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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES EXPECTED PROCESSING TIMES FOR EARTH STATION APPLICATIONS

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In a Report and Order released December 17, 2015, the Commission announced its expected processing times for straightforward space station applications.¹ The Commission also committed to pursue processing-time guidelines for earth station applications within the following six months.²

Accordingly, the Satellite Division of the International Bureau announces the following expected processing times for straightforward, uncontested earth station applications, barring any complication:³

- (1) Applications for an initial earth station authorization or for a modification of authorization will be placed on public notice within 45 days of confirmation of receipt of payment, if not defective per section 25.112 of the Commission's rules, and acted upon within 60 days after close of the comment period.
- (2) Applications for initial registration of receive-only earth stations or for a modification of registration will be placed on public notice within 30 days of confirmation of receipt of payment, if not defective per section 25.112 of the Commission's rules, and acted upon within 45 days after close of the comment period.
- (3) Applications for special temporary authority for earth stations will be placed on public notice within 14 days of confirmation of receipt of payment, if not defective per section 25.112 of the Commission's rules and if compliant with section 25.120 of the Commission's rules, and acted upon within 30 days after close of the comment period. For such requests that do not require notice to the public before action, if they are not defective per section 25.112 of the

¹ *Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services*, Second Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 14713, 14761, para. 134 (2015), https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-167A1_Rcd.pdf (*Part 25 Second Report and Order*).

² *Id.* at 14762, para. 135.

³ For straightforward earth station applications that are eligible for "routine" processing, we continue our commitment to place such applications on public notice within 10 business days of receipt. *International Bureau to Streamline Satellite and Earth Station Processing*, Public Notice, Report No. SPB-140, 1998 WL 747982 (rel. Oct. 28, 1998), http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1998/pnin8249.txt; see also 47 CFR § 25.103 (defining "routine processing or licensing").

Commission's rules and are compliant with section 25.120 of the Commission's rules, we expect to act within 30 days of receipt subject to confirmation of receipt of payment.⁴

These guidelines are based on the Division's processing experience and the Commission's inter-bureau and inter-agency coordination processes.⁵

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⁴ In addition, the Division will endeavor to upload the grant documents for special temporary authority to the online International Bureau Filing System within one business day of grant. See <http://licensing.fcc.gov/myibfs>.

⁵ See *Part 25 Second Report and Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 14761, para. 133 & n.328.