

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of the Commission’s Rules)
of Practice and Procedure)

ORDER

Adopted: May 27, 2020

Released: May 28, 2020

By the Managing Director:

1. By this Order, we amend the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC or Commission) rules to reflect the new address for filing hand-carried documents at the Commission’s headquarters and establish a new closing time for accepting such filings. Effective upon publication in the Federal Register, hand-carried documents are to be filed at the Commission’s office located at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. After COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, this will be the only location where hand-carried paper filings for the Commission will be accepted.¹ At that time, the filing window for hand-carried documents will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will not accept hand-carried filings outside of those hours. These changes are being made to enhance security measures and in conjunction with the Commission’s upcoming relocation to a new headquarters building located at 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554, which is scheduled to occur later this year.

2. Because the rule amendments adopted here are rules of agency practice and procedure, compliance with the notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act is not required.²

3. Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 4(e) and 5(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(e) and 155(d), IT IS ORDERED that Part 0 of the Commission’s Rules are AMENDED in the manner indicated in the attached appendix, to be effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

4. This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated by Sections 0.11 and 0.231 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.11 and 0.231.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Mark Stephens
Managing Director

¹ On March 19, 2020, the FCC announced the closure of the filing window at its headquarters in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. “FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Filing,” DA 20-304, March 19, 2020 (the “COVID-19 Filing Window PN”). On March 26, 2020, the FCC announced that it was closing its hand-delivery filing location at the Commission’s Gettysburg location. “Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Change In Hand-Delivery Filing For Commission’s Gettysburg Location,” DA 20-346, March 26, 2020 (the “Gettysburg Filing Window PN”).

² 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A); (d).

APPENDIX**Final Rules**

Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 0, is amended as follows:

PART 0 — COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. The authority citation for Part 0 remains as follows:

AUTHORITY: Secs. 5, 48 Stat. 1068, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 155.

2. Amend §0.401(a)(1)(ii) as follows:

§ 0.401 Location of Commission offices.

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(ii) All hand-carried documents should be delivered to the Secretary's Office at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

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PART 1 — PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

3. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:

AUTHORITY: 47 U.S.C. chs. 2, 5, 9, 13; 28 U.S.C. 2461 note, unless otherwise noted.

4. Amend § 1.4 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (f) as follows:

§ 1.4 Computation of time.

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(f) Except as provided in § 0.401(b) of this chapter, all petitions, pleadings, tariffs or other documents not required to be accompanied by a fee and which are hand-carried must be tendered for filing in complete form, as directed by the Rules, with the Office of the Secretary before 4 p.m., at the address indicated in 47 CFR § 0.401(a). * * *

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