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A Note Regarding Planning for Political Advertising Lowest Unit Charge Windows.

As of the date of this regulatory calendar the North Carolina State Board of Elections has not yet provided a 2023 election calendar. Broadcasters should consult <https://www.ncsbe.gov/> for further information regarding 2023 election dates. Recall that legally authorized candidates for federal, state, and local public office are entitled to a station's lowest unit charge during the 45-day period preceding the date of a primary or primary run-off election, and during the 60-day period preceding the date of a general of special election.

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January 1 30-Day Countdown to January 30, 2023, Deadline to File Annual Children's Television Programming Report.

Annual children's television programming filings are due within 30 days of the end of the year (i.e., by January 30 each year). Stations must file a children's television programming report covering compliance across the entire preceding calendar year. Accordingly, stations only have one month left to complete and file this year's report. The reporting form is made available in the FCC's LMS filing platform on the first day of the calendar year that the report will cover.

Children's Television Programming Reports reflect efforts made by the station during the relevant reporting period to serve the educational and informational needs of children. These reports must be filed through the FCC's LMS filing system, which is available at <https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/login.html>. Once the report is filed, the FCC is supposed to automatically populate the station's online public inspection file in the OPIF system (<https://publicfiles.fcc.gov>) with the filed report. Full power and Class A television stations should confirm that the report is accessible in the station's online public inspection file within 24 hours of filing the report.

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All stations must upload Quarterly Issues/Programs Lists to the FCC's online public inspection file ("OPIF") system hosted on the FCC's OPIF website (<https://publicfiles.fcc.gov>), where they must remain for the duration of the license term.

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January 10 **Certain Noncommercial Stations That Conducted On-Air Fundraising for a Third Party Non-Profit During the Prior Calendar Quarter Must Upload a Report of Such Activity to the Online Public Inspection File.**

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January 15 **Copyright Royalty Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**

Radio stations that simulcast their stations online (and other webcasters) must file with SoundExchange their Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account forms covering the month that ended November 30, 2022. These forms are to be filed monthly, no later than the 45th day after the end of the relevant month.

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- January 30** **Annual TV Children's Commercial Time Limits Records Due in Public File.**
Each commercial full power and Class A TV station must upload records to substantiate the station's certification, made in its license renewal application, of compliance with the commercial limits on children's programming. These records must be uploaded to the station's online public inspection file in the OPIF system (<https://publicfiles.fcc.gov>) along with the Station's Children's Television Programming Report.
- To satisfy the annual filing requirement, within 30 days of the end of the year (i.e., by January 30 each year) stations must upload records substantiating compliance with the commercial limits in children's programming, and these records should remain in the public file for the duration of the license term.
- January 31** **Copyright Royalty Fee/Annual Minimum Fee Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**
Commercial and noncommercial educational webcasters and those simulcasting radio programming on the Internet must submit the Minimum Fee Statement of Account Form and the annual \$1000 minimum copyright royalty fee to SoundExchange on or before January 31, 2023. Additional monthly fees may be required. Further information is available on the SoundExchange website at <https://www.soundexchange.com/service-provider/commercial-webcaster/> (for commercial webcasters) and at <https://www.soundexchange.com/service-provider/non-commercial-webcaster/> (for noncommercial webcasters).
- January 31** **IRS Deadlines for Employers.**
By January 31, 2023, Form W-2 wage statements must be issued to all employees, and an IRS Form 1099 must be issued to every independent contractor and to every contest winner who was paid \$600 or more in 2022.
- February 1** **Posting Deadline for OSHA Injury & Illness Summary (Form 300A).**
Employers covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Rules must post, by February 1, 2023, a summary of certain injuries and illnesses that occurred during the previous calendar year (even if no work-related incidents occurred in the previous year). The summary must be posted in a visible location accessible to employees from February 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023.

