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## **FY 2010 Regulatory Fees Due No Later Than August 31, 2010, Eastern Time (ET)**

The Federal Communications Commission announced today that licensees and regulatees who are required to pay annual regulatory fees (“Filers”) must make their FY 2010 payments no later than August 31, 2010. Filers must ensure that their regulatory fee payments are RECEIVED at the Commission’s St. Louis, Missouri address by 11:59 PM on August 31, 2010, Eastern Daylight Time, to avoid incurring a 25 percent late-payment penalty. All payments must include a FCC Registration Number (FRN) in order to be processed.

As set forth in 47 U.S.C. 159(a), the Commission is required by Congress to collect regulatory fees to recover the regulatory costs associated with its enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities. Licensees and regulatees are assessed fees calculated as set forth in (*See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010, Report and Order, 75 FR 41932 at ¶ 1 (July 19, 2010)*). The Commission also publishes industry-specific guidance in *Who Owes Fees & What is My Fee FY 2010*, which can be found on the Commission website at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>).

Filers should visit the Commission’s Internet web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html> to gather specific information about their FY 2010 regulatory fees, and to begin the filing and payment process.

For additional information on regulatory fees, Filers may contact the FCC Financial Operations Help Desk at (877) 480-3201, Option 4.

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## **FEE FILER MANDATORY FOR FY 2010 REGULATORY FEES**

The Commission's automated filing and payment system ("Fee Filer") is now available for filing and payment of FY 2010 regulatory fees. Regulatory fee payments must be made no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on August 31, 2010.

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In its *FY 2009 Regulatory Fee Report and Order*<sup>1</sup>, the Commission instituted the mandatory use of the Commission's Fee Filer System; this requirement was again reiterated in the *FY 2010 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*. Fee Filer is the FCC system designed to capture information regarding a regulatee's or licensee's regulatory fee obligation. The first step in the annual regulatory fee filing process is that licensees access the Commission's Fee Filer System. In order to access Fee Filer, you must have a valid FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password. Once you have successfully accessed Fee Filer, you will have the ability to review, create, update, or change your fees. The second step is to decide on a payment method, including online payment with a credit card, online payment from a bank account, mailing a check, or sending a wire; instructions have been provided for you at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html#how>. Fee Filer will print a Form 159-E for users who do not wish to pay online.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to determine the full extent of their regulatory fee obligation. In addition, regulatory fee bills will no longer be mailed to the regulatee, but can be viewed by logging onto Fee Filer<sup>2</sup> at ([www.fcc.gov/feefiler](http://www.fcc.gov/feefiler)), or from the left side of the FCC Fees page, by clicking on the link (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees>).

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<sup>1</sup> See *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009, Report and Order*, 74 FR at 40092, paragraphs 19-23 (August 11, 2009).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* paragraphs 24-26.

Although Fee Filer is a self-reporting tool, the Fee Filer program is able to populate the various fee categories using a particular or associated FRN. However, regardless of the data populated in Fee Filer, the filer is still responsible for reporting and paying for all regulatory fees owed, irrespective of whether all of these fees are identified using this feature. All 2010 regulatory fees should be paid through the *Regulatory Fees* section of Fee Filer, regardless of whether a bill for the fees was issued by the FCC.

### **Due Date for Paying Regulatory Fees is August 31, 2010**

Please note that FY 2010 regulatory fees are due by August 31, 2010. Payments received after 11:59 p.m. ET on August 31, 2010 will be assessed a 25% late payment fee.

### **Updated Features for Easier Filing**

In 2010, Fee Filer remains basically the same as in 2009 but with a few new enhancements.

- Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) filers can now use Fee Filer to update their subscriber counts for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Filers who submit their Interstate Telephone Service Provider (ITSP) fees using Fee Filer can now retrieve their submitted ITSP data via a link to the associated Form 159-W.
- In addition, when users choose to provide their e-mail address on the Fee Filer Final Review page, they will receive an e-mail confirmation when the FCC processes their payment.

### **For Further Assistance**

The Financial Operations Help Desk (1-877-480-3201, option 4) can provide assistance with Fee Filer and is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET on business days. You can also e-mail your questions to: [arinquiries@fcc.gov](mailto:arinquiries@fcc.gov).

### **Internet Browser Requirements for Using Fee Filer**

Fee Filer is available to any FCC customer with Internet access using the following browsers: (1) Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher or (2) Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher with SSL and JavaScript enabled.



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## Payment Methods and Procedures For Fiscal Year 2010 Regulatory Fees

The Commission's automated filing and payment system ("Fee Filer") is now available for filing and payment of FY 2010 regulatory fees. Regulatory fee payments must be RECEIVED by the Commission no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on August 31, 2010.

