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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 28, 2016, 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. A screen shot of the report is displayed below.

The screenshot shows the FCC EAS Test Reporting System interface. The top navigation bar includes 'News', 'Tasks (2)', 'Records', 'Reports', and 'Actions'. The user is logged in as 'Name of Filer - Appian'. The main content area is titled 'Form Two - Day of Test Reporting' and shows the following details:

- Test Cycle:** MM/DD/YYYY National Test
- Participant Information:**
 - Legal Name of EAS Participant: Broadcaster XYZ
 - FCC Registration Number (FRN): 123-456
 - EAS Participant Type: Other
- EAS Message:**
 - Did the facility receive the EAS message? * Yes No
 - Did the facility retransmit the EAS message? * Yes No

Form Two asks broadcasters whether they received the nationwide EAS test message and whether they retransmitted the nationwide EAS test message. Form Two is intended to provide the FCC and FEMA only with a quick snapshot of the nationwide test. Form Three—which is

also now available in ETRS—is due 45 days after the nationwide test. Form Three is the report in which stations will describe any issues with receipt or retransmission of the nationwide test.

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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