**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**APPLICATION FEE FILING GUIDE**

**FOR**

**MEDIA BUREAU**

**COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS FM BOOSTER STATIONS**

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**CLASS A TELEVISION STATIONS SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION**

This is an unofficial compilation of the radio services and requests for FCC actions that are subject to fees. The public should consult the Commission's Rules as set out in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for application filing requirements. Further information on fees may be obtained at Part 1, Subpart G of the CFR or in the Commission's official decision implementing the Congressional Schedule of Charges. This decision is published in the FCC Record or may be purchased from the Commission's current copy contractor.

***Effective July 15, 2021***

**INTRODUCTION**

The authority for the Federal Communications Commission to impose and collect fees and associated charges is contained in Title III, Section 3001 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-39), Section 8, revising 47 U.S.C. § 158, which directs the Commission to prescribe charges for certain types of services it provides to communications entities over which it has jurisdiction.

This Fee Filing Guide is considered a reference guide to identify and describe all of the application fee filing requirements for the Media Bureau. It is meant to be a handy reference of the services and requests for FCC actions that are subject to a fee. The guide contains a breakdown of the types of applications, form numbers, fee amounts, payment type codes, and the mailing address for each service provided.

If further information is required that cannot be answered in this guide, please consult the Commission's rules as set forth in Title 47, Part 1, Subpart G, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Copies of the CFR may be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, DC 20402-9328, Telephone (202) 512-1800. Additional copies of this guide may be obtained without charge by calling (202) 418-3676, outside the Washington area (800) 418-3676. All fees are subject to modification as required by Congress.

**PART A**

**IMPORTANT** **CHANGE NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS/LICENSEES**

**WHO SUBMIT FEEABLE** **FILINGS**

Effective December 3, 2001, the use of the FCC Registration Number (FRN) is mandatory. If you do not yet have an FRN, you can obtain one through the FCC website listed below, or by filling out the registration (Form 160) and submitting the registration form to the FCC. **Please note that transactions with the FCC require the use of the FCC FRN. Therefore, please have the FRN available when contacting or submitting documents electronically to the FCC.**

Ways to obtain an FCC Registration Number (FRN):

* Go to [www.fcc.gov/cores](http://www.fcc.gov/cores) and click Register link.
* Calling the FCC’s CORES Helpdesk at 1-877-480-3201, Option 1.

**DEBT COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT**

**In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA), the Commission will begin withholding action on applications and other requests for benefits upon discovery that the entity applying for or seeking benefits is delinquent in its non-tax debts owed to the Commission, and dismiss such applications or requests if the delinquent debt is not resolved. Our application fee rules have been amended to state that we will withhold action on applications or other requests if payment of the delinquent debt is not made or satisfactory arrangements for payment are not made. Those rule amendments are effective October 1, 2004.**

**REMINDER REGARDING LOCKBOX CLOSURES**

During the past few years, the Commission has been reducing its use of P.O. Boxes for the collection of fees and has encouraged the use of electronic payment systems for all application and regulatory fees.[[1]](#footnote-2) The electronic payment of fees for applications, tariffs, and petitions increases the agency’s financial efficiency by reducing expenditures, including the annual fee for utilizing the bank’s services and the cost of processing each transaction manually, with very little or no inconvenience to the regulatees, applicants, and the public.[[2]](#footnote-3) As part of this process, the Commission has closed Lockbox 979095 (used to submit fees and petitions related to services provided by the Office of Engineering and Technology). As these Lockboxes are closed, filers will be required to submit payments electronically in accordance with the procedures set forth on the Commission’s web site, [https://www.fcc.gov/licensingdatabases/fees.](https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees) Payments can be made through the Fee Filer Online System (Fee Filer), accessible at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/fee-filer>, although we caution filers that the agency may transition to other secure payment systems in the future, after appropriate public notice and guidance.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (DO NOT SEND CASH)**

