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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Postpones Until Fall 2005 Implementation of the Automated Feature in its Universal Licensing System That Identifies Unconstructed Stations Resulting in Automatic Termination of Licenses And Announces a New License Search on Build-Out Deadlines

On January 21, 2005, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) issued a Public Notice (*January Public Notice*) announcing that it had initiated the development of an automated feature in its Universal Licensing System (ULS) for all Wireless Services¹ that will identify those licenses, locations or frequencies for which a timely notice of construction or a request for an extension of the construction or coverage period has not been filed by the required deadline.² Where the Wireless Service includes construction or coverage requirements and the licensee fails to submit a notice of construction or request for an extension in a timely manner, ULS will both notify the licensee that its license, location or frequency has automatically terminated and will list the license, location or frequency on a weekly public notice as automatically terminated.³

ULS Automatic Termination Feature

While the Bureau also stated in the *January Public Notice* that it anticipated implementing this automated feature in June 2005,⁴ we are postponing the implementation of the ULS automatic termination feature until Fall 2005, allowing additional time for licensees to submit late-filed construction notifications along with requests for waiver of the notification deadline. As we have previously stated, one of the Bureau's primary objectives prior to implementing the ULS automatic termination program is to allow adequate time for outreach to the public to provide additional information about the automatic termination process. As part of that outreach, the Bureau stated in its *January Public Notice* that licensees that have met their construction or coverage requirement in a timely manner, but have failed to submit the required notifications, should file an FCC Form 601, Schedule K, together with a request for

¹ Wireless Services are listed in Section 1.901 of the Commission's Rules, and include certain services under Parts 13, 20, 22, 24, 27, 74 (Subparts D, E, F, and H), 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101 of Title 47. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.901.

² Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to Enhance its Universal Licensing System to More Accurately Reflect Termination of Unconstructed Licenses, *Public Notice*, DA 05-137 (rel. Jan. 21, 2005).

³ The January 21, 2005 Public Notice describes in detail the complete ULS process that would lead to the automatic termination of a license, location or frequency in ULS. *Public Notice* at 1-2.

⁴ *January Public Notice* at 1.

waiver of the rule section that requires timely filing of the notice.⁵ We again encourage licensees that have not yet submitted construction notifications to use this additional time to do so.

ULS Build-Out Deadline License Search

The Bureau is also announcing that it has enhanced its ULS License Search by adding a new feature that searches on build-out deadlines. The new search, available this week, will help licensees locate licenses, locations, and frequencies where they have failed to submit a notice of construction in a timely manner or locate licenses with upcoming deadlines. Specifically, the Bureau has enhanced the License Search feature in ULS allowing the public to locate licenses that have construction or coverage deadlines within a specific date range, not to exceed six months. Once the date range is chosen, the search can be further customized by using a FCC Registration Number (FRN), licensee name, radio service, radio service group, or auction ID. In addition, the licensee can narrow the search to construction or coverage deadlines for which a notice of construction has not been filed, deadlines for which the notice of construction has been accepted, or by using both criteria. The results will be displayed, like all other license searches in ULS, at the license level and will include any license, any location within a license, or any frequency within a license that meets the search criteria. On a going forward basis, the Bureau believes this enhanced License Search feature in ULS will assist licensees in filing notices of construction in a timely manner.

Additional Information

For information on construction or coverage requirements or how to file a notice of construction or a request for an extension of time, visit the Web at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/const-req>. Have a question? Visit the Web at <http://esupport.fcc.gov> or call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 202-414-1255) and select Option #2, Forms or Licensing Assistance. Hours for the FCC Support Center 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.

⁵ *January Public Notice* at 2-3; 47 C.F.R. § 1.946(d).