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The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Provides Added Flexibility for Filing Coverage/Construction Notifications and Requests for Extension of Time

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces two enhancements to the application process pertaining to coverage/construction requirements. These enhancements, which increase filing flexibility for applicants and expedite processing for Bureau staff, will be effective Wednesday, October 9, 2002.

Elimination of Same Radio Service Requirement

Currently, when filing an FCC 601 Main Form and Schedule K (Required Notification) or an FCC 601 Main Form and Schedule L (Request for Extension of Time), an applicant can enter multiple call signs on one FCC Form 601 only if all call signs are licensed in the same radio service. We are adding flexibility, effective October 9, 2002, that allows an applicant to file its coverage/construction application for multiple call signs on one FCC Form 601, regardless of radio service, as long as the Purpose of Submission Code on Schedule K or L is the same. If filing a Request for Extension of Time, the requested new construction date must be the same for all call signs listed. For auctioned licenses and Public Safety 700 MHz Band state licenses, the current *Purpose of Submission Codes* are 1 and 2. For all other wireless services, the *Purpose of Submission Code* is "S," except for a few unique licenses such as those authorized with an extended implementation schedule in the private services (*Purpose of Submission Codes* G and H) or developmental paging licenses (*Purpose of Submission Code* D).

Examples of filing with the above enhancement

Example 1: If a public safety entity needs to file Required Notifications for its authorizations in the land mobile radio service "PW" and for its authorizations in the microwave radio service "MW," the filing can be combined on one FCC Form 601 as long as the *Purpose of Submission Code* is "S" for all authorizations listed on Schedule K.

Example 2: If a licensee holds authorizations in the auctioned 800 MHz SMR spectrum with a radio service of "YC" and in the auctioned PCS spectrum, radio service "CW," and wants to report that it has met the coverage requirements, the licensee can file one FCC 601 Main Form and Schedule K as long as all authorizations are reporting for the same coverage requirement; either *Purpose of Submission Code* 1 (first coverage requirement) or 2 (second coverage requirement.)

Note: When requesting a waiver of the rules, only call signs associated with the waiver request should be included on a single FCC Form 601. The Bureau assumes that a waiver request filed on a single Form

applies to all authorizations listed on the Form. This assumption impacts the processing of the applications and, where applicable, waiver fees.

Creation of a Unique File Number for Each Call Sign

Currently, when entering multiple call signs on an FCC Form 601, the Universal Licensing System (ULS) assigns one file number to all call signs entered. With the enhancements, ULS will create a separate application, with a unique file number, for each call sign listed on the Schedule K or L. This “explosion” process enables the mixing of radio services on one Form and allows the Bureau to take action on each call sign independently.

We strongly encourage applicants to file electronically. One advantage of electronic filing, where fees are applicable, is that ULS calculates the appropriate fee. However, if filing manually, please consult the WTB Fee Filing Guide and remember each call sign is treated as a separate application.

Note: If one or more attachments are submitted with an FCC Form 601, each of the attachments will be associated with each “exploded” application. For this reason, when filing electronically and uploading attachments for specific call signs, please include the call sign or some other appropriate identifier in the file description; *e.g.*, “KNNN333; coverage map.” As an alternative, applicants can still file a separate FCC Form 601 for each call sign.

Additional Information

Note: This Public Notice announces new flexibility for filing Required Notifications and Requests for Extension of Time as they pertain to coverage/construction requirements filed on FCC Form 601 Main Form and Schedule K or L, respectively. Required Notifications or Requests for Extension of Time to consummate an assignment or transfer of control are filed on an FCC Form 603 and are beyond the scope of this Public Notice.

If you have questions on this Public Notice, you may contact Denise Walter of the Bureau’s Commercial Wireless Division at 202-418-0620. For additional information on construction or coverage requirements for wireless authorizations, visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/const-req>. For information on electronic filing, visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>. For services that allow manual filing, application forms can be obtained from the FCC’s web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>, by calling the FCC’s Forms Distribution Center toll free at 800-418-FORM (800-418-3676), or from fax-on-demand by dialing 202-418-0177 from a fax machine. For general information, visit the FCC’s web site at <http://www.fcc.gov> or call the FCC’s Consumer Center at 888-CALLFCC (888-225-5322) or Licensing Support and Forms Information at 717-338-2888.