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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ESTABLISHES IB DOCKET NO. 19-144 AND ANNOUNCES PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE EX PARTE STATUS FOR THE APPLICATION FILED BY GLR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LLC FOR A SECTION 325(C) PERMIT

FILE NO. 325-NEW 20180614-00001

By this Public Notice, the International Bureau establishes IB Docket No. 19-144 for an application under the IBFS File No. 325-NEW-20180614-00001, which is captioned "In the Matter of GLR Southern California, LLC Application for a Section 325(c) Permit to Deliver Programs to Foreign Broadcast Stations for Delivery of Mandarin Chinese Programming to Mexican Station XEWW-AM, Rosarito, Baja California Norte, Mexico." We also announce that presentations involving this matter are now subject to "permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1206, 1.1200(a). Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1)-(2). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, *et seq*. All *ex parte* filings must be clearly labeled as such and must reference the docket number for this proceeding. IB Docket No. 19-144.

On June 20, 2018, we issued a Public Notice (Report No. 325-00213) announcing that the Application filed by GLR Southern California, LLC for a Section 325(c) permit had been accepted for filing and established a pleading cycle to permit interested parties an opportunity to comment on the application. On August 8, 2018, Chinese Sound of Oriental and West Heritage (CSO) filed a Petition to Deny the Application. On February 15, 2019, we issued an Information Request to GLR Southern California, LLC and its parent company H&H Group USA LLC (together Applicants). The Applicants responded to the Information Request on March 22, 2019. On April 16, 2019, CSO filed a Motion for Production of Documents in which it requests access to documents filed by the Applicants. On May 1, 2019, Applicants filed an Opposition to the CSO Motion for Document Production or, in the alternative, a Request for Protective Order.

¹ GLR Southern California, LLC Application for a Section 325(c) Permit to Deliver Programs to Foreign Broadcast Stations for Delivery of Mandarin Chinese Programming to Mexican Station XEWW-AM, Rosarito, Baja California Norte, Mexico, Public Notice, Report No. 325-00213 (IB July 9, 2018) (GLR Accepted for Filing Public Notice).

² GLR Southern California LLC Application for Transfer of Control from GLR Services Inc. to H&H Group USA, LLC for Delivery of Programming to Mexican Station XEWW-AM, Rosarita, Baja California Norte, Mexico, Petition to Deny filed by Chinese Sound of Oriental and West Heritage, File No. 325-NEW-20180614-00001 (filed Aug. 8, 2018), https://licensing.fcc.gov/myibfs/download.do?attachment_key=1487042.

³ The International Bureau has issued a Protective Order setting forth procedures to (i) limit access to information that Applicants claim is proprietary or confidential information, and (ii) more strictly limit access to certain information Applicants claim is particularly competitively sensitive and, which, if released to competitors or those with whom the Submitting Party or a Third-Party Interest Holder does business, would allow those persons to gain a significant competitive advantage or an advantage in negotiations. See GLR Southern California, LLC Application for a Section 325(c) Permit to Deliver Programs to Foreign Broadcast Stations for Delivery of Mandarin Chinese (continued...)

Applications for permits to deliver programs to foreign broadcast stations for rebroadcast into the United States are subject, unless otherwise provided, to treatment by the Commission as restricted proceedings for *ex parte* purposes under Section 1.1208 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. §1.1208. Because this proceeding presents broadly applicable policy issues under Section 325(c), we have concluded that classifying this proceeding as permit-but-disclose would, in this case, serve the public interest.⁴ Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 1.1200(a) and 1.1208 Note 2 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§1.1200(a), 1.1208 Note 2, the *ex parte* procedures applicable to permit-but-disclose proceedings will govern our consideration of the instant applications. *See* 47 C.F.R. §1.1206.

Except to the extent the filing of electronic copies is prohibited by the Protective Order in this proceeding, copies of any written presentation and summaries of any oral presentation may be filed electronically using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Paper filings must include an original and one copy and may be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours for hand deliveries are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to FCC, 9050 Junction Drive, P.O. Box 179, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All filings must be made in accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b)(1). In addition, except to the extent the transmission of electronic copies of documents is prohibited by the Protective Order in this proceeding, one copy of each ex parte written presentation and memoranda should be emailed to Brandon Moss (brandon.moss@fcc.gov) and Janice Shields (Janice.Shields@fcc.gov).

Individuals can access copies of the Application and related documents online through the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at www.fcc.gov\ecfs. Copies of the applications and other filings in this proceeding will be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center located at Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at: (202) 418-0530 (voice), (844) 432-2275 (videophone), or (202) 418-0432 (TTY). For further information, contact Brandon Moss, International Bureau, at brandon.moss@fcc.gov or (202) 418-2213.

Action by Chief, International Bureau.

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⁴ Petitions to deny the application were due on or before August 8, 2018. *GLR Accepted for Filing Public Notice*. This action does not extend that deadline.

⁵ See http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/ib/forms/reports/related_filing.hts?f_key=1448691&f_number=325NEW2018061400001 (for copies of the Application and related documents in IBFS).