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PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD JANUARY 24, 2006 ON CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTING AN AUTOMATED TERMINATION PROCESS FOR LICENSES AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF PLEADINGS

As part of a continuing effort to improve the FCC's license management process, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces the public demonstration of changes to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to implement an automated termination process for licenses and electronic filing of pleadings. WTB will hold a public demonstration of these modifications on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. The event will take place in the South Conference Room (Room 8-B516), on the Eighth Floor of the Portals II building, at the Washington, DC headquarters, 445 Twelfth Street, SW. WTB requires interested parties to pre-register for the event by January 23, 2006.

Automated Termination Process

Under section 1.946 (c) of the Commission's Rules, if a wireless licensee fails to meet construction obligations by the expiration of the applicable construction period, or fails to meet coverage requirements by the expiration of the applicable coverage period, its license terminates automatically, without specific Commission action.¹ WTB is introducing enhancements to ULS to allow automated identification and processing of licenses, locations or frequencies for which a construction notification has not been filed in a timely manner. If a licensee does not timely file a notice of construction or a request for extension of time, ULS will presume that the construction or coverage requirement was not met and will begin the automated termination process, which includes the following:

- The license or license component will be listed on a Public Notice as presumed terminated for not having met the construction or coverage deadline.
- A letter advising that the license or license component has been presumed terminated will be sent to the licensee at its official address of record in ULS.
- Licensees that actually did timely construct, but failed to notify the FCC, will be required to file a Petition for Reconsideration within 30 days of the release of the Public Notice.
- Once the time period for filing a Petition for Reconsideration has lapsed, ULS will automatically change the status of the license or frequency to "terminated," and the termination will be effective on the day the construction or coverage period expired.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §1.946(c).

The demonstration will review the steps of the automated termination process and explain how ULS has been changed to accommodate this process.

Note: ULS will continue to generate a written notification approximately 90 days before a licensee's buildout deadline reminding the licensee to notify the FCC when it has complied with the buildout requirements

Pleadings

The new ULS pleadings feature allows interested parties and the general public to electronically submit pleadings related to a ULS application or license directly from the ULS Website, simplifying the process of making these types of submissions. The demonstration will present the steps needed to: 1) electronically submit a pleading, 2) reference the file number(s) or call sign(s) of the pleading, 3) upload pleading document file(s), and 4) search for pleadings in an application or license search.

Note: The FCC will also continue to accept manual pleadings submissions at the FCC Secretary's office.

Registration

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register for the seminar, please contact Karen Shupe by e-mail at Karen.Shupe@fcc.gov, or by phone at 717-338-2515, by January 23, 2006. If registering by email, the subject line of the email should state "WTB Public Demonstration on Automatic Termination and Pleadings Capabilities." Please provide your name, organization, telephone number and email address. We will confirm your registration by return email.

Remote Attendance

This demonstration will be available for remote attendance via live streaming video through your Web browser. It is highly recommended that you install the required software and test your connection a few days before the scheduled event. Beginning January 20, 2006, you will be able to find information about performing the needed installation and pre-test at: <http://esupport.fcc.gov/streamingmedia.htm>. Following the presentation, a video recording of the event will be available at the following address: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/papers2006.html>.

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 #9. 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.