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Fiscal Year 2022 Regulatory Fee Filing Deadline for Those Regulatees Affected by Hurricane Fiona is Extended to Friday, September 30, 2022

Hurricane Fiona has caused significant damage within its path, including storm surge, wind damage, mudslides, and flooding. It also has caused substantial damage to the communications network, resulting in service disruptions and outages throughout areas in Puerto Rico. The Commission is mindful of the effect of this hurricane on entities that are required to pay annual regulatory fees (regulatory fee payors) located in affected areas. The Commission is therefore extending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 regulatory fee deadline date for those regulatory fee payors in the affected areas of Puerto Rico from 11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 28, 2022, to **11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 30, 2022.**¹ For all other regulatory fee payors, *i.e.*, those not affected by Hurricane Fiona, the previously announced regulatory fee deadline of September 28, 2022 remains in effect.²

The Communications Act and the Commission's rules govern the late payment or non-payment of regulatory fees.³ Thus, to the extent regulatory fee payors affected by Hurricane Fiona 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 sanford.williams@fcc.gov as a resource and point of contact with respect to any Hurricane Fiona-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.⁴

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 *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 for Fiscal Year 2022, Report and Order*, 87 Fed. Reg. 56494 (Sept. 14, 2022). 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 <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/regulatory-fees>.

² See *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-payments-and-procedures-public-notice>.

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

⁴ 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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