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- February 14** **Copyright Royalty Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**
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- February 28** **Deadline to File ETRS Form One for Calendar Year 2022.**
Broadcasters are required to annually file ETRS Form One (which solicits basic information about each station, including transmitter location, EAS monitoring assignments, and make and model of EAS gear), usually in conjunction with a nationwide EAS test. Because FEMA elected to forego a nationwide EAS test in 2022, the FCC’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau established the independent deadline of February 28, 2023, for broadcasters to make their Form One filing for calendar year 2022.
- March 1** **Distribute Annual Payola/Plugola Memoranda/Affidavits to Station Personnel.**
Stations may wish to use March 1 as the date for distributing an annual payola/plugola memorandum and affidavit to station personnel to ensure compliance with the Communications Act and FCC rules governing payola, plugola, and sponsorship identification. Stations may wish to consult with their communications counsel for assistance.
- March 2** **File OSHA Form 300A and Submit EIN if Electronically Filing.**
Certain employers covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Rules must file, by March 2, 2023, a Form 300A. Additionally, each establishment who is electronically filing its Form 300A must also submit its EIN.
- March 12** **Daylight Saving Begins at 2 a.m.: AM Stations Check Sign-On and Sign-Off Times.**
Some AM radio stations operate with Presunrise Service Authorizations (PSRAs) and Postsunset Service Authorizations (PSSAs). Those stations with PSRAs and PSSAs that are located in communities adhering to DST should make necessary power adjustments to reflect the beginning of daylight saving.
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- March 20** **Spring Begins—Stations Spring Clean Online Public Inspection Files.**
Regardless whether or not Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd, spring is officially here! As part of their “spring cleaning,” stations may wish to comprehensively review their online public inspection files to ensure that all required documents are in the file and that no extraneous records are in the file. (Be careful, though, because NOT ALL files are based on the license term—some files must be retained regardless of the date of your renewal grant.)
- March 31** **EEO-1 Report Due to EEOC.**
Certain employers are subject to the requirement to file the Employer Information Report EEO-1 with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s EEO-1 Joint Reporting Committee by March 31, 2023.
- April 10** **Quarterly Issues/Programs Lists Due in Public File.**
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April 15-19 **NAB Show, Las Vegas Convention Center.**

The April 2023 NAB show and runs from April 15-19 with scheduled hours to visit the exhibit hall from April 16-19. Visit <http://www.nabshow.com/> for more information on the NAB show.

May 15 **Copyright Royalty Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**

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June 1 **Commencement of Atlantic Hurricane Season Serves to Remind TV Stations of Compliance Obligations Under the FCC's Emergency Access Rules.**

All television stations are required to comply with the FCC's emergency access rules, and the June 1 onset of the Atlantic Hurricane Season is a good reminder that the FCC has fined stations for failing to comply with their obligations. In 2022, as in past years, the FCC issued a Public Notice emphasizing the importance of emergency access: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-839A1.pdf>.

June 14 **Copyright Royalty Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**

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Account forms covering the month that ended May 31, 2023. These forms are to be filed monthly, no later than the 45th day after the end of the relevant month.

August 1 **Two-Year Period Closes for North Carolina Radio Stations to Complete EEO Menu Option Activities.**

The FCC’s EEO rules require broadcast stations to engage in specific non-vacancy outreach efforts. Every two years, stations that have more than 10 full-time employees and are not located in a “smaller market” must engage in at least four of the initiatives on the menu, and stations that are located in a “smaller market” or have five to ten full-time employees must engage in at least two of the initiatives. Stations with fewer than five full-time employees and religious broadcasters who apply religious qualifications to all employees are not required to engage in any menu option activities. For purposes of the FCC’s EEO rules, a “full-time” employee is one who works 30 or more hours per week.

For North Carolina radio stations, the current two-year period in which to complete these EEO “menu options” ends August 1, 2023. (North Carolina television stations are currently in the middle of their two-year period, which will end August 1, 2024.)

August 1 **EEO Public File Report Due for All North Carolina Stations with 5 or More Full-Time Employees.**

North Carolina broadcast stations with five or more full-time employees must place their annual EEO Public File Report in their online public inspection file in the FCC’s OPIF system by August 1, 2023. All stations must also post the report to their website (if they have one) by the same date.

