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FY 2004 Regulatory Fees Due No Later Than August 19, 2004

The Federal Communications Commission announced today that licensees that are required to pay annual regulatory fees must make their FY 2004 payments by 11:59 PM on August 19, 2004. The official fee window will open on August 10, 2004, but payments may be sent prior to August 10, 2004. All regulatory fee payments must be received at the Commission's Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania address by 11:59 PM on August 19, 2004 to avoid being assessed a 25 percent penalty. All payments must include a FCC Registration Number (FRN) to be processed. The FCC has historically collected fees in September, but this has sometimes impeded our ability to collect all regulatory fees due by the end of the fiscal year.

The agency has already begun a process of sending fee notices to some licensees that are required to pay fees. These notices will continue to be mailed through the middle of July 2004. As was the case last year, the Commission will not be sending public notices to individual licensees. However, because not all licensees who owe fees will receive a notice, we encourage everyone to check the agency's Internet web site at http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html for specific information on payment of FY 2004 regulatory fees.

Beginning August 20, 2004, the Commission will begin an aggressive effort of contacting FY 2004 non-payers for full payment of regulatory fees due, which will include a 25 percent penalty for payments received after August 19, 2004.

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