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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCE TOWER AND ANTENNA AIRSPACE CLEARANCE NOW TRANSFERRED ELECTRONICALLY

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have announced that tower and antenna airspace clearance data from the FAA is now transferred to the FCC electronically. This development will enable the FCC to process antenna structure registration applications faster and it will save staff resources at both agencies. This is part of FCC and FAA efforts to employ innovative technologies in order to provide better customer service.

Previously, FAA clearance data was sent via paper copy to the FCC. Commission staff would then manually enter the information into the FCC's Antenna Structure Registration Database. The electronic transfer of this data is expected to reduce the time it takes to get this information into the FCC's database from 1-2 weeks to 1 day. Since the FCC cannot process antenna structure registration applications until FAA clearance has been received, the prompt receipt of this data will also enable structure owners to more readily register structures with the FCC. In addition, the electronic transfer guarantees the accuracy of the FAA data since it is sent directly from their database.

"This is another example of how we're leveraging technology to work smarter," said John Muleta, Chief of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. "By transferring this data efficiently we are better serving our customers."

"This is one of a series of actions that we are taking to streamline and modernize our workflow processes through automation, within our agency and with our governmental partners," said Sabra Kaulia, Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration.

Background on the FCC's Antenna Structure Registration Process:

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote air safety, the FCC requires owners to register certain tower or antenna structures that may create a hazard to air navigation (generally those more than 200 feet in height or located near an airport). The FCC's antenna structure registration process utilizes FAA clearance data to verify that the FAA has approved airspace clearance for the tower and site data being registered by a structure's owner. The antenna structure registration process includes information on the specific structure including location, obstruction marking and lighting and owner data.

For more information about the FCC's antenna structure registration process visit:
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/antenna/>

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