**Payment of fees by check or money order are no longer accepted.** If paying by credit card and ACH, they must be made using the FCC Fee Filer Online payment system. The Commission accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards. No other credit cards are acceptable. The credit card limitation is $24,999.99 for charges with a federal agency, per U.S. Treasury Announcement, A-2014-04 (7/2014). Any amount greater will be rejected. If paying by ACH, the payor must select “Payor from Bank Account”. **Note: Payors are strongly encouraged to contact their financial institutions to confirm that the correct Routing Number for this method of payment being used. In addition, payors should verify with their bank that their account has authorization to accept transactions**

**Payments of fees by Wire Transfer.** If paying by wire, it must be made to ABA Number 021030004, Receiving Bank TREAS/NYC and Account Number 27000001. When completing Form 159, please provide Payor Name, Payor FRN, Call Sign/Other Id applicants and Total Fees. A completed Form 159 must be faxed to FCC at 202-418-2843 or emailed [RROGWireFaxes@fcc.gov](mailto:RROGWireFaxes@fcc.gov) on the same business day that wire transfer is submitted. Applicant located in foreign countries should contact their local bank to determine what U.S. financial institution their bank is affiliated with that will allow a transfer of funds. For further instructions in making payments by wire, please see our website at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/wire-transfer>.

A wire transfer is a transaction that is initiated through a bank, authorizing the bank to wire funds from an account to the U.S. Treasury, New York, New York. All payments made by wire transfer (payable to the Federal Communications Commission) must be supported by faxing the “Wire Transfer Instructions” from Fee Filer to the Federal Communications Commission at (202) 418-2843 at least one hour before initiating the wire transfer (but on the same business day) so as not to delay crediting their account. These Wire Transfer Instructions contain valuable information (e.g. FRN, Voucher Number, Payer Name, and the Amount of the Wire) that will help to post the payment more quickly and avoid delays. Please note that most wire transfers initiated after 6:00 p.m. (ET) will be credited the next business day, and wires initiated outside of the United States may take additional time. Fee payors should discuss arrangements (including bank closing schedules, and bank wire transaction fees for which the Commission is not responsible) with their bankers several days before they plan to make the wire transfer to allow sufficient time for the transfer to be initiated and completed before the deadline, especially if the wire transfer is an international one.

Complete instructions for making wire payments are posted at [<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/wire-transfer>.](http://transition.fcc.gov/fees/wiretran.html) When initiating the wire transfer, please provide the bank with the following information to complete the transfer:

ABA Routing Number: 021030004 Receiving Bank: TREAS NYC

33 Liberty St.

New York, NY 10045

**BNF: FCC/ACCT–27000001**

OBI Field: (Skip one space between each information item) \**”Application Fee”**

PAYER FRN (Exactly as on remittance instrument) PAYER NAME (Exactly as on remittance instrument)

Phone: (Daytime Phone #, exactly as on remittance instrument)

**VOUCHER NUMBER** (Exactly as on remittance (Form 159-E) instrument)

**Please note**: The bank performing the wire transfer (or the bank draft) may charge a service fee, which is separate from the fees required for the FCC filing. Do not deduct the bank’s service fee from the fees due to the FCC.

**FEE EXEMPT APPLICATIONS**

Please check the appropriate block on your electronic application, **and if you have not** previously done so, provide the proper documentation, as required, to certify that your application is fee exempt. 47 CFR, Part 1, Section 1.1116 of the Commission's rules explains who qualifies as fee exempt.

**REQUESTS FOR WAIVER, FEE DETERMINATION, AND DEFERRAL, PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

Waiver, deferral and fee determination requests, and petitions for reconsideration and applications for review of fee decisions must be filed in accordance with 47 CFR, Part 1, Sections 1.1113 and 1.1119, and will be acted upon by the Managing Director with the concurrence of the General Counsel.. Each such pleading must be filed as a separate pleading. Requests to defer for financial hardship reasons must include supporting documentation. Each requestor will receive written notification of the Commission’s decision on its request, and all such decisions will be published periodically and placed in FCC Docket [General Docket 86-285].

**REFUND PROCESS**

The appropriate Bureau/Office handles routine refund requests. When a Bureau/Office determines that a refund is warranted, it is forwarded to the Office of the Managing Director, Revenue and Receivables Operations Group for processing. The Revenue and Receivables Operations Group (RROG) handles all approved refund requests. Once the refund request is

approved, the refund process usually takes 7-10 business days. Once a request has been reviewed and processed by RROG, it is forwarded to the U.S. Treasury in San Francisco, California where a check is issued to the payer of the remittance. For further information on return or refund of charges, refer to 47 CFR, Part 1, Section 1.1115 of the Commission’s Rules.