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### MANDATORY USE OF FEE FILER

For FY 2010, the use of the online system (Fee Filer) for payment of regulatory fees has not changed from the process used in FY 2009: licensees and regulatees must first enter the Commission's Fee Filer system with a valid FRN and password, and follow the online prompts to generate a Form 159-E voucher to be submitted with the appropriate regulatory fee payment to the designated entity, U.S. Bank. Use of the online Fee Filer system is mandatory, and only Form 159-E vouchers generated from Fee Filer will be permitted to be submitted with regulatory fee payments to U.S. Bank. Instructions on the use and submission of Form 159-E payments also are available on the Commission's website in the publication, *Who Owes Fees & What is My Fee FY2010*, referenced above. Hardcopy/paper bills are no longer mailed by the FCC; however, bills are available for viewing in the "Regulatory Fee" link of Fee Filer. For additional information, filers may contact the Financial Operations Help Desk at 877-480-3201, Option 4.

There are many benefits to licensees and regulatees in using the Commission's Fee Filer system: 1) expeditious submission of payment; 2) no postage or courier costs (when paid electronically through Fee Filer); 3) fewer errors caused by illegible handwriting or payments submitted without an FRN number or the appropriate data attributes (*e.g.*, payers will avoid receiving delinquency notices because of payment submission errors); 4) improved recordkeeping and payment reconciliation; 5) reduced administrative burden on both licensees and regulatees on Commission staff in processing regulatory fee payments; 6) less expensive than a wire transfer; and 7) a reduced burden of preparing, mailing, and storing paper documents.

## **HARDCOPY BILLS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED BY THE FCC**

As in FY 2009, the FCC in FY 2010 will not mail hardcopy bills for the following fee categories:

### **Interstate Telecommunications Service Providers (ITSPs)**

Please follow the guidance provided in the *Fact Sheet: What You Owe—Interstate Telecommunications Service Providers for FY 2010*.

### **Satellite Space Station Licensees**

Please follow the guidance provided in the *Fact Sheet: What You Owe—International and Satellite Services Licensees for FY 2010*.

### **Earth Station Licensees**

Please follow the guidance provided in the *Fact Sheet: What You Owe—International and Satellite Services Licensees for FY 2010*.

### **Cable Television Relay Service (CARS) Licensees**

Please follow the guidance provided in the *Fact Sheet: What You Owe—Cable Television Systems for FY 2010*.

## **MAKE SURE YOUR FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) IS CURRENT IN CORES**

It is very important for licensees and regulatees to have a current and valid FRN address on file in the Commission's Registration System (CORES). To file and pay regulatory fees, licensees will also need to have their FRN passwords available when entering the Commission's electronic filing and payment system (Fee Filer). In some instances, it will reduce a licensee's reporting burden to use a specific FRN and password that is linked to a particular regulatory fee bill when entering Fee Filer. If you do not have an FRN, please go to [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) and click on the link to FCC Registration Number (FRN) Commission Registration System (CORES) to obtain one.

## **LIMITATIONS ON CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS**

The U.S. Treasury will reject Credit Card transactions greater than \$99,999.99 from a single credit card in a single day, in accordance with U.S. Treasury Bulletin No. 2005-03. If you need to pay \$100,000.00 or more, then you must pay via a check, electronic debit from your bank account, or wire transfer.

## **ELECTRONIC FILING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES (FOR ALL ENTITIES)**

You will need to enter the FCC's Fee Filer system to begin the process of filing your FY 2010 regulatory fees. The Fee Filer web application is located at: <http://www.fcc.gov/feefiler>. After logging in with your FRN and password, select the Regulatory Fees option to display your billed and non-billed regulatory fee obligations. It is the responsibility of the licensee to determine the fullest extent of their regulatory fee obligation. When you enter Fee Filer, fee information associated with your FRN will be presented. You may make adjustments, corrections, additions, or deletions to this information presented, if necessary. Please note that you are required to report and pay for all regulatory fees that you owe, regardless of whether those fees are presented through this feature.

For technical assistance regarding the use of Fee Filer, you may call the Commission's Financial Operations Help Desk at (877) 480-3201 and select Option 4.

## PAYMENT METHODS

Licenseses and regulatees may pay their regulatory fees by any of the following methods;

- Check
- Money order
- Credit card (online or by mail)
- Wire transfer
- ACH (Automated Clearing House) / debit from bank account (online) via fee filer

### Check or Money Order:

- For fee payments by check or money order, please make the instrument payable to the Federal Communications Commission. Please note that only Form 159-E vouchers generated from Fee Filer will be permitted to be submitted with regulatory fee payments to U.S. Bank.

Note: US Bank's/Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland – will convert **check** payments drawn on personal checking accounts into an electronic funds transfer. “Electronic fund transfer” is the term used to refer to the process in which we electronically instruct your financial institution to transfer funds from your account to our account, rather than processing your check. By sending your completed, signed check to us, you authorize us to copy your check and to use the account information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer from your account for the same amount as the check. If the electronic fund transfer cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy of your check.

