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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO HOW CERTAIN REGULATORY FEES ARE SUBMITTED WITH LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Effective June 21, 2011, new procedures will be implemented for wireless service applications that include "up front" regulatory fees. Currently, when regulatory fees are required "up front" to cover the term of a license, both application fees and regulatory fees are included under a single fee payment type code as a single line item on FCC Form 159, Remittance Advice (Form 159). Effective June 21, 2011, application fees and regulatory fees will have separate fee payment type codes, respectively, and must be listed as separate line items on the Form 159. Below are the changes and steps that parties can take to ensure a seamless transition to the new procedures.

Who do these changes apply to?

Parties that file applications for new authorizations or renew existing applications in wireless services where application fees and regulatory fees are collected at the time of the application filing are affected by these changes. A list of the wireless services where these changes apply, including the appropriate fee payment type codes can be found in Appendix A to this Public Notice.

What is the best way to ensure that the Form 159 is completed correctly?

File applications online through the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and take advantage of the feature in ULS that generates a Form 159 with the application fees and regulatory fees calculated, and the appropriate fee payment type codes already completed.

What if I complete the Form 159 on my own instead of taking advantage of the feature in ULS?

It is strongly encouraged that you take advantage of the feature in ULS that generates a Form 159. However, if you choose to complete the Form 159 on your own, consult the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Fee Filing Guide for information on the appropriate fees, including the fee payment type codes, based on the wireless service and the type of application filing.²

¹ These procedures only apply to parties that pay regulatory fees for the term of a license when an initial license application or renewal application is filed. These procedures do not apply to parties that pay annual regulatory fees.

² See http://wireless.fcc.gov/index.htm?job=about fee filing guide.

Do these changes affect the way actual payments are made?

No. Payments should continue to be made the same way. In fact, if you choose to make a payment by check, a single check is still required even though the application fees and regulatory fees are now listed as separate line items on the Form 159.

For additional information and, please visit the Universal Licensing System's online help page at http://esupport.fcc.gov or contact the Universal Licensing System customer support line at (877) 480-3201, option #2 or (717) 338-2888 (TTY 717-338-2824).

Appendix A – Wireless Services Where Application Fees and Regulatory Fees Are Now Separate

Service	Purpose	From 1 Payment Type Code	To 2 Payment Type Codes
Part 22 - Rural Radiotelephone Service	New, Additional Facility, Major Renew/Mod	CGRR @ \$380.00	CGRM @ \$180.00 and CGRR @ \$200.00
Part 22 - Rural Radiotelephone Service	Renewal, Minor Renewal/Mod	CARR @ \$260.00	CARM @ \$60.00 and CARR @ \$200.00
Part 80 - Marine Coast Radio Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PBMR @ \$570.00	PBMM @ \$120.00 and PBMR @ \$450.00
Part 80 - Ship Radio Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PASR @ \$160.00	PASM @ \$60.00 and PASR @ \$100.00
Part 87 - Aircraft Radio Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PAAR @ \$110.00	PAAM @ \$60.00 and PAAR \$50.00
Part 87 - Aviation Ground Radio Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PBVR @ \$220.00	PBVM @ \$120.00 and PBVR @ 100.00
Part 90 - Land Mobile Radio Service - Freqs below 470 MHz (except 220 MHz) 902-928 MHz & Radiolocation, 3650-3700 MHz Band (PMRS), Intelligent Transportation Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PALR @ \$260.00	PALM @ \$60.00 and PALR @ \$200.00
Part 90 - Land Mobile Radio Service - Freqs 470 MHz and above and 220 MHz (Local)	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PALS @ \$460.00	PALM @ 60.00 and PALS @ \$400.00
Part 90 - Land Mobile Radio Service - 220 MHz Nationwide	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PALT @ \$460.00	PALM @ \$60.00 and PALT @ \$400.00
Part 95 - 218 - 219 MHz Radio Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PAIR @ \$710.00	PAIM @ \$60.00 and PAIR @ \$650.00
Part 95 - General Mobile Radio Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PAZR @ \$85.00	PAZM @ \$60.00 and PAZR @ \$25.00
Part 101 - Common Carrier Digital Electronic Message Service (DEMS)	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	CJLR @ \$520.00	CJLM @ \$270.00 and CJLR @ \$250.00
Part 101 - Common Carrier Point-to- Point Microwave, Local Television Transmission Service and Millimeter Wave Service	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	CJPR @ \$520.00	CJPM @ \$270.00 and CJPR @ \$250.00
Part 101 - Private Point-to-Point Microwave Service and Private Digital Electronic Message Service (DEMS)	New, Renewal, Renew/Mod	PEOR @ \$520.00	PEOM @ \$270.00 and PEOR @ \$250.00