**QUESTIONS**

If you have questions regarding your application and/or fee, you may call toll free the FCC’s Consumer Center at 1-888-

CALLFCC(1-888-225-5322). For information on CORES call the CORES Administrator at 1-877-480-3201, Option 4.

**PART B – SECTION 8 FEES**

**MEDIA BUREAU SERVICES**

Parties seeking Commission authority to construct a new broadcast station; to make changes in authorized facilities; to initially obtain, renew or assign a broadcast station license; or to transfer control of a broadcast station license, must submit a written application to the Commission. Parties seeking to initially obtain, renew, or assign a CARS station license; or to transfer control of a CARS station license, must submit a written application to the Commission. Generally, the form for such application is prescribed by the Commission so as to elicit the information necessary for it to determine whether the applicant possesses the qualifications to be or remain a licensee and whether a grant of the application would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Multichannel Video Programming Distributors (MVPDs) and cable systems must file a Cable Community Registration prior to commencing operation in a community unit. MVPDs and cable systems must file an Aeronautical Frequency Notification prior to using the aeronautical frequencies on their system. Petitions for Special Relief or Requests for Special Temporary Authority (STA) may also be filed.

**COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS**

A commercial television station is any UHF or VHF station, other than those classified by the FCC as noncommercial educational stations.

**COMMERCIAL AM/FM RADIO STATIONS**

A commercial radio station is any AM or FM radio station, other than those stations which would qualify as non-commercial educational stations.

**FM TRANSLATORS**

An FM translator station retransmits the signals of an FM radio broadcast station or another FM broadcast translator station without significantly altering any characteristics of the incoming signal other than its frequency and amplitude for the purpose of providing FM reception to the general public.

**TV TRANSLATORS AND LPTV STATIONS**

TV translators are stations operated in the broadcast services for the purposes of retransmitting the programs and signals of a television broadcast station, without significantly altering any characteristic of the original signal other than its frequency and amplitude, for the purpose of providing television reception to the general public. A low power TV (LPTV) station may retransmit the programs and signals of a TV broadcast station and may originate programming and/or operate as a subscription service.

**CLASS A TELEVISION STATIONS**

A Class A television station is any UHF or VHF low power station that met the programming and operational standards set forth in the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999 and is broadcasting a minimum of 18 hours per week and an average of at least three hours per week of locally produced programming each quarter.

**FM BOOSTER STATIONS**

FM broadcast booster stations operate for the sole purpose of retransmitting the signals of an FM radio broadcast station by amplifying and reradiating such signals without significantly altering any characteristic of the incoming signal other than its amplitude. Only permittees and licensees of primary FM broadcast stations may apply for FM broadcast booster station authorizations.

**CABLE TELEVISION RELAY SERVICE (CARS)**.

A Cable Television Relay Service (CARS) station is used for the transmission of television and related audio signals, signals of standard and FM broadcast stations, signals of instructional television fixed stations, and cablecasting from the point of reception to a terminal point from which the signals are distributed to the public by the cable system. CARS license filings should be sent electronically to [form327@fcc.gov](mailto:form327@fcc.gov). To file a CARS license renewal, please visit the COALS website at: www.fcc.gov/coals.

**SPECIAL RELIEF PETITIONS**

On petition for special relief by any interested person, the Commission may waive any provision of the rules relating to cable television systems or issue a ruling on a complaint or disputed question. A fee will be charged for Cable Special Relief Petitions filed according to Section 76.7 of the Rules seeking the imposition of special requirements beyond those provided for in the rules.

**CABLE COMMUNITY REGISTRATION**

A Cable Community Registration (Form 322) must be filed electronically by an MVPD or cable system prior to commencing operations, to provide the Commission with an identification of the system's operator, a description of the television broadcast signals to be carried, and certain other information called for by Section 76.1801 (formerly Section 76.12) of the Rules. To file for a Cable Community Unit Id (CUID) visit COALS website at: www.fcc.gov/coals.

