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REVISIONS TO DEADLINES FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS

As a result of the recent lapse in funding, the Commission suspended most operations from October 1, 2025, through November 12, 2025. Certain electronic filing and database systems were unavailable during this time.¹ Other electronic systems were unsupported during this period.²

By Public Notice issued on September 30, 2025, the Commission announced that all filings that would have been due during the suspension of operations would become due on the business day following the resumption of normal operations.³ On November 13, 2025, the Commission further extended all such deadlines until at least November 18, 2025.⁴

Because parties did not have full access to some electronic systems and databases during the suspension of operations, we further address the deadlines for filings, with the exceptions set forth below for certain systems and programs, as follows:

- **Filings that were due between October 1, 2025 and November 17, 2025, inclusive, are now due by November 18, 2025; except that**
- **Filings in certain specific systems and programs will be due on the deadlines listed below.**

While we recognize that these extensions do not afford an extension of time equal to the length of the funding lapse in all cases, we believe these extension periods are reasonable under the circumstances. Commission staff will consider requests for further extensions in individual matters, as appropriate.

Further, this *Public Notice* supersedes any filing deadline or time period set forth in the Public Notices of September 30, October 1, and November 13 to the extent that they are inconsistent with any deadlines or time periods set forth herein. We hereby waive the Commission's rules to the extent

¹ See *Impact of Potential Lapse in Funding on Commission Operations*, Public Notice, DA 25-922 (Sept. 30, 2025) (*September 30 Public Notice*).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* On October 1, 2025, the Wireline Competition Bureau released a Public Notice announcing comment deadlines for certain section 214 discontinuance and transfer of control proceedings, and addressing the removal of the affected section 214 applications in those proceedings from automatic grant and streamlined processing. *Notice Regarding Status of Pending Section 214 Applications Due to Lapse in Funding*, WC Docket Nos. 25-251, 25-254, 25-264, 25-265, 25-281, 25-282, 25-283, 25-284, 25-285, & 25-286, Public Notice, DA 25-925 (WCB Oct. 1, 2025) (*October 1 Public Notice*).

⁴ *Additional Guidance Ahead of Resumption of Operations and Extension of Filing Deadlines*, Public Notice, DA 25-937 (Nov. 13, 2025) (*November 13 Public Notice*).

necessary to effectuate these extensions. The extensions contained in this *Public Notice* do not apply to NORS and DIRS filings and filings related to spectrum auction activities authorized by section 309(j).

Filings in specific proceedings or classes of proceedings. As noted above, the extended deadlines for filings in certain specific systems and programs will be as follows:

1. ***ULS Applications and Notifications.*** All ULS applications and notifications originally due to be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules (e.g., sections 1.913, 1.946) on October 1, 2025, through and including December 5, 2025, are now due on December 5, 2025 (except certain Personal Radio Services renewals as described below). This extension does not apply to filings associated with spectrum auction activities authorized by section 309(j). In addition, all ULS filings that applicants attempted to file on October 1, 2025 (before ULS became unavailable on that day) will be considered received on November 18, 2025. For personal radio licensees (i.e., Amateur, Ship, Aircraft, GMRS, and Commercial Operator Licenses), renewal filings originally due on October 1, 2025, through and including March 5, 2026, are now due on March 5, 2026. Further, we confirm that licensees whose licenses have expired and whose renewal filing deadlines have been extended above may rely on their timely renewal filing (by the extended deadline) to support continued operation pursuant to section 1.62 of the Commission's rules.⁵ Finally, although the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) normally send renewal and construction reminder emails to licensees, the Bureaus ***will not*** send reminders that normally would have gone out while ULS was unavailable. The Bureaus will resume reminder emails the week of November 24, 2025. Reminder emails are a courtesy and licensees must timely comply with construction and filing rules regardless of whether they actually receive a reminder.
2. ***Licensing and Management System.*** The Media Bureau will release an additional public notice that outlines the filing and processing deadlines for all Media Bureau filings in LMS.⁶
3. ***Informal Consumer Complaints.*** Service providers' ability to respond to informal complaints was not affected by the partial lapse in funding. Nothing in this *Public Notice* changes any associated filing dates.
4. ***Online Public Inspection File.***
 - ***Quarterly Issues Report Filings:*** All quarterly issue report filings that were to be filed by October 10, 2025, will now have a deadline of December 1, 2025. The Media Bureau encourages licensees to file earlier than the deadline noted above.
 - ***EEO Filings:*** All EEO filings that were to be filed by October 1, 2025, will now have a deadline of November 24, 2025. The Media Bureau encourages licensees to file earlier than the deadline noted above. Broadcast EEO audit responses that were to be filed by October 17, 2025 as per the *September 12, 2025 Public Notice*⁷ will likewise be due by November 24, 2025, including responses to certain questions in the EEO audit letter that were required to be submitted separately via email to EB-EEO@fcc.gov (questions 2(b)(vi)(a-b), (vii-viii), defined therein as the Inquiries).

