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REDESIGNED APPLICATION SEARCH INTERFACE AND NEW LICENSE SEARCH CAPABILITY WILL BE DEPLOYED IN UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM ON MAY 9, 2005

As part of a continuing effort to improve the license application process, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces the completion of an extensive redesign of the Universal Licensing System (ULS) Application Search interface. In addition to the redesigned Application Search, a new search capability in ULS License Search will be available.¹ Interested parties may access the new functionality and enhanced search capabilities via the “Search Applications” and “Search License” links on the ULS homepage (<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>).

New Application Search Environment

The new design of Application Search will resemble the ULS License Search.² The new ULS Application Search provides enhanced system performance, more search options, better control of search criteria, increased accessibility in accordance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended,³ and compatibility with most major Web browsers and operating systems. The visual redesign also offers greater convenience of use with faster, easier navigation of displayed application information.

Some of the many new features in ULS Application Search include the following:

- **Speed and Compatibility**—New technology dramatically increases the speed of searches and cuts the time needed to load search results. Many compatibility issues regarding browser and operating systems have also been eliminated.
- **Simplified Navigation of Data**—You get easy access to the information in our database through new features such as navigation tabs for the application details. Application details also have been designed with accessibility in mind.
- **New Basic and Advanced Application Search Pages**—ULS Application Search has been divided into a Basic and Advanced search. Commonly used search fields can be selected easily on the Basic Search page, eliminating the need to read through a list of all search fields. You can specify more detailed search criteria by using the Advanced Search.
- **Service Specific Searches**—New service specific searches reduce your work and allow you to enter only search criteria pertaining to applications within a specific wireless service. Service Specific Searches are available for applications in the Amateur, Aircraft, Commercial and Restricted, General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS), and Ship services.

¹ As of May 9, 2005, you may search for site-based licenses using specialized search criteria such as frequency, Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number, and station class.

² Design enhancements that were a direct result of the Application Search redesign were made to the existing License Search in order to maintain a consistent look and feel in both searches.

³ See 29 U.S.C. § 794d.

- **Specialized Searches**—Search by customized criteria such as market-based and site-based information, facility identification number, link registration identification number, and ownership disclosure filing information. Your search criteria will be applied to all relevant services.
- **Search Results Page**—Displays high-level information about each application, returned in a search results set such as file number, applicant name, application status, radio service, and application purpose. Additionally, if the purpose of the application is Amendment, the purpose of the original application will also be displayed.
- **No Limit on Search Results**—There is no longer a limit to the number of records returned by Application Search. Previously this limit was set at 3,000.
- **Application Search Details**—The ULS Application Search details have been designed to make finding information on applications straightforward. New navigation tabs across the top of the detail provide you with instant access to general, administrative, and service-specific information, antenna and transmitter locations, frequencies, paths, and other data. The detail pages also provide a number of custom features for finding and organizing information:
 - Link to the details of a license from Application Search;
 - View a PDF reference copy of letters sent to the applicant (renewal reminders, construction reminders, returns, etc.);
 - Display detailed frequency data in different views;
 - Quickly access all frequencies associated with a given location, or click a convenient menu to “filter” frequencies by locations; and
 - Display all paths for an application, or “jump” to specific paths, using navigation tools at the top and bottom of the Paths detail.
- **Improved Geographic Search**—Find a location by searching around a geographic center point. Specify the point by state and county; by location street address, city, state, or zip code combinations; or by latitude and longitude. Combine an advanced search or specialized search with a geographic search to display results geographically. You also can refine a geographic search by frequency. The “Geographic Search” function also includes a point radius search around the location, or latitude and longitude search.
- **Printable Page**—A new “Printable Page” button appears at the top of every search results page and detail, allowing you to print the contents of the page pre-formatted for most common printers.
- **Reference Copy**—A new “Reference Copy” button appears at the top of every application detail, allowing you to print an unofficial copy of the application.
- **Redesigned Query Download**—Click the new “Query Download” button at the top of any search results page, enter your e-mail address, and ULS will send the results of your search to you by e-mail in a pipe-delimited text (*.txt) file. Import this file into your favorite spreadsheet application.
- **Map Application**—A new “Map Application” button appears at the top of any search results page, allowing you to generate an interactive geographical map of applications found in your search.

Note to Users Who Bookmark ULS Application Search: When the redesigned ULS Application Search is deployed Monday, May 9, 2005, the current ULS Application Search will no longer be available. Please update your bookmark or favorites list with the new URL.

Additional Information

For additional information or assistance, you may visit the Web at <http://esupport.fcc.gov>. You may also call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 202-414-1255) and select Option #2, Forms or Licensing Assistance. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.