**AERONAUTICAL FREQUENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

**Cable Operator**

FCC Form 321 must be filed electronically by the operator of an MVPD or cable system, informing the Commission of its intended usage, in accord with Sections 76.610 - 76.617, and Section 76.1803 of the Rules, of frequencies in the aeronautical bands 108 - 137 and 225 - 400 MHz, as well as providing other information called for by Section 76.1804 of the Rules. To file an Aeronautical Frequency Notification (AFN) visit the COALS website at: www.fcc.gov/coals.

**Non-Cable MVPD**

Non-Cable MVPDs planning to use the frequencies in the aeronautical radio communications or navigational frequency bands must notify the Commission prior to the activation of these frequencies. The aeronautical operational requirements in the aeronautical bands are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 76.1804. To file an Aeronautical Frequency Notification (AFN) visit the COALS website at: www.fcc.gov/coals.

**PART B – SECTION 8 FEE SCHEDULE AND FILING GUIDE**

**FULL POWER COMMERCIAL AND CLASS A TELEVISION STATIONS**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule A, $4,260.00/ application MVT

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT Sched E, & 159 (If no Auction)

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule A, $4,835.00/ application MVS

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT Sched E, & 159 (If Auction, include Post-)

Auction, Consolidated

Long & Short Form Fee)

MINOR MODIFICATION 2100 Schedule A $1,335.00/ application MPT

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT & 159 & 159

NEW LICENSE 1 2100 Schedule B, $380.00/ application MJT

Sched F, & 159

LICENSE RENEWAL 2100 Schedule $330.00/ application MGT

303-S & 159

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $1,245.00/station MPU

314 & 159 (long form)

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $405.00/station MDT

316 & 159 (short form)

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $1,245.00/station MPU

315 & 159 (long form)

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $405.00/station MDT

316 & 159 (short form)

CALL SIGN 2 380 & 159 $170.00/ application MBT Footnote 2

SPECIAL TEMPORARY 2100 Schedule $270.00/ application MPV Footnote 3

AUTHORITY 3 STA & 159

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING 2100 Schedules A/B $3,395.00/ petition MRT Footnote 5

FOR NEW COMMUNITY OF & 159

LICENSE 5

OWNERSHIP REPORT 6 323 & 159 $85.00/ station MAT Footnote 6

**COMMERCIAL AM RADIO STATIONS**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 301 & 159 $3,980.00/ application MUR

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (If no Auction)

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 301 & 159 $4,555.00/ application MVR

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (If Auction, includes)

Consolidated Long

and Short Form Fee

MINOR MODIFICATION 301 & 159 $1,625.00/ application MVU

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

NEW LICENSE 7 302-AM & 159 $645.00/ application MMR Footnote 7

AM DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA 8 302-AM & 159 $1,260.00/ application MOR Footnote 8

LICENSE RENEWAL 2100 Schedule $325.00/ application MGR

303-S & 159

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $1,005.00/station MPR

314 & 159 (long form)

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $425.00/station MDR

316 & 159 (short form)

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $1,005.00/station MPR

315 & 159 (long form)

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $425.00/station MDR

316 & 159 (short form)

CALL SIGN 2 380 &159 $170.00/application MBR Footnote 2

SPECIAL TEMPORARY STA AM & 159 $290.00/ application MVV Footnote 3

AUTHORITY 3

OWNERSHIP REPORT 6 323 & 159/ $85.00/ station MAR Footnote 6

159\* & Corres.

**COMMERCIAL FM RADIO STATIONS**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule $3,295.00/ application MTR

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 301 & 159 (If No Auction)

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule $3,870.00/ application MVW

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 301 & 159 (If Auction,

includes Consolidated

Long & Short Form Fee)

MINOR MODIFICATION 2100 Schedule $1,265.00/ application MVX

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 301 & 159

NEW LICENSE 10 2100 Schedule $235.00/ application MHR Footnote 10

302-FM &159

FM DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA 8 2100 Schedule $630.00/ application MLR Footnote 8

302-FM &159

LICENSE RENEWAL 2100 Schedule $325.00/ application MGR

303-S &159

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $1,005.00/station MPR

314 & 159

(long form)