⁵ 47 CFR § 1.62.

⁶ See also LMS Help Center, <https://www.fcc.gov/media/radio/lms-help-center>.

⁷ See *Enforcement Bureau Extends Deadline for 2025 EEO Audits and Issues Further Guidance to Respondents*, Public Notice, DA 25-847 (EB Sept. 12, 2025).

- *Political Programming Filings:* The Media Bureau will release a further public notice providing additional instructions for any political programming notices that were required to be filed during the lapse in appropriations. Licensees should retain any relevant documents until release of additional information on filing deadlines.
5. ***LPTV Major Modification Filing Opportunities.*** On September 3, 2025, the Media Bureau issued a Public Notice announcing a phased approach for permitting Class A television, low power television (LPTV), and television (TV) translator stations to file major modification applications and new LPTV and TV translator station applications.⁸ The Media Bureau will release a further public notice providing revised deadlines for these filing opportunities. All major modification applications remain frozen.⁹ Minor modification applications (including displacement applications) may still be filed.
 6. ***DIRS Modernization, PS Docket Nos. 21-346 and 15-80 and ET Docket No. 04-35.*** Comments in response to the *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on modernizing DIRS were due on October 2, 2025, and reply comments were due on November 3, 2025.¹⁰ To ensure that there is sufficient time for commenters to review the record and submit reply comments, comments shall be due on November 18, 2025, and reply comments shall be due on December 18, 2025.
 7. ***Petition for Rulemaking on Part 90 Signal Boosters, RM-12009.*** Comments in response to the *Public Notice* seeking comment on Part 90 signal boosters were due on October 16, 2025, and reply comments were due on October 31, 2025.¹¹ To ensure that there is sufficient time for commenters to review the record and submit reply comments, comments shall be due on November 18, 2025, and reply comments shall be due on December 18, 2025.
 8. ***911 Reliability Certifications, PS Docket 13-75.*** Covered 911 service providers may have been prevented from filing their annual 911 reliability certifications on or before October 15, 2025 during the partial lapse in funding. The 911 reliability certification deadline will be extended to December 12, 2025.
 9. ***Next Generation 911 Requests, PS Docket 25-143.*** NG911 valid requests that 911 Authorities filed in the Commission's NG911 Registry in ECFS during the funding lapse may not have appeared to the public until after ECFS became available on November 13, 2025. The compliance deadlines for originating service providers from a request filed in the NG911 Registry during the funding lapse will run from the date the request is posted to ECFS, and is therefore available to the public to view. If a 911 Authority instead directly notified an originating service provider of its NG911 valid request during the funding lapse (i.e., the 911 Authority did *not* use the NG911 Registry), the originating service provider's compliance deadlines are unchanged.

⁸ *Media Bureau Announces a Phased Resumption of First-Come, First-Served Processing of Applications for Major Changes for Class A, LPTV, and TV Translator Stations and Applications for New LPTV and TV Translator Stations*, Public Notice, DA 25-792 (MB Sept. 3, 2025).

⁹ *Id.* at 2 (freezing all LPTV, TV translator and Class A major modification applications effective September 3, 2025).

¹⁰ *Resilient Networks*, PS Docket No. 21-346, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 25-45 (Aug. 6, 2025); Federal Communications Commission, *Resilient Networks; Disruptions to Communications*, 90 Fed. Reg. 42355 (Sept. 2, 2025).

¹¹ *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seek Comment on Safer Buildings Coalition Petition for Rulemaking on Part 90 Signal Boosters*, RM-12009, Public Notice, DA 25-853 (PSHSB, WTB Sept. 16, 2025).