August 1 **TV Cable and Satellite Distant Signal Copyright Claims Due to be Filed with Copyright Royalty Board.**

TV stations with “distant” carriage of locally produced programming on cable or satellite systems during the year 2022 must file claims for copyright royalties with the Copyright Royalty Board by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, August 1, 2023.

August 14 **Copyright Royalty Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**

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- August or September** **Regulatory Fees Due.**
FCC regulatory fees for fiscal year 2023 are likely to be due—based on historical practices—at the FCC during August or September. The Association will distribute further information, including a notification of the specific due date, to members.
- September 14** **Copyright Royalty Monthly Report of Use and Monthly Usage Statement of Account Due to SoundExchange.**
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- September 30** **EEO Forms 395-B Due at FCC [Currently Suspended].**
The EEO Annual Employment Report (FCC Form 395-B) generally requires broadcasters to file statistics regarding certain categories of employees and their race and/or ethnicity. Form 395-B is generally due to be filed with the FCC on September 30 of each year. As of the initial publication of this calendar, the Form 395-B filing requirement remains suspended despite an ongoing FCC proceeding considering whether to re-impose the filing requirement.
- October 1** **“As of” Date for 2023 Biennial Ownership Reports—Send Out Annual FCC Ownership Questionnaires to “Attributable Parties.”**
Biennial Ownership Reports (FCC Form 323 for commercial stations and FCC Form 323-E for noncommercial stations) for 2023 are due to be filed electronically with the FCC by December 1, 2023. The Reports must reflect information that is current as of October 1, 2023. To facilitate compliance with the biennial ownership reporting process, all broadcast licensees should collect responses to an Annual FCC Questionnaire from all officers, directors, and other “Attributable Parties.” The purpose of the Annual FCC Questionnaire is to satisfy the FCC’s requirement for licensees “to make diligent, good faith efforts to become knowledgeable” of any matters that should be reported to the FCC, and it makes the biennial reporting process easier. You may wish to contact your FCC counsel to assist you with the Annual FCC Questionnaires.
- October 1** **Registration and Fees for 2024 Unified Carrier Registration Likely Announced.**
Broadcasters that operate vehicles whose gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) exceeds 10,000 pounds are required to register those vehicles with, among other governmental agencies, the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) system. Historically, applicable fees and registration details are announced on or around October 1. UCR fees for 2024 are due by the end of 2023.
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- November 5** **Daylight Saving Ends at 2 a.m.: AM Stations Check Sign-On and Sign-Off Times.**
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- December 1** **DTV Ancillary/Supplementary Services Reports Due.**
All digital full power, Class A, low power, and TV translator licensees (as well as permittees operating pursuant to an STA) that offered and received revenue from "ancillary" or "supplementary" services during the prior year ending September 30 are required to electronically file DTV Ancillary/Supplementary Services Reports (formerly known as FCC Form 317; currently known as FCC Form 2100, Schedule G) and remit 5 percent of the gross revenue derived from the services.
- December 5** **C-Band Phase II Accelerated Clearing Deadline.**
All satellite operators have committed to "clearing" incumbent broadcast operations (i.e., C-band downlink dishes) from the lower 280 MHz of the C-band by December 5, 2023. Broadcasters should use the deadline to ensure (1) that all of their qualifying, incumbent C-band operations have been successfully transitioned to the upper 200 MHz of the band; (2) that they have received all necessary reimbursement; and (3) that their qualifying, incumbent C-band operations are not receiving any harmful interference.

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- December 12** **Deadline to Implement Software Updates to EAS Equipment.**
In September 2022, the FCC announced changes to its EAS rules requiring broadcasters to prioritize CAP-formatted alerts and updating language for some alert codes—December 12, 2023, is the deadline to comply with these changes. Broadcasters should communicate with their EAS equipment providers, who have stated that they will be introducing software and firmware updates necessary to bring existing EAS hardware into compliance, and ensure that EAS equipment has been properly updated to comply with the revised rules.
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