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MEDIA BUREAU LIFTS LPTV AND TV TRANSLATOR MINOR CHANGE APPLICATION FILING FREEZE

The Media Bureau announces that, effective immediately, it is lifting the freeze on the filing of applications for minor changes by low power television and TV translator stations (LPTV/translator stations). The freeze was enacted to preserve channels in advance of the window for LPTV/translator stations displaced by the incentive auction to file displacement applications. With completion of the Special Displacement Window on June 1, 2018, we lift this filing freeze.

We note that the freezes on the filing of applications for displacement,⁵ applications for digital companion channels,⁶ and applications for new digital LPTV/translator stations and major changes⁷ remain in effect.

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¹ See Media Bureau Freezes the Filing of Minor Change Applications for LPTV/Translator Stations, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 10407 (MB 2017).

² See Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Post Incentive Auction Special Displacement Window April 10, 2018 Through May 15, 2018, And Make Location and Channel Data Available, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 1234 (IATF and MB 2018).

³ See Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Extend Post Incentive Auction Special Displacement Window Through June 1, 2018, Public Notice, DA 18-389 (IATF and MB, rel. Apr. 18, 2018).

⁴ In the unlikely event that such an application is in conflict with the resolution of mutually exclusive applications filed in the Special Displacement Window, we interpret our rules to require that the latter will have processing priority. *See* 47 CFR 74.710.

⁵ See Freeze on the Filing of Applications for Digital Replacement Translator Stations and Displacement Applications, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 6063 (MB 2014).

⁶ See Freeze on the Filing of Applications for Digital Companion Channels, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 566 (MB 2017).

⁷ See Freeze on the Filing of Applications for New Digital Low Power Television and TV Translator Stations, Public Notice, 25 FCC Rcd 15120 (MB 2010); Initiation of Nationwide First-Come, First-Served Digital Licensing for Low Power Television and TV Translators Postponed Until Further Notice, Public Notice, 25 FCC Rcd 8179 (MB 2010).