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Fiscal Year 2022 Regulatory Fee Filing Deadline is Extended to Friday, September 30, 2022, for All Regulatory Fee Payors

We extend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 regulatory fee filing deadline for all entities that are required to pay annual regulatory fees (regulatory fee payors). Hurricane Ian may cause significant damage within its path, including storm surge, wind damage, and flooding. According to forecasts, it may cause substantial damage to the communications network, resulting in service disruptions and outages throughout areas in Florida. The Commission is mindful of the effect of this hurricane on regulatory fee payors located in affected areas. Additionally, we are aware of other technical challenges entities are currently facing in paying their regulatory fees. For these reasons, the Commission is therefore extending the FY 2022 regulatory fee deadline date for all regulatory fee payors from 11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 28, 2022, to 11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 30, 2022.¹

The Communications Act and the Commission's rules govern the late payment or non-payment of regulatory fees.² Thus, to the extent regulatory fee payors affected by Hurricane Ian anticipate that they might experience challenges with meeting the payment date, as extended, or have questions, they may contact Sanford Williams, Deputy Managing Director, at 202-418-1508 or <u>sanford.williams@fcc.gov</u>, as a resource and point of contact with respect to any Ian-related regulatory fee concerns. Affected entities, however, are not required to use that point of contact when seeking information regarding avenues for relief. Instead, they may follow the process outlined in our rules and orders when seeking relief with respect to regulatory fee payments.³

Finally, regulatees can contact the Commission's Financial Operations Help Desk with inquiries regarding regulatory fees at (877) 480-3201, Option #6, or e-mail inquiries to ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov.

¹ The regulatory fee filing deadline was previously extended to September 30, 2022 for regulatees in Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Fiona. *See Fiscal Year 2022 Regulatory Fee Filing Deadline for Those Regulatees Affected by Hurricane Fiona is Extended to Friday, September 30, 2022*, Public Notice, DA 22-986 (rel. Sept. 20, 2022). The *FY 2022 Regulatory Fee Report and Order* was released by the Commission on September 2, 2022. *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2022, Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees*, MD Docket Nos. 22-223, 22-301, Report and Order and Notice of Inquiry, 2022 WL 4079045 (rel. Sept. 2, 2022) (*FY 2022 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*), available at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-report-and-order; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees Report and Order), available at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-report-and-order; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2022, Report and Order), available at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-report-and-order; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2022, Report and Order, 87 Fed. Reg. 56494 (Sept. 14, 2022). *See also Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2022 Regulatory Fees*, public Notice, DA 22-965 (released Sept. 16, 2022), available at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-report-and-order; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2022, Report and Order, 87 Fed. Reg. 56494 (Sept. 14, 2022). *See also Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2022 Regulatory Fees*, public Notice, DA 22-965 (released

<u>https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-payments-and-procedures-public-notice</u>. The Commission also publishes industry-specific guidance in Who Owes Fees & What Is My FY 2022 Fee, which can be found on the Commission website at <u>https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/regulatory-fees</u>.

² 47 U.S.C. § 159a(c); 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 47 CFR §§ 1.1164.

³ See Procedures for Filing Requests for Waiver, Reduction, Deferral, and Installment Payment of Fiscal Year 2022 Regulatory Fees, Public Notice, DA 22-948 (rel. Sept. 13, 2022) (describing how to file a waiver of the payment of the regulatory fees), available at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-waiver-public-notice.

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