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MEDIA BUREAU IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF FCC FORMS 301-CA, 346, 349 AND 350

By this Public Notice the Media Bureau announces mandatory electronic filing for the following FCC Forms:

- **FCC 301-CA**, Application for Authority to Make Changes in a Class A Television Broadcast Station, (June 2000 Edition),
- **FCC 346**, Application for Authority to Construct or Make Changes in a Low Power TV, TV Translator, or TV Booster Station, (June 2000 Edition),
- **FCC 349**, Application for Authority to Construct or Make Changes in a FM Translator or FM Booster Station, (March 2001 Edition),
- **FCC 350**, Application for a FM Translator or FM Booster Station License, (April 2001 Edition).

Mandatory electronic filing will commence on May 21, 2002. Paper versions of these forms will not be accepted for filing after May 20, 2002, unless accompanied by an appropriate request for waiver of the electronic filing requirement. Users can access the electronic filing system *via* the Internet from Media Bureau's Web Site at:

<http://www.fcc.gov/mb>

Pursuant to the *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlining of Mass Media Applications, Rules and Processes*, 13 FCC Rcd 23056 (1998) (*Streamlining Order*), mandatory electronic filing was to commence six-months after a given form was made available for electronic use. By Public Notice DA 01-1971, released September 6, 2001, the Mass Media Bureau made available for electronic use FCC Forms 301-CA, 346, 349 and 350.

In the *Streamlining Order*, which announced the Commission's electronic filing requirement, the Commission recognized the need for limited waivers of this requirement in light of the "burden

that electronic filing could place upon some licensees who are seeking to serve the public interest, with limited resources, and succeed in a highly competitive local environment.” 13 FCC Rcd 23061. However, such waivers will not be routinely granted and the applicant must plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting relief.

Instructions for use of the electronic filing system are available in the CDBS User’s Guide which can be accessed from the electronic filing web site. Special attention should be given to the details of the applicant account registration function, form filing function, and the fee form handling procedures, if a fee is required. Failure to follow the procedures in the User’s Guide may result in an application being dismissed, returned, or not considered as officially filed.

Internet access to the CDBS public access system at the Commission’s Web Site requires a user to have a browser such as Netscape version 3.04 or Internet Explorer version 3.51, or later.

For technical assistance in running the system or to report technical problems with the system, please contact the CDBS Help Desk at (202) 418-2MMB. To request additional information concerning specific broadcast applications, please call (202) 418-2700 (radio forms) or (202) 418-1600 (television forms).

By: Chief, Media Bureau

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