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See MCI v. FCC. 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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One Week Left to Make Mandatory FY 2004 Regulatory Fee Payments — Fees Due No Later than August 19

Due to an earlier-than-usual fee payment window, the Federal Communications Commission today reminded its licensees and permittees that the FY 2004 regulatory fee payment window will close on August 19. All individuals and organizations that are required to pay annual regulatory fees must make their payment no later than 11:59 PM on August 19, 2004 if they wish to avoid a statutorily-required 25 percent late payment penalty.

Many of the licensees required to pay regulatory fees have already received written notice of the payment they are required to make. However, because not all licensees who owe fees will receive a notice, every individual or organization that has a license or permit from the Commission is strongly encouraged 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 to collect overdue regulatory fees, including a 25 percent penalty, from all those who have not paid their FY 2004 fees. Licensees also should be aware that after October 1, 2004 under the Commission's new "red-light" rules implementing the Debt Collection Improvement Act," failure to pay any obligation owed to the Commission will result in the withholding of authorizations and possible dismissal of licenses and permits. Visit http://www.fcc.gov/debt_collection/ to learn more.

For additional information on regulatory fees, please contact the Commission's CORES Help Desk at (877) 480-3201, Option 4.