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REGULATORY FEES FACT SHEET

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WHAT YOU OWE – MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES FOR FY 2009

This *Fact Sheet* concerns licensees of media services such as: commercial AM & FM radio stations, FM translators and boosters, commercial television stations, satellite TV stations, low power television (LPTV) stations, TV translators and boosters and broadcast auxiliary stations. Media licensees and permittees owe regulatory fees for each license or permit held as of **October 1, 2008**, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2008. In instances where a license or permit is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2008, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the permit on the date that the fee payment is due

Commercial AM/FM Radio Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial AM and FM radio stations, holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations, and licensees who hold auxiliary broadcast service licenses for stations operated in conjunction with the main station (e.g., remote pickup stations, aural broadcast STLs, intercity relay stations and low power auxiliary stations), provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2008, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2008.

Fee Requirement: Fees are determined for AM and FM radio station licensees based upon class of station and population served. A station's class is based upon the station's most recent license that was granted on or before October 1, 2008. Fee amounts for AM and FM radio stations are indicated on a 42-block table, as shown on the following page. Fee amounts for individual stations may be obtained by accessing the FCC's internet website at (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>). If you have a commercial AM or FM radio station that is not listed, please contact the FCC Help Desk at (877) 480-3201, Option 4.

Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new AM and FM stations for which a license to cover the construction permit had not been granted as of October 1, 2008, owe \$400 (AM) and \$650 (FM), for each construction permit held, regardless of station class or population served. Licensees also owe \$10 for each broadcast auxiliary license held.

Payment Type Codes and Payment Amounts For FY 2009 Radio Station Regulatory Fees						
Population Served	AM Class A	AM Class B	AM Class C	AM Class D	FM Classes A, B1 & C3	FM Classes B, C, C0, C1 & C2
<=25,000	0917 \$675	0923 \$550	0929 \$500	0935 \$575	0941 \$650	0947 \$825
25,001 - 75,000	0918 \$1,350	0924 \$1,075	0930 \$750	0936 \$875	0942 \$1,325	0948 \$1,450
75,001 - 150,000	0919 \$2,025	0925 \$1,350	0931 \$1,000	0937 \$1,450	0943 \$1,825	0949 \$2,725
150,001 - 500,000	0920 \$3,050	0926 \$2,300	0932 \$1,500	0938 \$1,725	0944 \$2,800	0950 \$3,550
500,001 - 1,200,000	0921 \$4,400	0927 \$3,500	0933 \$2,500	0939 \$2,875	0945 \$4,450	0951 \$5,225
1,200,001 - 3,000,000	0922 \$6,750	0928 \$5,400	0934 \$3,750	0940 \$4,600	0946 \$7,250	0952 \$8,350
>3,000,000	0979 \$8,100	0980 \$6,475	0981 \$4,750	0982 \$5,750	0983 \$9,250	0984 \$10,850

Regulatory Fee Group or Category	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Construction Permit for New AM Station	\$400	0915
Construction Permit for New FM Station	\$650	0916
Broadcast Auxiliary Station License	\$10	0969

VHF/UHF/Satellite TV Stations

Who Must Pay: Licensees of commercial VHF, UHF and satellite television stations, holders of construction permits for new stations, and licensees who hold auxiliary broadcast service licenses for stations operated in conjunction with the main station (e.g., remote pickup stations, intercity relay stations), provided that such licenses or permits were granted on or before October 1, 2008, even if the license or permit expired after October 1, 2008.

Fee Requirement: Fees for commercial television stations are based upon the size of the Nielsen Designated Market Area (DMA), as indicated in the chart below.

Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new television stations for which a license had not been granted as of October 1, 2008, owe \$5,950 (VHF), \$1,950 (UHF), or \$650 (Satellite TV) for each permit held, regardless of market size. Finally, licensees also owe \$10 for each broadcast auxiliary license held.

Digital Television: In FY 2009, the Commission will assess regulatory fees on all analog full-service television stations licensed as of October 1, 2008, unless they meet any of the fee exemption criteria. As in prior years, digital-only television stations – stations that do not have an analog component – licensed as of October 1, 2008 are not subject to FY 2009 regulatory fees as a matter of Commission policy. Holders of construction permits (CPs) for new or existing UHF, VHF, and satellite television stations, for which a license had not been granted as of October 1, 2008, are subject to FY 2009 regulatory fees, only on their analog construction permits.

Commercial VHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10	\$77,575	0953
Markets 11-25	\$60,550	0954
Markets 26-50	\$37,575	0955
Markets 51-100	\$22,950	0956
Remaining Markets	\$5,950	0957
Construction Permit for New VHF Station	\$5,950	0958
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	0969

Commercial UHF Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Markets 1-10	\$24,250	0959
Markets 11-25	\$21,525	0960
Markets 26-50	\$13,350	0961
Markets 51-100	\$7,600	0962
Remaining Markets	\$1,950	0963
Construction Permit for New UHF Station	\$1,950	0964
Broadcast Auxiliary Station	\$10	0969

Satellite TV Stations:	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
All Markets	\$1,275	0965
Construction Permit for New Satellite Station	\$650	0966

LPTV, TV Translators & TV Boosters, FM Translators & FM Boosters

The Commission has established a category of “Class A TV” into which some Low Power TV (LPTV) stations were re-classified (See Establishment of a Class A TV Service, 65 FR 29985, MM Docket No. 00-10 (May 10, 2000). Therefore, LPTV stations that were re-classified as Class A TV as of October 1, 2000, as well as existing LPTV stations operating as of October 1, 2008, should pay the LPTV fee of \$400 for FY 2009.

Who Must Pay: Holders of LPTV, TV translator and booster licenses, and FM translator and booster licenses whose license was granted before October 1, 2008, even if the license expired after October 1, 2008.

Fee Requirement: Fees are owed on a per-license basis as follows:

Type of License	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
Low Power Television Station, TV Translator/TV Booster	\$400	0967
FM Translator/FM Booster	\$400	0968

MANDATORY USE OF FEE FILER

Beginning this year, licensees must begin the process of filing their annual regulatory fee obligation by entering the Commission’s Fee Filer system with a valid FRN and password. Only Form 159-E vouchers generated from Fee Filer will be permitted to be submitted with regulatory fee payments to U.S. Bank.

There are many benefits to licensees for using the Commission’s Fee Filer system: 1) expeditious submission of payment; 2) no postage or courier costs (when paid electronically through Fee Filer); 3) fewer errors caused by illegible handwriting or payments submitted without an FRN number or the appropriate data attributes (*e.g.*, payers will avoid receiving delinquency notices because of payment submission errors); 4) improved recordkeeping and payment reconciliation; 5) reduced administrative burden on both licensees and on Commission staff in processing regulatory fee payments; 6) less expensive than a wire transfer; and 7) a reduced burden of preparing, mailing, and storing paper documents.

Bear in mind that the U.S. Treasury rejects credit card transactions greater than \$99,999.99 from a single credit card in a single day, in accordance with U.S. Treasury Bulletin No. 2005-03. If you need to pay \$100,000.00 or more, then you must pay via a check, Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit, or wire transfer. An ACH debit can be accomplished via Fee Filer.

If you choose to pay by check or money order, you must print the fee filer generated Form 159-E voucher and mail it along with your check/money order to U.S. Bank. If you choose to pay via wire transfer, you must fax your Form 159-E voucher to U.S. Bank one hour in advance of the wire transaction.

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