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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU CLARIFIES FILING PROCEDURES FOR RENEWAL OF VANITY CALL SIGNS STARTING MARCH 4, 2006.

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) clarifies filing procedures that amateur service licensees may use to renew station licenses that have been assigned vanity call signs. Licensees of stations assigned vanity call signs that expire on or after June 4, 2006 must use the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to renew their licenses. Renewal applications must be filed no earlier than 90 days before the license expiration date.

Licensees of stations assigned vanity call signs have the option of keeping the vanity call sign or requesting that it be changed to a sequentially-assigned call sign. To view the current fees and mailing addresses for filing an application to renew and keep the vanity call sign currently assigned the station, visit the FCC Fees website at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/appfees.html>. There is no fee to renew an amateur service station license when the licensee requests that the call sign be changed to a sequentially-assigned call sign.

To renew licenses using ULS, licensees should log into ULS License Manager (<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>, Online Filing) using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and CORES password. Licensees that wish to keep their vanity call signs should select "Renew" under the "Work on this License" option. Fees for electronically filed applications may be paid online or may be mailed. For mailing instructions visit the Fees website at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/appfees.html>. Interactive filers that choose not to renew their vanity call sign must select the "Systematic Call Sign Change" option from the "Work on this License" list. In order to obtain a new call sign, licensees should answer "NO" to the question "Your license is eligible for renewal. Renew call sign (vanity call sign)?" This will result in a new license, with a sequentially assigned call sign, being issued.

Licensees that wish to complete vanity renewals using paper filings must use the FCC 605 (Main Form). The Form 159 (fee remittance) is required with payment. For mailing instructions visit the Fees website at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/appfees.html>. Licensees that wish to keep their vanity call signs should enter "Renew" under "Purpose" on the Main Form and enter the present call sign in item 5. Manual filers that choose not to renew their vanity call signs must file the 605 Main Form and Schedule D in order to obtain a new systematically generated call sign. The "Purpose" on the Main Form must be "Renewal/Modification" and the "Systematic Call Sign Change" question on Schedule D must be answered "YES". If an FCC Registration Number (FRN) is not provided on the Main Form, an FCC Form 160 (registration) is also required for manual filing. These Forms can be obtained via the web site: www.fcc.gov/formpage.html.

For additional information or assistance on how to renew a Vanity Call Sign, visit the Web at <http://esupport.fcc.gov> or call the ULS Customer Support Hotline at 877-480-3201 (TTY 717-338-2824).

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.