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NEW COMMISSION REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CORES)
TO BE IMPLEMENTED JULY 19

Starting July 19, 2000, the Commission will begin implementing the **Commission Registration System (CORES).** CORES is a registration system for entities filing applications or making payments with the Commission. CORES will assign a unique 10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) which can be obtained both on-line and manually. Over time, the FRN will be used by all Commission systems that handle financial, authorization of service, and enforcement activities. The use of the registration number is voluntary, although the Commission will consider making it mandatory in the future.

Beginning July 19, you can access the on-line filing system or get further information on CORES by visiting the FCC's web site at www.fcc.gov and clicking on the CORES registration link. You may also file manually by completing and filing a FCC Form 160 (CORES Registration). Mailing instructions are found on Form 160. You will receive a CORES registration number automatically by mail if you were registered in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Universal Licensing System (ULS) prior to June 22, 2000.

The Commission will hold a public forum on Monday, July 31, 2000, from 10 am until noon to answer questions you may have about CORES. The forum will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC.   Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations for the July 31 public forum are asked to contact Brian Millin at access@fcc.gov, or by calling (202) 418-7426 voice, (202) 418-7365 TTY.

Further information about CORES is attached.

Questions and Answers about CORES

What is CORES?

CORES is a web-based, password-protected, registration system that assigns a unique 10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) for use when doing business with the FCC. Once CORES is fully implemented, every entity filing an application or paying a fee will be able to identify itself using its registration number. The same registration number can be used with all licensing and filing systems. The registration number, however, will not replace call signs, license numbers, certification numbers, or other numbers in authorization of service documents.

Who should get a registration number?

- Anyone filing any feeable or non-feeable application, and
- Anyone making a payment of any type to the Commission.

The registration number will allow the Commission to more rapidly verify fee payment.

When do I need to start using the registration number?

Currently, the use of the registration number is voluntary. We strongly recommend, however, that you start using your registration number with all payments to the Commission, including on applications, the payment remittance form (FCC Form 159), with regulatory fee payments, waivers, auction payments, forfeitures, and other payments and collections.

How do I get a registration number?

- Register on-line at www.fcc.gov. Click on the CORES Registration link.

- Manually complete and file FCC Form 160, (CORES Registration). You may obtain the form either at www.fcc.gov/formpage or by calling the FCC's Form Distribution Center at 1-800-418-FORM (3676) voice, 1-888-TELL FCC (835-5322) TTY. You may also pick up the form at the Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, in Room TW-B200. You will find mailing instructions on the form.

- You will receive a CORES registration number automatically by mail if you are registered in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Universal Licensing System (ULS) prior to June 22, 2000.

What information do I need to provide to get a registration number?

The amount of information varies depending on whether you are an individual or a company. The information collected generally includes your name, address, taxpayer identifying number, and e-mail address. Anyone holding a license, certificate, permit, or

authorization is required to maintain a current official address that the Commission can use to contact you. Similarly, parties filing pleadings or making forfeiture payments should also provide a current address to which Commission correspondence may be sent. For purposes of CORES, a filer, licensee, certificate holder, or any entity sending payments to the Commission is considered to be doing business with the Commission.

Do I need more than one registration number?

Each entity with a separate taxpayer identifying number must have a separate registration number. To keep business activities separate, you may obtain as many registration numbers for as many taxpayer identifying numbers as you need. You may obtain a separate registration number for subsidiaries or sub-agencies, customers, or clients.

How do I change information in CORES?

It is important that the information in CORES remains current. You can change or update your password, name, address, contact representative name, contact address, contact telephone number and contact e-mail address in two ways.

- On-line by visiting the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov, then click on the CORES Registration link.
- Manually by filing FCC Form 161 (CORES Update/Change Form). You can get the form at www.fcc.gov/formpage or by calling the FCC's Form Distribution Center at 1-800-418-FORM (3676) voice, 1-888-TELL FCC (835-5322) TTY. You may also pick up the form at the Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, in Room TW-B200. You will find mailing instructions on the form.

What about privacy concerns?

CORES is a system of records that contains identifying information about individuals and, therefore, is subject to the Privacy Act. The information in CORES is for Commission use only and will not be published or distributed. CORES information may be shared with other governmental organizations as authorized under the Debt Collection Improvement Act and for routine uses.

What will happen to the information I give you?

We will use the information to verify that you have made the proper payments and to mail annual fee schedules and other materials. If you give us an e-mail address and you are entitled to a refund of fees, the Commission can let you know if you can expect a refund from Treasury. The various licensing systems in use at the Commission will continue to be the source for a licensee's official mailing address on a specific license.

How will I know when the licensing and filing systems are ready to accept my registration number?

Over the next several months, we will modify our licensing and filing systems to accept and use the registration number. As we modify each of the following systems, we will issue a public notice to tell you that you can begin using your registration number for that system.

Bureau or Office	**Licensing or Filing System**
Cable Services Bureau	Cable Operations and Licensing System (COALS)
Common Carrier Bureau	Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS)
International Bureau	International Bureau Electronic Filing Licensing System (IBFS)
Mass Media Bureau	Broadband Licensing System (BLS) Consolidated Database System DBS) Call Sign Reservation System (CSRS)
Office of Engineering and Technology	Equipment Authorization System (EAS) Experimental Licensing System (ELS)
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau	Universal Licensing System (ULS) Auctions

Will a new box be added to the FCC Form 159 for the registration number?

A revised version of the FCC Form 159 (Remittance Advice) will be available on July 19, 2000. Your registration number should go in boxes 11 and 21 on the new Form 159.

Whom do I contact if I have more questions?

We plan to hold a public forum on July 31, to answer any questions you might have about CORES. Further information on the public forum will be issued by public notice in the near future. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations for the July 31 public forum are asked to contact Brian Millin at access@fcc.gov, or by calling (202) 418-7426 voice, (202) 418-7365 TTY.

For general information please visit the FCC's web site at www.fcc.gov and click on the CORES Registration link.

Please call, toll free, 1-877-480-3201 voice, 1-888-835-5322 TTY, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time if you need more information about:

- computer access to CORES,
- getting a registration number, or
- uploading files.

To provide better service to CORES users and to ensure the security of the electronic registration system, all calls to this number are recorded.

This document, as well as all Commission documents, is available to individuals with disabilities requiring accessible formats (electronic ASCII text, Braille, large print, and audiocassette) by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418-7426 voice, (202) 418-7365 TTY, or by sending an email to access@fcc.gov.

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