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## **FM Translator Auction Filing Window and Application Freeze Extended to March 17, 2003**

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On February 6, 2003, the Media Bureau (“MB”) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“WTB”) released a *Public Notice* announcing an auction filing window for applications for new FM translator stations and major modifications to authorized FM translator facilities in the non-reserved FM band. The *Public Notice* generally required that applicants interested in participating in the FM translator auction electronically file FCC Form 175 and Section I, the Tech Box (questions 1 – 10) of Section III-A, and the Section VI Certification of FCC Form 349. The Form 175 filing window was scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m. ET on March 10, 2003. The *Public Notice* also announced that applicants would be permitted to begin filing the Form 349 component at 12:01 a.m. ET March 8, 2003. The filing window was originally scheduled to close at 6:00 p.m. ET on Friday, March 14, 2003 for both Form 175 and Form 349 filings

The Commission will be completing certain technical upgrades March 8 and 9. On these dates filers will be unable to access the Consolidated Database System (CDBS), which is used to electronically file the Form 349 component of the FM translator auction application. To accommodate these upgrades and promote a more reliable filing process for interested parties, MB and WTB announce a delay in the start of the Form 349 filing window until March 10, 2003. To ensure adequate time to complete all filings, the window will be extended until March 17, 2003. The specific filing periods are set forth below.

Applicants may file Form 349 applications electronically between 12:01 a.m. ET Monday March 10, 2003, and 6:00 p.m. ET Monday March 17, 2003. The electronic filing of the Form 349 is available through CDBS generally on a 24-hour basis throughout this entire window, including March 15 and 16, 2003. The CDBS Help Desk hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Applicants may file Form 175 applications electronically between 9:00 a.m. ET Monday March 10, 2003 and 6:00 p.m. ET Monday March 17, 2003. The Form 175 filing system is also generally

accessible on a 24 hour basis, including March 15 and March 16, 2003. Technical support service hours for Form 175 are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

The freeze on the acceptance of FM translator and FM booster minor change construction permit applications and FM booster new construction permit applications is also extended through March 17, 2003.

For additional information, contact Jim Bradshaw or Bill Wilson, Audio Division, Media Bureau at (202) 418-2700. Form 175 technical support is available at (202) 414-1250.