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Media Bureau Announces Freeze for FM Minor Change Applications and Certain Rulemaking Filings

By a separate and simultaneously released Public Notice, the Media Bureau is announcing a filing window for applications for noncommercial educational ("NCE") FM new station construction permits. The window is available for existing, vacant FM allotments on Channels 221 through 300 (the "Nonreserved FM Band") that have been reserved for NCE use. Specifically, the Media Bureau will make available 67 Non-reserved FM Band allotments, which are listed in Attachment A of the *Reserved FM Allotment Window Public Notice*. This window will open on Friday, December 11, 2009, and close on Friday, December 18, 2009.

The Media Bureau announces a freeze, effective immediately, on the filing of applications proposing to modify the reference coordinates of any of the 67 vacant Non-reserved FM Band allotments available for application in this window, or petitions and counterproposals that propose a change in channel, class, community, or reference coordinates for any of the 67 vacant Non-reserved FM Band allotments. Any application, petition or counterproposal that either proposes any change to, or fails to fully protect one of the identified 67 Non-reserved FM Band allotments listed in Attachment A of the *Reserved FM Allotment Window Public Notice* will be dismissed. This freeze will automatically terminate the day after the close of the filing window.

The Media Bureau also announces a freeze on the filing of FM commercial and NCE minor change applications. The Media Bureau will not accept minor change applications after 11:59 p.m., November 25, 2009. The freeze will continue in effect until the close of the window. These temporary freezes are designed to promote stability and predictability for applicants interested in filing for any of the Non-reserved FM Band allotments.

For additional information, contact James Bradshaw or Rudy Bonacci, Audio Division, Media Bureau at (202) 418-2700.

By: Chief, Media Bureau

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¹ Media Bureau Announces Filing Window for Vacant FM Allotments Reserved for Noncommercial Educational Use, Public Notice, DA 09-2220 (MB Oct. 16, 2009). ("Reserved FM Allotment Window Public Notice"). Attachment A to this Public Notice identifies the 67 vacant reserved FM Channels available for application in the window.