



REGULATORY FEES FACT SHEET

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

September 5, 2013

WAIVERS, REDUCTIONS AND DEFERMENTS OF REGULATORY FEES

Each year, the Commission is required to collect regulatory fees. Licensees and regulatees are assessed fees as set forth in *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013, Report and Order* 78 FR 52433, (August 23, 2013) (“*FY 2013 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*”). The Commission also publishes industry-specific guidance in *Who Owes Fees & What Is My FY 2013 Fee*, which can be found on the Commission website at <http://transition.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>.

The Commission’s automated filing and payment system (“Fee Filer”) is now available for filing and payment of FY 2013 regulatory fees. **Regulatory fee payments must be RECEIVED by the Commission no later than 11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 20, 2013.**

Licensees are solely responsible for accurately accounting for all licenses and for properly paying regulatory fees before the deadline. Any data omission, erroneous or incomplete data submission, or payment deficiency may result in sanctions permitted under 47 U.S.C. 159(c) and 47 C.F.R. § 1.1164, including, but not limited to, a mandatory 25% late payment penalty, dismissal of pending actions, and/or revocation of any authorization, and charges for collection. The 25% late payment penalty accrues automatically on any portion of the fee unpaid after the deadline. The Commission will invoke any lawful authority possessed under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the implementing rules to collect fees due or outstanding against licensees failing to meet their regulatory fee payment obligations. Thus, to avoid a 25% late-payment penalty, licensees must ensure that the Commission receives the full payment by the due date using one of the methods described in the *FY 2013 Payments and Procedures Public Notice*.

Under 47 U.S.C. 159(d) and 47 C.F.R. § 1.1166, the Commission may waive, reduce, or defer payment of a fee in specific instances, on a case-by-case basis, where good cause is shown and where waiver, reduction or deferral of the fee would promote the public interest. Licensees requesting a waiver either must pay the full fee or submit with the waiver request a petition to defer payment due to financial hardship that is fully supported by the required documentation of the financial hardship. If the licensee pays the fee, and a waiver is granted, the Commission will return the paid fee. The Commission will dismiss any petition for waiver of a regulatory fee that does not include a payment or the required petition for deferral and supporting documentation, and under 47 U.S.C. 159(c) and 31 U.S.C. 3717, the Commission is required to impose the 25% penalty and other relevant charges. A request for waiver, reduction or deferral must be received before the fee due date. If the licensee submits a request for a waiver or reduction with payment of the fee, the fee payment must be submitted to the Commission’s lockbox bank at the appropriate address set forth in the Commission’s rules. If licensee requests a waiver of the fee and petitions to defer payment, the request with the

required supporting financial documentation must be filed with the Commission's Secretary. The Commission will dismiss a waiver request filed by a delinquent debtor or a petition that does not have the required financial documentation. The Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/electronic-and-hard-copy-filing-address> provides the addresses for filing hardcopy documents. Requests for waiver of a regulatory fee should be clearly marked Attn: Office of the Managing Director, Regulatory Fee Waiver/Reduction Request, *e.g.*:

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Office of the Managing Director, Regulatory Fee Waiver/Reduction Request
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, D.C. 20554

All requests for waiver accompanied by a petition for deferral of payment must be received by the deadline, **September 20, 2013**. **Any request for waiver and deferral received after that date will be dismissed and licensee will be responsible for paying the full amount of the fee, a penalty equal to 25% of the amount of the fee not paid in a timely manner, charges of collection, and accrued payable interest and other penalties.**

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