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DEMONSTRATION OF EXPANDED ONLINE PUBLIC INSPECTION FILE (OPIF) INTERFACE

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On June 13, 2016, the FCC will conduct a public demonstration of the expanded Online Public Inspection File (OPIF), which will replace the current Broadcast Public Inspection File (BPIF) process. The FCC will exhibit the interface that will be used by broadcast television and radio stations, cable systems, satellite television, and radio systems to file documents in the online public file database. The demonstration will inform users of the design, layout, and content of the OPIF site, discuss how to upload information and files, and present the new Application Program Interface (API) functionalities. The demonstration will also be available online.

The demonstration will take place on Monday, June 13 at 1p.m. EDT in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Anyone interested in participating online may do so by visiting <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2016/06/demonstration-expanded-online-public-inspection-file-interface> and clicking the link for the appropriate session information. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice) or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

On January 28, 2016, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in MB Docket No. 14-127 expanding the Online Public Inspection Files (OPIF) to include cable operators, DBS providers, and broadcast and satellite radio providers. This is in accordance with the government-wide effort to increase transparency, and the FCC's broader efforts to modernize data and move its processes from paper to digital. The expanded requirement notes public inspection files must be posted to the FCC's online database, which will be located at <https://publicfiles.fcc.gov/>, once launched.¹ These rules go into effect June 24, 2016,² and require cable systems with 1,000 or more subscribers, DBS providers, SDARS licensees, and commercial radio stations in the top 50 Nielsen Audio radio markets with five or more full-time employees to place their new public inspection file documents in the Commission-hosted online public file database.³

¹ *Expansion of Online Public File Obligations to Cable and Satellite TV Operators and Broadcast and Satellite Radio Licensees*, Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 526 (2016) ("Expanded Online Public File Order").

² See Public Notice, *Effective Date Announced for Online Publication of Broadcast Television Public Inspection Files*, MB Docket No. 14-127, DA 16-536, rel. May 12, 2016.

³ See *Expanded Online Public File Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 542-43, para. 41. In addition, these entities must place their existing public file documents into the online public file within six months after the effective date, or by December 24, 2016. Entities will not be required to place in the online public file existing political file material. *Id.*
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The Broadcast Public Inspection File (BPIF) database was initially established in 2012 for use by television broadcasters only. OPIF is an extension of the existing database.

The FCC's helpdesk is available to answer any questions regarding the OPIF database. Contact information for the helpdesk is available at 1-877-480-3201 or 1-717-338-2824 (TTY) or you may submit requests online via <https://esupport.fcc.gov/request.htm>.

For additional information regarding the expanded Online Public Inspection File, contact Holly Saurer, holly.saurer@fcc.gov, (202) 418-7283, of the Media Bureau, or Kim Matthews, kim.matthews@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2154, of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, or Marcy Schirloff, marcy.schirloff@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2821, of the Office of the Managing Director. For press inquiries, contact Janice Wise, janice.wise@fcc.gov, (202) 418-8165.

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at para. 43. Cable systems with 1,000 or more subscribers but fewer than 5,000 subscribers will not be required to place new political file material in the Commission's online file until March 1, 2018. *Id.* at para. 42. Cable systems with fewer than 1,000 subscribers are exempt from all online filing requirements. *Id.* In addition, until March 1, 2018, all NCE radio broadcast stations, commercial radio broadcast stations in the top 50 Nielsen Audio markets with fewer than five full-time employees, and all commercial radio broadcast stations in markets below the top 50 or outside all markets are exempt from all requirements to place public file materials in the online public file. As of March 1, 2018, these radio entities must have placed all existing public file material in the online public file, with the exception of existing political file material, and must begin placing all new public and political file material in the online file on a going-forward basis.