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $425.00/station MDR

316 & 159

(short form)

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $1,005.00/station MPR

315 & 159

(long form)

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $425.00/station MDR

316 & 159

(short form)

CALL SIGN 2 380 &159 $170.00/ application MBR Footnote 2

SPECIAL TEMPORARY STA FM & 159 $210.00/ application MVY Footnote 3

AUTHORITY 3

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING 2100 Schedule $3,180.00/ petition MRR

301 & 159

OWNERSHIP REPORT 6 323 & 159 $85.00/ station MAR Footnote 6

Corres & 159

**FM TRANSLATORS**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule $705.00/ application MOF

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 349 & 159

(If no Auction)

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule $1,280.00/ application MVZ

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 349 & 159

(If Auction, includes

Consolidated Long and

Short Form Fee)

MINOR MODIFICATION 2100 Schedule $210.00/application MWA

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 349 & 159

NEW LICENSE 10 2100 Schedule $180.00/ application MEF Footnote 10

350 & 159

FM TRANSLATOR/BOOSTER 2100 Schedule

LICENSE RENEWAL 303-S & 159 $175.00/ application MAF

FM TRANSLATOR/BOOSTER FX or FB STA $170.00/ application MWB Footnote 3

SPECIAL TEMPORARY & 159.

AUTHORIZATION 3

FM TRANSLATOR 2100 Schedule $290.00/station MDF

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 345 & 159

2100 Schedule 314 & 159

2100 Schedule

316 & 159

FM TRANSLATOR 2100 Schedule $290.00/station MDF

TRANSFER of CONTROL 345 & 159

2100 Schedule 315 & 159

2100 Schedule

316 & 159

FM BOOSTER 2100 Schedule $705.00/station MOF

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 349 & 159

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

FM BOOSTER 2100 Schedule $180.00/station MEF

NEW LICENSE 350 & 159

FM BOOSTER FB STA & 159 $170.00/station MWB

SPECIAL TEMPORARY

AUTHORITY

**SECTION 310 (b) (4) FOREIGN OWNERSHIP PETITION**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP Corres. & 159 $2,485.00/ application MWC

PETITION (separate and additional

to fee required for underlying application, if any)

**TV TRANSLATORS AND LPTV STATIONS**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule C $775.00/ application MOL

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT & 159 (If no Auction)

NEW OR MAJOR CHANGE 2100 Schedule C $1,350.00/ application MOK

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT & 159

If Auction, includes

Consolidated Long and

Short Form Fee)

NEW LICENSE 12 2100 Schedule D $215.00/ application MEL Footnote 12

& 159

LICENSE RENEWAL 2100 Schedule $145.00/ application MAL

303-S & 159

SPECIAL TEMPORARY 2100 Schedule STA $270.00/application MGL Footnote 3

AUTHORIZATION 3 & 159

LICENSE ASSIGNMENT 2100 Schedule $335.00/station MDL

345 & 159

2100 Schedule

314 & 159

2100 Schedule

316 & 159

TRANSFER OF CONTROL 2100 Schedule $335.00/station MDL

345 & 159

2100 Schedule

315 & 159

2100 Schedule

316 & 159

CALL SIGN 2 380 & 159 $170.00/ application MBT Footnote 2

**CABLE TELEVISION AND CARS LICENSE SERVICES**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION FORM # FEE AMOUNT FEE CODE**

CABLE TV & CARS NEW LICENSE 327 & 159 $450.00 TIC

CABLE TV & CARS LICENSE 327 & 159 $345.00 TID

MODIFICATION (MAJOR)

CABLE TV & CARS LICENSE 327 & 159 $50.00 TIE

MODIFICATION (MINOR)

CABLE TV & CARS LICENSE 327 & 159 $260.00 TIF

RENEWAL

CABLE TV & CARS LICENSE 327 & 159 $365.00 TIG

ASSIGNMENT

CABLE TV & CARS TRANSFER 327 & 159 $465.00 TIH

OF CONTROL

CABLE TV & CARS SPECIAL Corres. 159 $225.00 TGC

TEMPROARY AUTHORITY

CABLE TV SPECIAL RELIEF Corres. Petition $1,615.00 TQC

PETITION & 159

CABLE TV & CARS LICENSE 322 & 159 $105.00 TAC

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

CABLE TV & MVPD AERONAUTICAL 321 & 159 $90.00 TAB

FREQUENCY NOTIFICATION

**FOOTNOTES TO MEDIA SERVICES FEE FILING GUIDE**

**1** This license covers the facility authorized by, and constructed pursuant to, an outstanding construction permit. A fee will not be charged to obtain a modified station license to reflect a change made that does not require prior authorization from the FCC.

