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Legal Memorandum

Virginia Radio Stations Must Upload Certification of Post-Filing Announcements to OPIF by August 23, 2019

We write to remind you that Virginia radio stations must place in their online public inspection file (OPIF) a statement certifying compliance with the FCC's license renewal post-filing announcement requirement later this week, by no later than **August 23, 2019**.

Timing of Post-Filing Announcements. Stations will recall that they were required to air six post-filing announcements designed to alert listeners to the fact that the FCC is considering their application for license renewal.

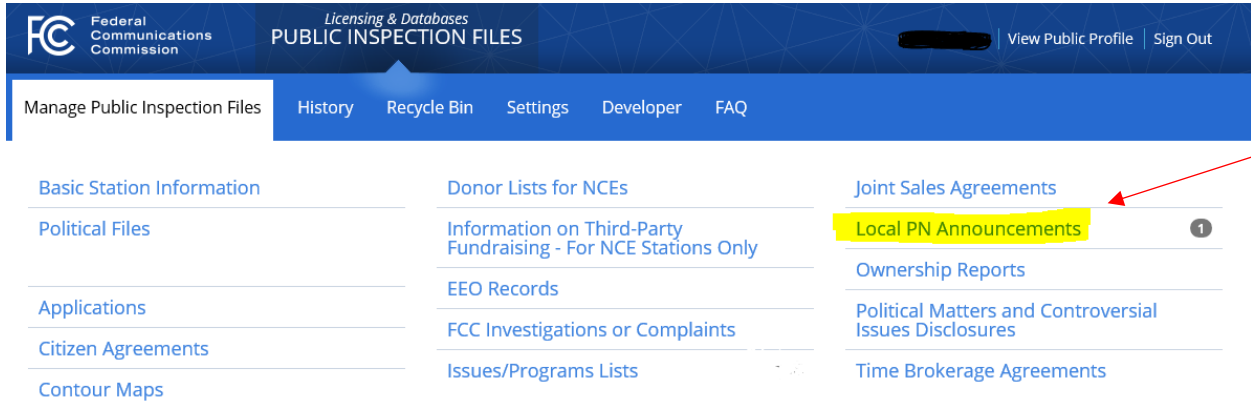
Those six announcements for Virginia radio stations should have aired on June 1 (or June 3, if the station timely filed its renewal application on June 2 or 3); June 16; July 1; July 16; August 1; and August 16.

For the six post-filing announcements, three had to air between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and/or 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. local time; one had to air between 9:00 a.m. and noon local time; one had to air between noon and 4:00 p.m. local time; and one had to air between 7:00 p.m. and midnight local time.

Certificate of Broadcast of Announcements. The FCC's rules require that a certificate of broadcast of the post-filing announcements be signed and placed in the station's OPIF no later than 7 days after the last post-filing announcement is aired. Again, for Virginia radio stations, that certification must be placed in a station's OPIF no later than **August 23, 2019**.

The post-filing announcement certification must include (1) a statement indicating the dates and times that each of the post-filing announcements was broadcast, and (2) copies of the text of each announcement.

Please note that the OPIF folder into which the post-filing certification must be placed is the “Local Public Notice Announcements” folder. To navigate there, you’ll need to log in to your station’s OPIF, select “Manage Public Inspection Files” in the upper left-hand corner, and then select “Local PN Announcements” from the menu that appears (as you can see in the screenshot below).



If Your Station Did Not Timely Air the Six Required Post-Filing Announcements . . . If you are a Virginia radio station and you did not air the six required post-filing announcements, we recommend you contact your communications counsel immediately, or call the VAB’s FCC Hotline at 434-977-3716.

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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