

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

PUBLIC NOTICE

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**FCC ANNOUNCES PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING OF
DOCUMENTS THAT WERE DUE DURING THE GOVERN-
MENT SHUTDOWN**

In order to facilitate the orderly reopening of the Federal Communications Commission, the Office of the Secretary will accept the filing of documents that were due to be filed with the Commission during the Government shutdown according to the following procedures:

- All documents that were due to be filed with the Commission (at its headquarters, Gettysburg, PA, or Mellon Bank) while it was closed will be due no later than 5:30 p.m. on the *second* business day after the Commission reopens. To this extent, Section 1.4(j) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j), which would otherwise require such filings on the first business day after the shutdown, IS HEREBY WAIVED. While parties will have two business days to file at the appropriate location once the agency is reopened for business, they are strongly encouraged to tender their documents for filing as early as possible.
- Unless otherwise announced, the FCC Headquarters building and the Secretary's office will be open at 8:00 a.m. on the first day the Commission is authorized to reopen for business, and will be closed at 5:30 p.m. The Secretary will not accept documents after 5:30 p.m. Therefore, while persons will be admitted to the building before 5:30 p.m., due to the anticipated volume of filings, they may not be able to file documents with the Secretary after 5:30 p.m. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(f). Filings at the Commission's Gettysburg facility and at the Mellon Bank will also be accepted during normal business hours during the first two business days after the Commission is authorized to reopen.
- Documents received *during* the Government shutdown via mail at the Commission's headquarters, at Mellon Bank or at the Commission's Gettysburg offices will be deemed filed on the first day that the Commission is authorized to reopen.

This Public Notice affects only due dates for filings with the Commission that were due during the shutdown. It does not affect due dates for the filing of documents due to be filed after the Commission reopens and does not affect the effective dates of Commission actions or other events. These matters may be dealt with separately by the Commission or its Bureaus.

Action by the Managing Director.

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