**2** Requests for new or modified call sign assignments must be made by using the Commission’s on-line call sign reservation and authorization system via the call sign electronic screens (FCC 380) in accord with Section 73.3550 of the Rules. A fee is not imposed on stations seeking to modify an existing call sign only to the extent of adding or deleting an -FM or -TV suffix.

**3** A special temporary authorization (STA) is the authority granted to a permittee or licensee to permit the operation of a radio, television, or microwave broadcast station for a limited period at a specified variance from the terms of the station authorization or requirements of the Commission's Rules applicable to the particular class of station. The STA fee also applies to applicants requesting field test authority, pursuant to Section 73.1515 of the Rules. However, a fee is not imposed on stations seeking to discontinue broadcast operations beyond the initial 30 day period or to extend an existing STA to remain silent. Similarly, extensions of STA for displaced LPTV/TV translator stations are not feeable.

**4** STA requests may be made by letter to the Commission in accordance with Section 73.1635 of the Rules. The appropriate fee and Form 159 must accompany these requests. However, in cases of emergency, STAs can be requested via telephone followed by a written confirmation request. For these emergency STA requests, the proponent must use Fee Filer to submit the appropriate filing fee.. The written confirmation of the emergency STA request should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C. 20554.

**5** Television broadcast station permittees and licensees can request through a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Television Table of Allotments to specify a new community of license when the amended allotment would be mutually exclusive with the permittee's or licensee's present assignment. Upon approval of the rulemaking petition and the filing of the minor change or license application needed to effect the change in community of license, the permittee or licensee must file this fee **in addition** to the fee required for such minor change or license application.

**6** Licensees of commercial full power television, Class A television, low power television, AM radio, and FM radio stations must file biennial ownership reports with the Commission in odd-numbered years. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 73.3615(a); 73.6026; 74.797*.* The ownership report is the FCC Form 323, or the aggregate Form 323s as the case may be, submitted on behalf of the individual full power television, Class A television, low power television, AM, or FM broadcast station. The fee is calculated based on the number of stations for which the report is filed.

**7** A fee is not imposed for requests to determine power by the direct method under Section 73.51 of the Rules. The new license fee is required for stations seeking a new license pursuant to a moment method proof of performance under Section 73.151(c) of the Rules. The fee is not required for other license modifications which may be made without prior authorization from the FCC.

**8** A directional antenna is an antenna that is designed or altered for the purpose of obtaining a noncircular radiation pattern. Directional antennas may be employed for the purpose of improving service or for the purpose of using a particular site. This fee must be filed in addition to the fee required for the AM or FM license application, including an AM license application supported by a moment method proof of performance under Section 73.151(c).

**9** This fee is not applicable to any license modification which may be made without prior authorization from the FCC.

**10** This fee is not required when this form is filed to obtain a modified station license to reflect either a change in the type of TV transmitter antenna or a change in the output power of TV transmitter to accommodate a change in the antenna type or transmission line. These changes can be made without prior authorization from the Commission.

1. The Commission previously revised its payment rules to encourage electronic payment of application processing fees and require electronic payment of regulatory fees. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1112 (application fees) and 1.1158 (regulatory fees). These rules became effective November 30, 2015. 80 FR 66816 (Oct. 30, 2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *See* Treasury Financial Manual, Bulletin No. 2017-12, “Agency No-Cash or No-Check Policies,” released on September 18, 2017 (explaining the circumstances under which agencies may decide not to accept payments made in cash or by check), *available at* <https://tfm.fiscal.treasury.gov/v1/bull/17-12.pdf>; *see also*<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-16/pdf/2011-15181.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)