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FILING WINDOW FOR 2023 BIENNIAL BROADCAST OWNERSHIP REPORTS CLOSES ON DECEMBER 1, 2023

By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau reminds licensees that the window for the submission of 2023 broadcast biennial ownership reports will close on **Friday, December 1, 2023**.

All licensees of commercial and non-commercial full power television, Class A television, low power television, AM radio, and FM radio stations must file biennial ownership reports with the Commission in odd-numbered years.¹ During the window, commercial and noncommercial broadcasters must submit their reports on FCC Form 323 or 323-E, respectively, via the Commission's Licensing and Management System (LMS).² Paper copies will not be accepted. The reports must provide all information required by, and comply with all requirements set forth in, the current version of the relevant broadcast ownership report form (FCC Form 323 or 323-E).³ Information contained in the reports must be current as of October 1, 2023.⁴

As the Commission has emphasized previously, it is critical that broadcast licensees comply with this fundamental and longstanding reporting obligation.⁵ Information contained in biennial ownership reports helps the Commission and the public know who owns, operates, and controls broadcast stations. In addition, this information is crucial to understanding the broadcast industry as a whole, including an understanding of the diversity and multiplicity of owners.

Further information about biennial ownership reports, including answers to frequently asked questions and links to replays of past ownership report information sessions, is available on the Commission's web page at www.fcc.gov/media/ownership-report-commercial-broadcast-station-form-323.

For additional information, please send an email to form323@fcc.gov.

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¹ 47 CFR §§ 73.3615(a), (d); 73.6026; 74.797.

² Filers can access LMS at <https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/login.html>.

³ 47 CFR §§ 73.3615(a), (d); 74.797.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ We note further that a licensee must maintain its current ownership report in the station's Online Public Inspection File, which is intended to "encourage a continuing dialogue between broadcasters and the public to ensure stations meet their obligations and remain responsive to the needs of the local community." Media Bureau, FCC, *The Public and Broadcasting* 28 (2021).