### Credit Card (online or by mail):

- The FCC accepts these credit cards: Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.
- To pay online by credit card, you must first submit your electronic filing information via the FCC's Fee Filer web application; you will then have the option to pay online by choosing the “Pay by Credit Card” option.
- Limitations on credit card transactions: The U.S. Treasury will reject credit card transactions greater than \$99,999.99 from a single credit card in a single day, in accordance with U.S. Treasury Bulletin No. 2005-03.
- When paying by credit card by mail (must be accompanied with a Form 159-E), you **must complete both**:
  - the “Credit Card Payment Information” section with all the requested credit card information along with your signature, **and**
  - the “Certification” section by signing and dating the bottom of Form 159-E.

### Wire Transfer:

A wire transfer is a transaction that you initiate through your bank. It authorizes your bank to wire funds from your account to the Federal Reserve Bank, NYC (TREAS NYC). All payments made by wire transfer (payable to the Federal Communications Commission) must be supported by a completed

Form 159-E remittance voucher, which must be faxed to FCC Government Lockbox – Regulatory Fees (U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri) at (314) 418-4232 at least one hour before the wire transfer on the same business day, so as not to delay crediting your account. Due to the Federal Reserve process, most wire transfers initiated **after 6:00 p.m. (EDT)** will be credited **the next business day**. Indicate on the top of the remittance instrument "Wire Transfer - Regulatory Fee Payment." The Form 159-E generated from Fee Filer will already have the Lockbox number ("979084") pre-printed on the form. Regulatees should discuss arrangements (including bank closing schedules) with their bankers several days before they plan to make the wire transfer to allow sufficient time for the transfer to be initiated and completed before the deadline, especially if the wire transfer is an international one. Complete instructions for making wire payments are posted at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/wiretran.html>.

When initiating the wire transfer, please provide your bank with the following information to complete the transfer:

ABA Routing Number: 021030004  
Receiving Bank: TREAS NYC  
33 Liberty St.  
New York, NY 10045

**BNF: FCC/ACCT--27000001**

OBI Field: (Skip one space between each information item)"**REGULATORY PAY**"

PAYER FRN (Exactly as on remittance instrument)

PAYER NAME (Exactly as on remittance instrument)

Phone: (Daytime Phone #, exactly as on remittance instrument)

**VOUCHER NUMBER** (Exactly as on remittance (Form 159-E) instrument)

**ACH Payments (Debit from Bank Account)**

- To pay online from a bank account, you must first submit your electronic filing information via the FCC's Fee Filer web application; you will then have the option to pay online by choosing the "Pay from Bank Account" option. *Note: You are strongly encouraged to contact your financial institution to verify the correct Routing Number for this method of payment is being used.*
- You may choose to pay from one of the following types of accounts: Personal Checking, Personal Savings, Business Checking, and Business Savings.
- For purposes of meeting the filing deadline, the FCC will consider the payment to be received at the time your account information is successfully accepted; however, funds may not clear from your bank account for up to 2 business days. Licensees and Regulatees are responsible for obtaining confirmation from their financial institution that their payment was successfully debited from their account.

**Your payment by Check, Money Order, or Credit Card must be accompanied by Form 159-E generated from Fee Filer:**

Mail to: Federal Communications Commission  
Regulatory Fees  
P.O. Box 979084  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Courier delivery address: Federal Communications Commission  
Regulatory Fees  
C/O U.S. Bank – Government Lockbox #979084  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
1005 Convention Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
Attn: FCC Government Lockbox

### **DE MINIMIS FEE PAYMENT LIABILITY**

Licensees and regulatees whose total FY 2010 regulatory fee liability, including all categories of fees for which payment is due, amounts to less than \$10 will be exempted from payment of FY 2010 regulatory fees.

### **OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING REGULATORY FEES**

To help you understand your regulatory fee obligations, the following Fact Sheets and Websites are available at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>:

*FACT SHEET: WHAT YOU OWE - CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS—FY2010*

*FACT SHEET: WHAT YOU OWE - MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES—FY2010*

*FCC LOOK-UP WEBSITE FOR MEDIA SERVICES LICENSEES OWING FY 2010 REGULATORY FEES*

*FACT SHEET: WHAT YOU OWE - COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICES—FY2010*

*FACT SHEET: WHAT YOU OWE - INTERNATIONAL AND SATELLITE SERVICES LICENSEES—FY2010*

*PUBLIC NOTICE: SUBMARINE CABLE SYSTEMS—FY2010, DA 10-XXXX*

*FACT SHEET: WHAT YOU OWE - INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS—FY2010*

*FACT SHEET: USE OF THE FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) IS MANDATORY—FY2010*

*FACT SHEET: WAIVERS, REDUCTIONS AND DEFERMENTS OF REGULATORY FEES—FY2010*

*FACT SHEET: REGULATORY FEE EXEMPTIONS—FY2010*

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please contact the Commission's Financial Operations Help Desk with inquiries regarding regulatory fees at (877) 480-3201 Option 4 or e-mail your inquiries to [ARINQUIRIES@FCC.GOV](mailto:ARINQUIRIES@FCC.GOV)

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