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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM AND FCC FORM 603

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces changes to the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS) to improve the filing and processing procedures for the FCC Form 603, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Application for Assignment of Authorization or Transfer of Control. In addition, FCC Form 603 has been revised as indicated below. The previous edition of FCC Form 603 will be obsolete and the new edition of the form must be used upon deployment on January 20, 2007. Below, the Bureau explains how these changes affect the preparation, filing, and processing of wireless license assignment and transfer applications.

This Public Notice announces that the following changes will be implemented in the ULS:

- The Licensee on FCC Form 603 may have the same FCC Registration Number (FRN) as the Transferor. This allows the Licensee to input its own FRN, serve as the Transferor, and access and complete the Transferor portions of a Transfer of Control application.
- Fields for Gross Revenue and Asset Information for the applicant and its Disclosable Interest Holder(s) and/or Affiliate(s) will now appear on FCC Form 603 for licensees seeking to assign or transfer control of licenses with designated entity benefits. The Gross Revenue and Asset Information will also be displayed in a new Revenue tab in ULS Application Search. In data entry, this information may be pre-filled, at the applicant's choice, from the applicant's most recently filed FCC Form 601, 603 or 608 on file with the Commission. The information collected for the FCC Form 603 is identical to the information collected under the current version of FCC Form 601.
- A column titled "Assignee New Call Sign" will be added to the Licenses tab in ULS Application Search. This will allow the new call sign created from a partial assignment of a site-based license or from the partition or disaggregation of a geographic area-based license to be easily identifiable when viewing the FCC Form 603 application.
- To assist filers with completing their applications, the pre-fill button on the Licensee and other entity information pages will now pre-fill for the FRN entered on the current page from the most recent FCC Form 601, 603 or 608 application on file for that FRN.

Additional Information

For additional information or assistance on how to file FCC Form 603, you may visit the Web at http://esupport.fcc.gov. You may also call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 202-414-1255) and select Option #2, Forms or Licensing Assistance. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.