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Legal Memorandum

Form Two EAS Reports Due 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time TODAY

The nationwide EAS test was conducted today, September 27, 2017, at 2:20 p.m. Eastern Time (“ET”). Now that the test is complete, **all broadcasters must file EAS Form Two by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time TODAY.** The FCC made Form Two available in ETRS (the FCC’s EAS Test Reporting System) at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET today.

Form Two asks broadcasters (1) whether they received the nationwide EAS test message and (2) whether they retransmitted the nationwide EAS test message. Stations must answer either “yes” or “no.” Stations are permitted to include an exhibit if they wish, but an exhibit is not required. Form Two is intended to provide the FCC and FEMA only with a quick snapshot of the nationwide test. Form Three—which also became available in ETRS at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET today—is due by November 13, and it is the report in which stations will provide detailed descriptions of any issues with receipt or retransmission of the nationwide test.

To login to ETRS to access, complete, and file your Form Two report, please use the following URL address: <http://bit.ly/2wJcIrD>.

If you have any questions concerning the information discussed in this memorandum, please contact your communications counsel or any of the undersigned.

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