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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU IMPLEMENTS RESTRICTION OF ONE REQUEST PER VANITY CALL SIGN

By way of background, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Report and Order¹ that restricts an applicant to filing only one application on any one day for a vanity call sign. Beginning on February 8, 2007, only an applicant's first-filed vanity call sign application will be processed; additional vanity call sign applications received from the same applicant on the same day will be dismissed. The restriction applies to all classes of Amateur licenses: Technician, General, Amateur Extra, Novice, Technician Plus and Advanced. Applicants will continue to submit their request electronically through the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and submit payment either electronically or manually with FCC Form 605 (Main Form) and Form 159 and the required remittance.

Previous Process:

Previously ULS allowed an applicant to file multiple applications requesting the same desired call sign. Vanity applications are processed in receipt date order, randomly selected by the system. Since granting vanity call signs is based on a random selection batch process, if an applicant filed multiple applications for the same call sign, this increased his or her chance of having an application be the first one selected. When a call sign is granted, all other applications requesting the same call sign are dismissed because the call sign is no longer available.

New Process:

ULS will now limit individuals to filing only one vanity call sign application on the same day. In the case where an applicant files multiple vanity call sign applications on the same day, only the first-filed application will be considered for the process and the additional applications will be dismissed. This new process will eliminate the possibility of an applicant having more than one application for the same call sign being considered on any one day.

For additional information or assistance on how to request a Vanity Call Sign, visit the Web at <http://esupport.fcc.gov> or call the ULS Customer Support Hotline at 877-480-3201 or 717-338-2888 (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.

¹ Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules Governing the Amateur Radio Services, *Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 04-140, 21 FCC Rcd 11643 (2006).