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MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MARCH 2026 FEE WAIVER DECISIONS

GN Docket 25-219

I. INTRODUCTION

1. With this Public Notice, the Office of Managing Director (OMD) continues to resolve requests for waiver, reduction, and/or deferral of regulatory fees.
2. Historically, OMD has resolved such requests by issuing individual letter decisions, sending a copy of each decision to the relevant requestor and appending copies of the decisions to a public notice listing all of the decisions. However, in the *September Waiver Order* and a contemporaneously issued Public Notice, OMD announced that, going forward, it would change this customary procedure and resolve requests primarily through public notices and orders.¹
3. OMD, with the concurrence of Office of General Counsel, takes the actions below on delegated authority.² The effective date of these actions is the release date of this Notice, except where an effective date is otherwise specified. Petitions for reconsideration or applications for review of the below decisions must be filed within 30 days of the release of this Public Notice.³

II. GRANTS

- A. The following requests are granted because the requesting party demonstrated through financial documentation it timely submitted to the Commission that it was experiencing financial hardship sufficient to justify waiver of its regulatory fees for the relevant year.**

4. Section 9a of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act or Act), permits the Commission to waive reduce or defer payment of regulatory fees and related penalties and interest charges for good cause if the waiver, reduction or deferral would serve the public interest.⁴ The Commission has consistently interpreted this standard to permit only those requests “unambiguously articulating ‘extraordinary circumstances’ outweighing the public’s interest in recouping the

¹ *Managing Director’s September 2025 Fee Waiver Decisions*, Order, GN Docket No. 25-219, DA 25-901 at para. 3 (2025) (September Waiver Order); *Managing Director’s September 2025 Fee Waiver Decisions*, Public Notice, GN Docket No.25-219, DA 25-899, (OMD Sept. 29, 2025) (September 2025 Fee Waiver PN).

² 47 CFR §§ 0.231(a), 1.1119(c) and 1.1166(a).

³ See 47 CFR § 1.106; 47 CFR § 1.115; see also 47 CFR § 1.4(b)(2).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 159a(d).

Commission's cost of providing regulatory services for a particular regulatee."⁵ The Commission recognizes that, "within this standard... in exceptional circumstances, financial hardship may justify waiving and/or deferring a party's regulatory fees."⁶ Financial hardship must be conclusively proven and the burden of proof for demonstrating financial hardship lies solely with the fee payor seeking fee relief. Further, mere allegations of financial loss will not support a request for waiver, reduction, or deferral of regulatory fees. Instead, each fee payor seeking regulatory fee relief based on financial hardship must "fully document its financial position and show that it lacks sufficient funds to pay the regulatory fees and to maintain its service to the public."⁷

5. Each of the fee payors listed below submitted financial documents demonstrating financial hardship sufficient to justify waiving the referenced regulatory fees:

Port Broadcasting, LLC, request for waiver of FY 2020 regulatory fees and/or an installment plan, filed on September 21, 2020.

OMNI Broadcasting, LLC, request for waiver of FY 2019 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 23, 2020.

III. DISMISSALS

A. The following waiver requests are dismissed because relief is no longer necessary and/or the Commission is unable to collect any substantial amount through its own effort or the efforts of others.⁸

Stephen Sloan, Receiver for Gabrielle Broadcasting Licensee Ordinal I, LLC, request for waiver and/or deferral of its FY 2020 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 28, 2020.

KM Radio of Independence, LLC, request for a waiver of its FY 2019 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 22, 2020.

Silver State Broadcasting, LLC, request for a waiver of its FY 2021 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 28, 2021.

Hammond Broadcasting, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2021, FY 2023, and FY 2024 regulatory fees, filed on or about July 1, 2024.

Caribbean Communications Corporation, request for a waiver of its FY 2017 regulatory fees, filed on September 29, 2017.

Innovative Long Distance, request for a waiver of its FY 2017 regulatory fees, filed on September 29, 2017.

⁵ *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2019*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Rulemaking, 34 FCC Rcd 8189, 8207, para. 50 (2019) (*FY 2019 Report and Order*), quoting *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for the 1994 Fiscal Year*, Report and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 5333, 5344, para. 29 (1994).

⁶ *FY 2019 Report and Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 8207, para. 50, citing *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for the 1994 Fiscal Year*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 10 FCC Rcd 12759, 12761-12762, paras 12-14 (1995) (*FY 1994 MO&O*).

⁷ *FY 2019 Report and Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 8207, para. 50, quoting *FY 1994 MO&O*, 10 FCC Rcd at 12762, para. 13.

⁸ 47 CFR § 1.1916; 31 CFR § 903.3.

ICC TV, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2017 regulatory fees, filed on September 29, 2017.

B. The following waiver requests are dismissed on procedural grounds, either for failing to request a waiver in a timely manner (1TV), and/or adhere to the Commission's filing instructions (Hammond).

1TV.com, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 regulatory fees, filed on or about August 16, 2019.

Hammond Broadcasting, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2022 regulatory fees, filed on or about July 1, 2024.

C. The following requests to waive regulatory fees are dismissed because the regulatory fees for which the parties sought waiver were paid in full after the parties' waiver requests were filed.⁹

Force 2 Broadcasting, request for a waiver or deferral of its FY 2020 regulatory fees, filed on September 21, 2020.

Richard J. Samson, Receiver for Reier Broadcasting Company, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2016 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 22, 2020.

McL/McM Georgia, LLC, request for deferral of its FY 2020 regulatory fees, filed on September 24, 2020.

D. The following request is dismissed for failing to submit documentation demonstrating financial hardship.

1TV.com, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2018 and FY 2019 regulatory fees, filed on or about August 16, 2019.

E. The following requests are dismissed because the regulatory fees are de minimus.

Eternity Records Company, LLC (WKXG), request for a waiver of its FY 2019 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 28, 2020.

Eternity Records Company, LLC (WETX), request for a waiver of its FY 2019 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 28, 2020.

M B Communications, Inc., request for a waiver of its FY 2020 regulatory fees, filed on or about September 28, 2020.

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⁹ Each of the listed parties paid their FY 2020 regulatory fees in full after filing waiver requests for those fees and before OMD issued a decision on the pending waiver requests.

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