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FCC Releases New Form 601 for Radio Services Authorization

Effective June 1, 2000, the Commission releases the latest edition of Form 601, *Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization*¹ for electronic filing via the Universal Licensing System (ULS). Hard copies of this edition will not be available until further notice. Accordingly, manual filers should continue to use the August 1999 edition of Form 601 until further notice. This Public Notice notes various differences between the June 2000 edition and the August 1999 editions.

Bridging the Transition

Before discussing the changes in the latest edition, electronic filers should be aware how the ULS will handle incomplete applications currently in the system.

When a filer in ULS hits the submit button after 1 p.m. on June 1, 2000, ULS will prompt the filer to answer any question newly required by the June 2000 Form 601 that had not been answered.

Main Form Item Changes and Impact:

Item 3a – “Demonstration License” is a new option.

Item 3b – There is now a citation to explain the meaning of emergency “Special Temporary Authority” (STA).

Item 7 – We have revised this item to read,

“Is this request ‘major’ as defined in Section 1.929 of the Commission’s rules when read in conjunction with the applicable radio service rules found in Parts 22 and 90 of the Commission’s Rules? (NOTE: This question only applies to certain site-specific applications. See the instructions for applicability and full text of Section 1.929).”

A manual filer will need an attachment to his/her 1999 edition Form 601 if the answer is “Y.” A “No” answer to the question on the old version would mean a “No” answer on the new version (not major).

Item 8c – This is a new question, asking, “Are the frequencies or parameters requested in this filing covered by grandfathered privileges, previously approved by waiver, or functionally integrated with an existing station?”

¹ The Office of Management and Budget approved the latest edition of Form 601 under OMB control number 3060-0798.

This question addresses the following condition: An application may include technical data which is outside the limits of the existing Rules but may have been granted previously by waiver, covered by a grandfathering provision in the Rules, or permissible because the requested facility is functionally integrated with an existing station. Applicants should check their present authorization or the specific Rules governing operation on the frequency(ies) requested to determine if entering “Y” to this item is appropriate. Otherwise, enter “N.” Only if a manual filer needs to answer “Y” should he/she do so by an attachment.

Item 10c – You are not currently required to obtain an “FCC Registration Number” (FRN) or provide a FRN with any application. Further details will be provided in a future Public Notice when FRN usage becomes mandatory.

Item 35 – Under “Regulatory Status,” “Broadcast Services” and “Band Manager” are two new options.

Item 36 – “Broadcast Services” is an additional option under “Type of Radio Service.”

Items 40-43 – For “Alien Ownership Questions,” the latest edition specifies that an attachment is required for any “Yes” answer.

Schedule D Changes and Impact:

Item 27 – This item now specifies that the date be inputted in the “mm/dd/yy” format. No impact on filers is expected.

Schedule H

We have revised Schedule H to accommodate the transition of Land Mobile to the ULS.

Schedule K and L changes and their impact:

Schedules K and L are reorganized without substantive changes.

In Schedule K, under “Purpose,” there is a new option, “H,” for final slow growth notification. There should be no impact as there will be no services that will use option “H” until LM is implemented.

For Further Information or Assistance

For general information about ULS, including answers to frequently asked questions regarding submitting applications, finding the status of pending applications, and searching the ULS database, the Commission recommends first consulting the ULS web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>. Those having specific questions not addressed on the web page may contact Commission staff via phone or e-mail as described below.

FCC Technical Support Hotline: 202-414-1250 (TTY 202- 414-1255), or via e-mail at ulscomm@fcc.gov. Contact the Technical Support Hotline about questions concerning computer access to ULS, TIN registration, uploading files, or submitting attachments in ULS. The hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Time, on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. In order to provide better service to ULS users and ensure the security of the electronic filing system, all calls to the hotline are recorded.

ULS Licensing Support and Forms Information: 1-888-CALLFCC (225-5322), choose option #2. E-mail questions may be sent to ulshelp@fcc.gov. Contact Licensing Support with questions about which application purpose(s) are

appropriate for a particular filing, what information is being requested on a ULS form or schedule, or any other ULS-related licensing matter. ULS Licensing Support is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Obtaining Forms: The FCC offers several ways to obtain forms (including pre-ULS forms). Forms can be acquired via the FCC forms page at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>; via the Forms Request System (forms are mailed to those who request them) at 1-800-418-FORM (3676); and via the Fax on Demand System at 202-418-0177. Please note that a hard copy of the June 2000 Form 601 is currently unavailable via any method.