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MEDIA BUREAU REVISES FILING SCHEDULE FOR CLASS A, LPTV, AND TV TRANSLATOR MAJOR CHANGE APPLICATIONS AND FOR NEW LPTV AND TV TRANSLATOR STATION APPLICATIONS

On September 3, 2025, the Media Bureau (Bureau) issued a Public Notice announcing a phased approach permitting Class A television, low power television (LPTV), and television (TV) translator stations to resume filing major modification applications and allowing for the filing of new LPTV and TV translator station applications.¹ In light of prospective applicants' inability to access the Commission's Licensing and Management System (LMS) during the recent partial lapse in government funding² – and therefore prepare and file applications as previously scheduled – the Bureau revises the dates for the filing opportunities previously announced in the *September 2025 PN*.³ Except for the revised dates announced below, all processes and procedures previously announced by the Bureau pertaining to these filing opportunities remain the same.⁴ The freeze on major change applications implemented by the Bureau on September 3, 2025, remains in effect until it is lifted pursuant to the revised schedule set forth below.

Revised Freeze/Filing Opportunity Dates:⁵

December 11, 2025
6:00 p.m. ET

Temporary application filing freeze implemented on all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations. Minor change applications filed once the freeze is imposed will be dismissed and need to be re-filed after the freeze is lifted.

December 18, 2025
12:01 a.m. ET

Major modification filing freeze lifted to permit Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations to file major change applications, on a first come, first served basis. Facility

¹ *Media Bureau Announces a Phased Resumption of First-Come, First-Served Processing of Applications for Major Changes for Class A, LPTV, and TV Translator Stations and Applications for New LPTV and TV Translator Stations*, Public Notice, DA 25-792 (MB Sept. 3, 2025) (*September 2025 PN*). The terms “modification(s)” and “change(s)” are used interchangeably in this Public Notice.

² *Impact of Potential Lapse in Funding on Commission Operations*, Public Notice, DA 25-922 (rel. Sept. 30, 2025).

³ *See Revisions to Deadlines Following Resumption of Normal Operations*, Public Notice, DA 25-943 at 3 (rel. Nov. 17, 2025) (stating that the Bureau would provide further guidance on the LPTV major modification and new station filing opportunities).

⁴ *September 2025 PN* at 2-7 and Appx.

⁵ Both the initial temporary freeze on minor change applications and the initial major change filing opportunity were originally scheduled to occur on October 15 and October 22, 2025, respectively. These dates fell during the partial lapse in government funding. The new dates established herein take precedence over any other filing guidance provided as a result of the shutdown. Minor modification applications (including displacement applications) may continue to be filed, subject to the revised schedule.

relocations are limited to no more than 121.0 kilometers (km). Major change applications submitted during this filing opportunity must meet the 121.0 km distance limit and otherwise comply with the Commission's part 73 and 74 rules. All other applications will be dismissed.

Freeze lifted on all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations.

**January 29, 2026
6:00 p.m. ET**

Temporary application filing freeze implemented for all major change applications for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations. Major change applications filed once the freeze is imposed will be dismissed and need to be re-filed after the freeze is lifted.

**March 12, 2026
6:00 p.m. ET**

Temporary application filing freeze for all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations. Minor change applications filed once the freeze is imposed will be dismissed and need to be re-filed after the freeze is lifted.

**March 19, 2026
12:01 a.m. ET**

Major modification filing freeze lifted, without limit or restriction, to permit the filing of Class A, LPTV and TV translator major change applications and acceptance of applications for new LPTV and TV translators stations.⁶

Freeze lifted on all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations.

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This action is taken by the Acting Chief, Media Bureau, pursuant to authority delegated by sections 0.61 and 0.283 of the Commission's rules.⁷

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⁶ The acceptance of applications for new Class A stations has been limited by statute and therefore applications for new Class A stations will not be accepted during this filing opportunity. *See* Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999, Pub. L. No. 106-113, 113 Stat. Appendix I at pp. 1501A-594 - 1501A-598 (1999), codified at 47 U.S.C. § 336(f); *Establishment of a Class A Television Service*, MM Docket No. 00-10, Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 6355, 6357-58, para. 2 (2000); *Low Power Protection Act (LPPA)*, Pub. L. 117-344, 136 Stat. 6193 (2023); *Implementation of the Low Power Protection Act*, MB Docket No. 23-126, Report and Order, 38 FCC Rcd 12627 (2023), *aff'd Radio Communications Corp. v FCC*, 2025 WL 1774920 (D.C. Cir. 2025), cert. denied *Radio Communications Corp. v. FCC et al.*, U.S. Docket No. 25-342 (Nov. 10, 2025). *See also Media Bureau Announces Filing Window for Qualified Low Power Television Stations to Convert to Class A Status Pursuant to the Low Power Protection Act*, Public Notice, 39 FCC Rcd 5749 (MB 2024) (establishing May 30, 2024 to May 30, 2025 as the window to apply for Class A status under the LPPA).

⁷ 47 CFR §§ 0.61 and 0.283.