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FCC LAUNCHES LICENSE VIEW
Public can explore millions of licenses through easy-to-use online dashboard

Washington D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission today launched FCC License View, a tool designed to make FCC license management information more transparent and accessible to a broad range of users. FCC License View is the latest release by the agency's Data Innovation Initiative, a long-term effort aimed at reforming the collection, use, and dissemination of FCC data.

With this new tool, users from across private and public sectors can digest complex licensing information through a simple and easy-to-use online dashboard. FCC License View lets users digest snapshots of FCC license management data that are at the core of the agency's mission. At launch, FCC License View lets users explore over 3 million total licenses, 2 million of which are active. FCC License View is available now at http://fcc.gov/licenseview.

"This data innovation is a key step toward opening the agency and its resources to the public," said FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski. "With the launch of FCC License View, the agency has made a bold stride towards unlocking the complex -- but significant -- world of FCC license management data."

This consolidated portal allows users of FCC License View to access information on the number of different licenses across services, the number of licenses owned by particular entities, and how many licenses are up for renewal in the future.

The underlying dataset is composed of data across the FCC's five licensing databases, and gives users three options -- HTML pages, raw data files, and Application Programming Interaces (APIs) -- through which to access and reuse agency data. The launch of FCC License View comes after the recent release of the FCC License View API, part of a package of developer community tools announced by Chairman Julius Genachowski and Managing Director Steven VanRoekel at the Gov 2.0 Summit in Washington, D.C. on September 7.

"The launch of FCC License View is a clear indication that the FCC is leveraging valuable experience inside the agency and converting that into valuable assets for the public to use," said Greg Elin, Chief Data Officer at the FCC. "This tool improves public access to these databases, while giving citizen developers and government agencies -- including the FCC -- a powerful way to make their work more efficient, effective, and transparent."

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