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To: All Commercial Broadcast Clients who Pay Regulatory Fees

Re: FCC Proposes 2010 Annual Regulatory Fees

The FCC proposed its schedule of annual regulatory fees for fiscal year 2010. The fees by type of mass media license are listed below.

FY 2010 RADIO STATION REGULATORY FEES						
Population Served	AM Class A	AM Class B	AM Class C	AM Class D	FM Classes A, B1 & C3	FM Classes B, C, C0, C1 & C2
<=25,000	650	550	475	575	625	800
25,001 – 75,000	1,300	1,075	725	875	1,250	1,400
75,001 – 150,000	1,950	1,350	950	1,450	1,725	2,600
150,001 – 500,000	2,925	2,300	1,425	1,725	2,650	3,400
500,001 – 1,200,000	4,225	3,500	2,375	2,875	4,225	5,000
1,200,001 – 3,000,000	6,500	5,400	3,575	4,600	6,875	8,000
>3,000,000	7,800	6,475	4,525	5,750	8,750	10,400

Other broadcast fees are:

AM Radio Construction Permits	420
FM Radio Construction Permits	630
Low Power TV, TV/FM Translators & Boosters	400
TV VHF Commercial	
Markets 1-10	78,000
Markets 11-25	60,525
Markets 26-50	40,675
Markets 51-100	22,725
Remaining Markets	5,875
Construction Permits	5,875



TV UHF Commercial	
Markets 1-10	25,300
Markets 11-25	24,850
Markets 26-50	13,750
Markets 51-100	8,225
Remaining Markets	2,025
Construction Permits	2,025
Satellite Television Stations (All Markets)	1,250
Broadcast Auxiliaries	10
Earth Stations	230

Unlike prior years when digital TV licensees did not have to pay annual regulatory fees, the FCC plans to collect the annual regulatory fee from all digital full-service stations, and the “digital-only” exemption will no longer apply. For LPTV, Class A, and TV translators, a fee will be assessed for each facility operating either in an analog or digital mode. If they operate in both analog and digital mode as a simulcast, a single fee will be assessed.

Note that the FCC will be sending reminder post cards as it has done in prior years, but that post card will not include fees that might be due on any auxiliary licensees such as RPUs or STL links. The FCC proposes to discontinue those mailings in 2011, and seeks comments on its plans.

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