



July 9, 2015 Deadline for Filing Pre-Auction Technical Certification Form

On June 9, 2015 the Federal Communications Commission announced the rules and procedures adopted for conducting the broadcast television incentive auction. The rules determine which full power and Class A television station facilities would be eligible for protection in the repacking process and for relinquishment in the spectrum auction.



A complete list of eligible stations can be found in the [Appendix](#). If a licensee believes that an eligible facility was absent from the Appendix they should file a "Petition for Eligible Entity Status" by July 9, 2015. Upon filing, the petitioner must explain how the facility is eligible as well as consistent with the [Incentive Auction R&O](#). Any petitions filed will be reviewed in an "expeditious manner" and petitioners will be informed well in advanced of the reverse auction.

Furthermore, the Bureau announced that any licensee with a station listed in the Appendix must file an [FCC Form 2100, Schedule 381](#) ("Pre-Auction Technical Certification Form"), through which they will verify and certify the accuracy of the authorization for each facility by **July 9, 2015**.

The Pre-Auction Technical Certification Form requires that licensees confirm they have reviewed the authorization for each eligible facility and to indicate whether the Database Technical Information is correct. A licensee must make one of the following certifications:

- a. the authorization for the eligible facility and all underlying Database Technical Information is accurate and complete, to the best of the licensee's knowledge;
- b. the authorization for the eligible facility is inaccurate because of a discrepancy between the authorization and the underlying Database Technical Information on file with the Commission;
or
- c. the eligible facility has been operating with parameters at variance from those specified in its authorization and the Database Technical Information.

The Form also requires licensees to provide additional information concerning their eligible facility, including the facility's transmitter, antenna, and antenna support structure. The Commission will use this information to help facilitate the repacking process.

If a form is not filed by July 9, 2015 then the FCC will consider the Database Technical Information of May 29, 2015 to be accurate. It is important to note that a separate form must be filed for each eligible facility.

The Public Notice is available [here](#) on the FCC's website.

Leap Second Scheduled for June 30, 2015

The International Earth Rotation and Reference System Service (IERS) in Paris, France observes the Earth's rotation and compares it to atomic time. When the difference between the two approaches 0.9 seconds, they order a leap second to be added worldwide. The next leap second is scheduled for June 30, 2015. Specifically, a positive leap second will be inserted between second 23:59:59 of June 30 and second 00:00:00 of July 1. This extra second should be displayed on most UTC clocks as 23:59:60.

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued as document [Best Practices for Leap Second Event Occurring on 30 June 2015](#). It is sponsored by the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) in coordination with the United States Naval Observatory, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the USCG Navigation Center, and the National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT).

This document is intended to assist federal, state, local, and private sector organizations with preparations for the June 30 Leap Second event. Generally, GPS based clock systems should automatically insert the leap second and it should be transparent to most users. DHS is asking entities to report any serious operational problems to the United States Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN), via the NAVCEN Website, <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/> under "Report a GPS Problem."

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

[Siggraph](#)

August 9 - 13, 2015
Los Angeles, CA

[IBC](#)

September 10 - 15, 2015
Amsterdam, Netherlands

[2015 IEEE Broadcast Symposium](#)

October 14 - 16, 2015
Orlando, Fla.