10. ***Equipment Authorization System – TCB and Test Lab Recognitions.*** Telecommunications certification bodies (TCBs) and testing laboratories recognized by the FCC on September 30, 2025 may have been prevented from seeking timely renewal of recognition during the funding lapse. TCB and test lab recognition expiration dates will be extended until December 31, 2025 for TCBs and labs that were: (a) recognized by the FCC on September 15, 2025; (b) had their recognitions expire between September 15 and December 1, 2025; and (c) may be considered for recognition under 47 CFR § 2.951. Deadlines will not be extended for any laboratory in which a prohibited entity has, possesses, or otherwise controls equity or voting interests of 10% or more.¹²
11. ***Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS); Electronic Section 106 System (E-106); Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) System, and Environmental Assessments (EAs) submitted pursuant to section 1.1308(a) of the Commission's rules.*** Due to the unavailability of these systems during the period of time that the Commission suspended operations, deadlines and Tribal review timelines for filings made in connection with these systems or programs, including related submissions for environmental and historic preservation review, are tolled between October 1, 2025 and November 17, 2025. Regarding the TCNS database, Tribal Nations have a 30-day period to review an application once it is uploaded to the E-106 system. Tribes that fail to respond after 30 days may be referred to the Commission to conclude review obligations. For example, if an applicant uploaded a Form 620 into the E-106 system on September 29, 2025, the TCNS review clock would have stopped on October 1, 2025, and resumed on November 18, 2025. In this example, two days would have elapsed for purposes of Tribal notification, and the earliest that a non-responsive Tribe may be referred would be December 15, 2025. As to ASR and EA filings, the public comment deadline is similarly tolled during the Commission's suspended operations. Commission staff will adjust dates accordingly for applications that were pending within any of these systems at the time the Commission suspended operations. Any questions about TCNS/E-106 timelines should be sent to tenshelp@fcc.gov. Questions regarding EA and ASR filings should be directed to the FCC WTB Help Desk (1-877-480-3201).

In addition, Bureaus and Offices may, by further public notice, set filing deadlines different than those specified in this *Public Notice* for filings in specific proceedings or classes of proceedings.

Responsive Pleadings. Where reply comments or responsive pleadings are permitted with respect to initial filings with due dates extended by this *Public Notice*, the filing deadlines for such reply or responsive pleadings will be extended for a period of time equivalent to the extension provided for initial filing so as to afford responding parties the same amount of time. Thus, for example, if comments in a rulemaking proceeding were originally due on October 15 and reply comments were due fifteen days later, comments are now due on November 18, as set forth above, and reply comments are due fifteen days thereafter on December 3.¹³

Statutory Deadlines. The Commission cannot waive statutory filing deadlines such as those associated with petitions for reconsideration. Nonetheless, because of the disruption and uncertainty associated with the suspension of Commission activities and the relaunch of Commission filing systems, we will consider the Commission closed for purposes of section 1.4(e) of our rules until Tuesday, November 18, 2025 with respect to the filing of documents with statutory deadlines, other than for filings

¹² 47 CFR § 2.951(b)(1).

¹³ The due dates for reply or responsive pleadings to pleadings filed prior to the suspension of operations, other than pleadings related to spectrum activities authorized by section 309(j), are extended according to the general extension schedule set forth above unless otherwise specified.

related to spectrum auction activities authorized by section 309(j) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.¹⁴

Special Temporary Authority (STA). Any STAs that would have expired from October 1, 2025, through December 5, 2025, are extended until December 5, 2025.

Fee and Other Payments. Due dates for fee payments that can only be made through the FCC's Fee Filer System and that otherwise fell due between October 1, 2025, and December 5, 2025, are extended according to the same schedule set forth above for regulatory filings. All other payments remain due on their originally scheduled dates.

Transaction Shot Clock. The Commission's informal 180-day shot clocks for review of transactions that were suspended on September 30, 2025, due to the suspension of operations, are restarted as of November 13, 2025. For example, if September 30, 2025 was day 101 of the shot clock for a particular transaction, November 13, 2025 is day 102.¹⁵

Enforcement Matters. With the exception of broadcast EEO audit responses discussed above, the extension of filing deadlines does not apply to any enforcement matters for which other deadlines have been set by the Enforcement Bureau.

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.3, and their respective delegated authorities, this *Public Notice* is issued by the Consumer and Governmental Affairs, Enforcement, Media, Public Safety and Homeland Security, Space, Wireless Telecommunications, and Wireline Competition Bureaus and the Offices of Economics and Analytics, Engineering and Technology, International Affairs, General Counsel, and Managing Director.

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¹⁴ This determination does not impact statutory deadlines unrelated to filings with the Commission, such as broadcast operation requirements under section 312(g) of the Communications Act. 47 U.S.C. § 312(g). Also, extensions of deadlines for filing license applications or notifications of completion of construction of station facilities will not serve to extend existing deadlines for completion of construction. Existing rules and procedures for seeking extensions of deadlines unrelated to filings should be followed.

¹⁵ This *Public Notice* has no effect on the timeframes for review of transactions as to which the informal shot clock was suspended on or before September 30, 2025, for reasons unrelated to the partial lapse in funding.



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MEDIA BUREAU REVISES FILING SCHEDULE FOR CLASS A, LPTV, AND TV TRANSLATOR MAJOR CHANGE APPLICATIONS AND FOR NEW LPTV AND TV TRANSLATOR STATION APPLICATIONS

On September 3, 2025, the Media Bureau (Bureau) issued a Public Notice announcing a phased approach permitting Class A television, low power television (LPTV), and television (TV) translator stations to resume filing major modification applications and allowing for the filing of new LPTV and TV translator station applications.¹ In light of prospective applicants' inability to access the Commission's Licensing and Management System (LMS) during the recent partial lapse in government funding² – and therefore prepare and file applications as previously scheduled – the Bureau revises the dates for the filing opportunities previously announced in the *September 2025 PN*.³ Except for the revised dates announced below, all processes and procedures previously announced by the Bureau pertaining to these filing opportunities remain the same.⁴ The freeze on major change applications implemented by the Bureau on September 3, 2025, remains in effect until it is lifted pursuant to the revised schedule set forth below.

