

Filing Procedures for Wireless Spectrum Leasing and Private Commons Arrangements

The Federal Communications Commission's rules permit licensees in the Wireless Radio Services holding exclusive use licenses to lease some or all of the spectrum usage rights associated with their licenses to third parties. In addition, FCC rules allow parties to enter into "private commons" arrangements. FCC Form 608, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Application or Notification for Spectrum Leasing Arrangement or Private Commons Arrangement, is used to file spectrum leasing applications and notifications and private commons arrangements.

What is FCC Form 608?

FCC Form 608 is a multi-purpose form that allows users to submit spectrum leasing and private commons arrangements filings. The online Form 608 in ULS provides an enhanced filing environment for working with wireless applications and allows for electronic filing of most spectrum leasing applications and notifications in a question-and-answer format through an application wizard.

Features in ULS License Manager for FCC Form 608

The online filing module for the FCC Form 608 is launched from within ULS License Manager (<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>). Users may initiate the application wizard for filing new leases by clicking on the 'Lease Spectrum' link on the My Licenses screen. Users may manage existing leases by clicking on the appropriate link under My Leases.

The screenshot shows the FCC License Manager interface. The main content area displays a table of licenses with columns for License, Name, Radio Service, and Expiration Date. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links, with 'Lease Spectrum' and 'My Licenses' highlighted. A warning message at the top of the main content area states: 'The FCC recommends downloading Java Sun 1.4.2_05 when filing 601 applications for News, Modifications and Renewal/Modifications in Cellular, Microwave, Paging, Land Mobile and Coast- and Ground services.'

License	Name	Radio Service	Expiration Date
1 KAR4428	FOSTER ELECTRIC COMPANY	IG	03/25/2011
2 KAI455	HILL ELECTRIC CO	IG	08/01/2011
3 KNON812	FAUST DISTRIBUTING COMPANY INC	GX	02/24/2009
4 KNGO480	PINE RIVER, CITY OF	PW	02/20/2011
5 KNBY208	OLD OCEAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	PW	12/16/2011
6 KNNK570	VERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PW	01/17/2011
7 KNNK084	FCI 900, Inc.	GU	02/15/2011
8 KNNK080	FCI 900, Inc.	GR	02/15/2011
9 KNNK090	FCI 900, Inc.	GE	02/26/2011

Filings that Must be Submitted Manually

Subleases and private commons arrangements may not be filed electronically; rather, they must be filed using the paper version of FCC Form 608 available at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>. These manually filed applications and notifications will be available for viewing in ULS as attachments to license data using ULS License Search.

Viewing Spectrum Leases in ULS

Spectrum leases are viewable in ULS in the same manner as licenses. A "Lease" tab is displayed on any license that contains one or more spectrum leases and can be clicked for detailed information. Each spectrum lease in ULS consists of a "Main" tab including information such as the type of lease, term of the lease, and name of the lessee; and, an "Admin" tab consisting of information such as comments and special conditions, with links to related applications associated with the spectrum lease. Other tabs, such as a "Market" tab or "Technical Data" tab, appear depending on the radio service in which the spectrum is being leased.



Updates to ULS Search Interfaces

Secondary Markets Application Search

The Secondary Markets Search enables users to specify search criteria related to license assignments and transfers, as well as spectrum leases.

The screenshot displays the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS) License Search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Updates, E-Filing, Initiatives, For Consumers, and Find People. The main heading is 'Universal Licensing System' with a sub-heading 'License Search'. A search form is present with a dropdown menu set to 'By Call Sign', a search input field, and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the form, there are three columns of search options: 'Advanced Search', 'Service Specific Search', and 'Specialized Search'. The 'Lease Specific' option under 'Specialized Search' is circled in red.

License Search

License Search includes leases in all license search results. Leases shown in the search result are visibly distinct from licenses because the lease identifier begins with a letter "L" followed by 9-digits. To further identify leases, license records that have leases associated with that license have an "L" icon next to the call sign. Leases can be excluded from an Advanced License Search by choosing the "Exclude Leases" check box.

Specialized Lease Search

ULS Specialized Lease Search is available from the License Search home page. Lease Search provides lease-specific search fields and refined search results that include only lease data.

Additional information on Secondary Markets rules and procedures and the FCC Form 608 filing process may be found at:

- FCC Rules: See 47 C.F.R., Part 1, Subpart X - Spectrum Leasing, accessible at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/rules.html>.
- Spectrum Leasing webpage: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/spectrumleasing/>

