bank. Instructions on the use and submission of Form 159-E payments are available on the Commission's website at the industry-appropriate section under the heading, *Who Owes Fees & What is My Fee FY2010* (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>). Please note that the use of the online Fee Filer system is mandatory, and filers are reminded that hardcopy/paper bills will no longer be mailed by the FCC. However, these bills are available for viewing in the Regulatory Fee link of Fee Filer. For additional information, please contact the Financial Operations Help Desk at 877-480-3201, Option 4.

There are many benefits to licensees and regulatees in using the Commission's Fee Filer system: 1) expeditious submission of payment; 2) no postage or courier costs (when paid electronically through Fee Filer); 3) fewer errors caused by illegible handwriting or payments submitted without an FRN number or the appropriate data attributes (*e.g.*, payers will avoid receiving delinquency notices because of payment submission errors); 4) improved recordkeeping and payment reconciliation; 5) reduced administrative burden on both licensees and regulatees on Commission staff in processing regulatory fee payments; 6) less expensive than a wire transfer; and 7) a reduced burden of preparing, mailing, and storing paper documents.

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