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## DESIGNATED ENTITY LICENSEES MUST FILE ANNUAL REPORTS BY OCTOBER 1, 2018

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The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) reminds designated entity (DE) licensees of the upcoming deadline to file annual DE reports. Specifically, such licensees must submit an annual report reflecting the status of each license held as of August 31, 2018 that is subject to the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) unjust enrichment requirements.<sup>1</sup> The reports are due on **October 1, 2018**.<sup>2</sup>

In the *Competitive Bidding Update Report and Order*, the Commission modified the annual reporting requirement to reduce administrative burdens on licensees that hold multiple licenses granted on different dates.<sup>3</sup> DE licensees must now file all reports on the same date every calendar year during the applicable unjust enrichment period.<sup>4</sup> The annual DE reporting requirement, along with all DE reporting requirements, applies to all DEs, including rural service providers.<sup>5</sup> The *Competitive Bidding Update Report and Order* provides additional guidance on the particulars of these required filings and clarifies the parties responsible for filings in the case of transfers and assignments.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission expects DE licensees to comply fully with the annual reporting requirement as the information in these reports is critical for the administration of the DE program.<sup>7</sup> Failure to comply with the annual reporting requirement may result in enforcement action by the Commission.

DE Reports must be filed electronically using Form 611-T. To file, please go to the

<sup>4</sup> *Id*.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 7563, para. 166.

- <sup>6</sup> See id. 7563, at para. 167.
- <sup>7</sup> See id. at 7562, para. 162.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules, Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 7493, 7562-63, paras. 162-667 (2015) (Competitive Bidding Update Report and Order). See 47 CFR § 1.2110(n).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 1.2110(n) of the Commission's rules requires each designed entity licensee to file an annual report with the Commission no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for each license it holds that was acquired using designated entity benefits and that, as of August 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the report is due, remains subject to designated entity unjust enrichment requirements. September 30, 2018 is a Sunday. Therefore, pursuant to Section 1.4 of the Commission's rules, filings will be due by close of the next business day – Monday, October 1, 2018. *See* 47 CFR §§ 1.4, 1.2110(n).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Competitive Bidding Update Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd at 7562-63, para. 164.

Commission's website - <u>https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp</u>. Please log in with your FRN and password, then click on the "My Licenses" link on the left side of the screen, then click on the "File Designated Entity Annual Report" link to begin your 611-T filing. If you need assistance, please contact the FCC Licensing Support Center at: (877) 480-3201 (voice), (717) 338-2824 (TTY).

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