

CONTINGENT APPLICATIONS IN THE BROADCAST SERVICES

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The Commission's experience has disclosed that the existing policy of accepting "contingent" applications in the aural broadcast service for construction permits for new facilities and/or major modifications has not been satisfactory. Since no action can be taken on such applications pending removal of the contingency, holding these applications in our pending files does not serve any valid public interest. Moreover, experience has shown that such applications consume appreciable staff time, which could be devoted to the processing of other applications. Since many of these applications must be held for long periods of time, it is usually necessary for the applicants to file substantial amendments when the contingencies have finally been resolved.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission has concluded that no additional "contingent" applications of the type referred to above will be accepted for filing from this date. The Commission will delete Question 3 on Page 1 of FCC Form 301, which relates to the filing of contingent applications, as soon as practicable.

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