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## MEDIA BUREAU IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF FCC FORM 321

The Media Bureau announces mandatory electronic filing via the Cable Operations and Licensing System (COALS) for FCC Form 321, Aeronautical Frequency Notification.

Mandatory electronic filing will commence on September 1, 2005. Paper versions of this form will not be accepted for filing after August 31, 2005, unless accompanied by a request for waiver of the electronic filing requirement. Users can access the electronic filing system for this form via the Internet from the Commission's Web Site at www.fcc.gov/coals.

When the Commission implemented COALS, it provided that electronic filing would be mandatory six months after the Commission announced that the software for its filing was available. See 68 Fed. Reg. 26997, 26998 (2003). See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.1705(b). The Commission recognized the need for limited waivers of this requirement and stated that it would consider waivers where filers can show that electronic filing would work a hardship on them. However, such waivers will not be routinely granted and the applicant must plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting relief.

Instructions for use of the COALS and assistance are available from <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/coals">http://www.fcc.gov/coals</a> under "download instructions."

Internet access to the COALS public access system at the Commission's Web Site requires a user to have a browser such as Netscape version 3.04 or Internet Explorer version 3.51, or later. For technical assistance using the system or to report problems, please contact the Media Bureau, Engineering Division at (202) 418-7000 or COALS help@fcc.gov.