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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES CLOSE OF NCE FM NEW STATION FILING WINDOW AND TEMPORARY FILING FREEZE ON AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN THE NOVEMBER 2021, FILING WINDOW

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The filing window for applications for new noncommercial educational (NCE) FM new station construction permits closed at 6:00 pm EST on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.¹ No further NCE FM new station applications may be filed. Any application submitted after the 6:00 pm EST November 9, 2021, application deadline will be dismissed by public notice without further consideration.

The Media Bureau (Bureau) also announces a temporary freeze on the filing of *any* amendments to NCE FM new station applications submitted in the November 2021, filing window. The freeze will take effect immediately and will continue in effect until 6:00 pm EST on Monday, November 29, 2021. During this time, the Bureau staff will review the applications to identify mutually exclusive (MX) groups of applications² and applications that are not mutually exclusive with any other application filed in the window (singletons).³ Following this period, the Bureau expects to release forthcoming public notices to identify the MX groups of applications and explain the procedures for filing settlement agreements and technical amendments.⁴

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¹ The filing window opened on November 2, 2021. The window was available for FM reserved band (channels 201-220) proposals. *See* 47 CFR § 73.501.

² Conflicting NCE FM applications, which cannot all be granted consistent with the Commission's technical rules, are considered mutually exclusive. A MX group consists of all applications which are MX to at least one other application in the group.

³ Rule compliant singleton applications will be accepted for filing. The acceptance for filing of these singletons will start the 30-day period for filing petitions to deny. *See* 47 CFR § 73.7004.

⁴ Before proceeding to a comparative analysis, MX applicants will have an opportunity to resolve conflicts through settlements or technical amendments.