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REVISED FILING DEADLINES FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF NORMAL COMMISSION OPERATIONS

As a result of the recent government-wide lapse in funding, the Commission suspended normal operations from October 1, 2013 through October 16, 2013, for a total of 16 days. Among other things, the Commission's filing window, mail room, and all electronic filing systems, with the exception of the Network Outage Reporting System (NORS), were unavailable from October 1, 2013, until today. In addition, many Commission resources normally accessible through the Commission's web site, including access to electronic dockets, were inaccessible for the same period.

On October 1, 2013, the Commission issued a public notice stating that "any materials, with the exception of NORS filings, that otherwise would be required to be filed with the Commission (at its headquarters, Gettysburg, PA or U.S. Bank), during the suspension of operations or on the day of return to normal operations, will be due on the business day following the day of return to normal operations." Upon reopening on October 17, 2013, the Commission suspended all Commission filing deadlines that occurred during the shutdown or that will occur on or before October 21, other than NORS filing deadlines, until further notice. This Public Notice supersedes the October 1 and October 17 Public Notices.

Because parties did not have access to electronic dockets and other online Commission resources during the suspension of operations, we have determined to further extend the filing deadline for

regulatory and enforcement filings, with the exception of NORS filings and certain other specified filings, so as to provide filers with access to Commission resources for the period they would have had absent the suspension of Commission operations. Filings, with the exception of NORS filings and certain other specified filings, that were due between October 1 and October 6 will be due on October 22, 2013. Filings, with the exception of NORS filings and certain other specified filings, that were due between October 7 and October 16 will be due 16 days after the original filing date, an extension equivalent to the period of the Commission's closure. Thus, for example, a filing that would have been due on October 7, will be due on October 23, an extension of 16 days. To the extent the revised due dates for filings under this Public Notice fall on a weekend or other Commission holiday, they will be due on the next business day. Finally, any regulatory and enforcement filings that would otherwise be required to be filed between October 17 and November 4 with the exception of the NORS filings and other specified filings, will be due for filing on November 4, 2013 (which is the first business day following a 16-day period after the Commission's October 17 reopening).

We are setting filing deadlines different than the general deadlines set forth above in certain proceedings and classes of proceedings. They are:

- (1) Verizon Communications, Inc.; Petition for Declaratory Ruling under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act, as Amended, IB Docket No. 13-230. The comments dates set forth in DA 1948 (rel. Sept. 20, 2013) are revised as follows: Comments due by October 25, 2013; replies due by November 1, 2013.

- (2) 2014 Modification of Average Schedule Company Universal Service High-Cost Loop Support Formula, WC Docket No. 05-337. The comment dates set forth in DA 13-1870 are revised as follows: Comments due by November 4, 2013; replies due by November 19, 2013.
- (3) Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184. On July 23, 2013, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 13-100. The reply comment date is revised as follows: replies due by November 8, 2013.
- (4) Domestic section 214 transfer of control applications, WC Docket Nos. 13-223, 13-228, 13-235, 13-237. On October 1, 2013, the Commission issued a Public Notice (DA 13-2020) for domestic section 214 transfer of control applications. That Public Notice stated that comments addressing the applications would be due on the next business day after the Commission re-opens. This Public Notice supersedes the October 1, 2013, section 214 Public Notice. In addition to the filing extensions stated here, reply comments for domestic section 214 transfer of control applications will be due seven days after the comment dates established in this Public Notice.
- (5) ULS Applications/Notifications. All ULS applications and notifications filed in accordance with the Commission's rules (*e.g.*, sections 1.913, 1.946) that were originally due on October 1, 2013,

through and including November 4, 2013, are now due on November 4, 2013. We note that ULS is currently available and encourage applicants and licensees to file any applications and notifications as soon as practicable. Please see <http://www.fcc.gov/help/uls-instructions-revised-filing-deadlines> for information about filing requirements for these applications and notifications.

(6) Vanity Call Sign Requests. During the period that the Commission was closed, ULS was not available for Amateur Radio Service licensees to file an application to modify their license grants to show a vanity call sign. Ordinarily, vanity call sign applications are processed on a day-by-day basis, with a random selection procedure used to determine the processing order for applications filed on the same day. In order to accommodate the orderly resumption of business, however, vanity call sign applications filed via ULS between October 17 and October 22 will all be processed as if they were filed on October 22, 2013. In addition, any vanity call sign applications that were filed by mail between October 1 and October 22 also will be treated as if they were filed on October 22, 2013.

(7) Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction (Auction 902). The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau will release a separate Public Notice in the near future announcing new

dates and deadlines applicable to Auction 902. *See* Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction Rescheduled for December 19, 2013; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 902, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-53, DA 13-1672, 28 FCC Rcd 11628, 11646, para. 50 (2013) (announcing pre-auction dates and deadlines for Auction 902); *see also* Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction (Auction 902); Short-Form Application Filing Window Suspended; Any Changes to Auction Schedule or Procedures to be Announced Upon Resumption of Operations, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-53, DA 13-2014 (rel. Oct. 1, 2013) (suspending short-form application filing window and noting that any changes to the previously scheduled deadline for filing short-form applications and to other previously scheduled procedures related to Auction 902 would be announced by public notice soon after resumption of regular Commission operations).

- (8) Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz Bands; Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1915-1920 MHz, 1995-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz, and 2175-2180 MHz Bands; Applications for License and Authority to Operate in the 2155-2175 MHz Band; Petitions for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160, Order on Reconsideration and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking GN

Docket No. 13-185. The comment dates set forth in FCC 13-102 are revised as follows: Reply Comments are due by October 28, 2013.

(9) DISH Network Corporation Petition for Waiver and request for Extension of Time, WT Docket No. 13-225. The comment dates set forth in DA 13-1877 are revised as follows: Reply Comments are due by October 28, 2013.

(10) Reassessment of Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields Limits and Policies in ET Docket Nos. 03-137 and 13-84; FCC 13-39. Reply Comments are due November 18, 2013.

In addition, Bureaus and Offices may by further Public Notice set additional filing deadlines different than those specified in this Public Notice for filings in specific proceedings or classes of proceedings.

The Commission cannot waive statutory filing deadlines such as those associated with petitions for reconsideration. Nonetheless, because of the disruption and uncertainty associated with the suspension of Commission activities and the relaunch of Commission filing systems, we will not consider the Commission open for filing of documents with statutory deadlines until Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

To the extent the due dates for filings to which reply or responsive pleadings are allowed are extended by this Public Notice, the due dates for the reply or responsive pleadings are extended by the same number of days. Thus, for example, if comments were originally due on October 30

and reply comments due ten days later, comments would now be due on November 4 and reply comments on November 14.

In addition, any STAs expiring between October 1, 2013 and October 22, 2013 are extended until November 4.

For these purposes, Section 1.4(j) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j), which would otherwise require filings to be made on the first business day of resumed Commission operations, is hereby waived.

This Public Notice is issued by the Consumer and Governmental Affairs, Enforcement, International, Media, Public Safety and Homeland Security, Wireless Telecommunications, and Wireline Competition Bureaus and the Offices of Engineering and Technology, General Counsel, and Managing Director.

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