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2006 Regulatory Fees Due September 19

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The FCC has announced a deadline of September 19 for the payment of 2006 regulatory fees.

During July, the Commission was to have mailed postcard notices directly to licensees. The Commission also intends to post a program to provide this year's fee codes and amounts due for each broadcast station at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>. However, as of this writing, only last year's information is available.

Last month, the FCC confirmed the regulatory fees it had proposed in March, reflecting a general increase of about 3% over 2005. In addition, the Commission has added to each fee a portion of the \$10,000,000 "federal deficit reduction" which Congress directed the Commission to impose upon broadcasters and other entities the Commission regulates.

Regulatory fees may be paid on-line through the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/feefiler.html> or by sending payment by check or credit card (or, if prior authorization has been established, by electronic or wire transfer) to the Commission's lockbox bank in Pittsburgh. It is essential that payment actually be received no later than September 19 to avoid the Commission's 25% late payment penalty and triggering the Commission's "red light" tracking system. In the past, the Commission has shown no leniency for late payments due to delays with couriers or the Commission's own on-line filing system, which tends to slow down or fail under heavy use. Therefore, it is important to file sufficiently in advance to minimize such risks.

Please note that all payments require an accompanying Remittance Advice (FCC Form 159 and, if required, extension Form(s) 159-C) which must include all required information, including the FCC Registration Number (FRN) for both the licensee and, if different, the payor. Payments submitted with the Commission's postcard notice will not be accepted. Moreover, the postcards do not include auxiliary stations for which separate \$10 regulatory fees are due.

Our experienced paralegal staff is ready to work efficiently with you to facilitate the timely payment of your 2006 regulatory fees. Please be sure to let us know as soon as possible, but in any event by September 1, that you would like our assistance, so that we may begin preparing the necessary materials. In the meantime, if we can provide any further information concerning payment of your 2006 regulatory fees, please be sure to let us know.

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