Revised Freeze/Filing Opportunity Dates:⁵

**December 11, 2025
6:00 p.m. ET**

Temporary application filing freeze implemented on all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations. Minor change applications filed once the freeze is imposed will be dismissed and need to be re-filed after the freeze is lifted.

**December 18, 2025
12:01 a.m. ET**

Major modification filing freeze lifted to permit Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations to file major change applications, on a first come, first served basis. Facility

¹ *Media Bureau Announces a Phased Resumption of First-Come, First-Served Processing of Applications for Major Changes for Class A, LPTV, and TV Translator Stations and Applications for New LPTV and TV Translator Stations*, Public Notice, DA 25-792 (MB Sept. 3, 2025) (*September 2025 PN*). The terms “modification(s)” and “change(s)” are used interchangeably in this Public Notice.

² *Impact of Potential Lapse in Funding on Commission Operations*, Public Notice, DA 25-922 (rel. Sept. 30, 2025).

³ *See Revisions to Deadlines Following Resumption of Normal Operations*, Public Notice, DA 25-943 at 3 (rel. Nov. 17, 2025) (stating that the Bureau would provide further guidance on the LPTV major modification and new station filing opportunities).

⁴ *September 2025 PN* at 2-7 and Appx.

⁵ Both the initial temporary freeze on minor change applications and the initial major change filing opportunity were originally scheduled to occur on October 15 and October 22, 2025, respectively. These dates fell during the partial lapse in government funding. The new dates established herein take precedence over any other filing guidance provided as a result of the shutdown. Minor modification applications (including displacement applications) may continue to be filed, subject to the revised schedule.

relocations are limited to no more than 121.0 kilometers (km). Major change applications submitted during this filing opportunity must meet the 121.0 km distance limit and otherwise comply with the Commission's part 73 and 74 rules. All other applications will be dismissed.

Freeze lifted on all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations.

**January 29, 2026
6:00 p.m. ET**

Temporary application filing freeze implemented for all major change applications for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations. Major change applications filed once the freeze is imposed will be dismissed and need to be re-filed after the freeze is lifted.

**March 12, 2026
6:00 p.m. ET**

Temporary application filing freeze for all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations. Minor change applications filed once the freeze is imposed will be dismissed and need to be re-filed after the freeze is lifted.

**March 19, 2026
12:01 a.m. ET**

Major modification filing freeze lifted, without limit or restriction, to permit the filing of Class A, LPTV and TV translator major change applications and acceptance of applications for new LPTV and TV translators stations.⁶

Freeze lifted on all minor change applications (including displacement applications) for Class A, LPTV, and TV translator stations.

For additional information, contact Shaun Maher, Video Division, Media Bureau at Shaun.Maher@fcc.gov or (202) 418-2324 (legal); or Mark Colombo, Video Division, Media Bureau at Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7611 (technical).

This action is taken by the Acting Chief, Media Bureau, pursuant to authority delegated by sections 0.61 and 0.283 of the Commission's rules.⁷

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⁶ The acceptance of applications for new Class A stations has been limited by statute and therefore applications for new Class A stations will not be accepted during this filing opportunity. *See* Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999, Pub. L. No. 106-113, 113 Stat. Appendix I at pp. 1501A-594 - 1501A-598 (1999), codified at 47 U.S.C. § 336(f); *Establishment of a Class A Television Service*, MM Docket No. 00-10, Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 6355, 6357-58, para. 2 (2000); *Low Power Protection Act (LPPA)*, Pub. L. 117-344, 136 Stat. 6193 (2023); *Implementation of the Low Power Protection Act*, MB Docket No. 23-126, Report and Order, 38 FCC Rcd 12627 (2023), *aff'd Radio Communications Corp. v FCC*, 2025 WL 1774920 (D.C. Cir. 2025), cert. denied *Radio Communications Corp. v. FCC et al.*, U.S. Docket No. 25-342 (Nov. 10, 2025). *See also Media Bureau Announces Filing Window for Qualified Low Power Television Stations to Convert to Class A Status Pursuant to the Low Power Protection Act*, Public Notice, 39 FCC Rcd 5749 (MB 2024) (establishing May 30, 2024 to May 30, 2025 as the window to apply for Class A status under the LPPA).

⁷ 47 CFR §§ 0.61 and 0.283.