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TOPICS

- **LPTV PROCEDURES PUBLIC NOTICE**
- **STATUS OF EXISTING STATIONS CONVERTING TO DIGITAL BROADCASTING**
- **LICENSING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM(LMS)**
- **Q & A**



LPTV PROCEDURES PUBLIC NOTICE

- DA17-442 RELEASED May 12, 2017
- **THE INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE AND MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCE PROCEDURES FOR LOW POWER TELEVISION, TELEVISION TRANSLATOR AND REPLACEMENT TRANSLATOR STATIONS DURING THE POST-INCENTIVE AUCTION TRANSITION**



LPTV PROCEDURES PUBLIC NOTICE

- Channels 2 through 36 are the new TV Band.
- If you are on channels 38-51, then you can continue to operate until you receive notice from the new wireless operator that they are going to be “commencing operations.”
- The operator must provide you with 120 days written notice at which point you must terminate operations.



LPTV PROCEDURES PUBLIC NOTICE

- If you are on channels 2-36 and you are displaced then you can continue to operate until the full power or Class A stations begin testing operations on their new channels at which point you must terminate operations.



PHASE ASSIGNMENT FOR REPACKED FULL SERVICE AND CLASS A STATIONS

- Repacked stations were placed in 10 different phase assignments
- Each phase includes a testing start date and testing end date
- Testing end date is the same as expiration date of the construction permits



PHASE ASSIGNMENT FOR REPACKED FULL SERVICE AND CLASS A STATIONS

- Following is the link where you can retrieve a copy of IA phase assignment:
<https://www.fcc.gov/media/television/low-power-television-lptv>



TRANSITION PHASE ASSIGNMENTS

- Each phase will identify the stations in the specific phase.
- Stations in a phase are not in the same state
- It is a good source of information as to when your station might have to cease operation.



CHANNEL SHARING

- With the release of the Incentive Auction Closing and Reassignment PN, channel sharing between LPTV and TV translator stations that were not displaced in the auction is now permitted. Stations that were displaced by the auction must wait for the displacement window to propose channel sharing.



CHANNEL SHARING

- Channel sharing between primary (full power and Class A) and secondary (LPTV and TV translators) is not permitted until the rules are final. We expect that to happen sometime in summer of 2017. The Media Bureau will announce when the rules are effective in a public notice.



TRANSITION DATE

- **New LPTV and TV Translator Digital Transition Date is July 13, 2021.**
- The construction permit deadline/expiration date of all valid outstanding digital construction permits held by analog LPTV and TV translator stations will be extended to the new transition date.
- The expiration dates of all valid construction permits for new digital LPTV and TV translator stations will be extended to the new digital transition date.



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- To be eligible to file in the Special Displacement Window, an LPTV/translator station must be both “operating” and “displaced.” “Operating” LPTV/translator stations are those that had licensed their authorized construction permit facilities or had an application for a license to cover on file with the Commission on April 13, 2017



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- An LPTV/translator station is considered must: (1) be subject to displacement by a full power or Class A television station on the repacked television band (channels 2-36) as a result of the incentive auction and repacking process, (2) be licensed on frequencies repurposed for new, flexible use by a 600 MHz Band wireless licensee, or



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- (3) be licensed on frequencies that will serve as part of the 600 MHz Band guard bands (which includes the duplex gap)
- (4) The window is for licensed stations or stations that have a pending license on file as of April 13, 2017



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- After all post-incentive auction permits are issued (approximately 8 months after the release of the Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice) the Media Bureau will use repacking software to identify channels that are available on a two-by-two grid-cell basis for displaced “operating” LPTV and TV translator stations.



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- The repacking program will consider the full service, Class A technical data for both repacked and non-repacked stations and non-displaced LPTV/translator stations.
- Use of this information is voluntary; you can file for any channel that you can identify.



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- Displacement applications should protect both the current and new channels for repacked stations.
- During this window we will accept the waiver of the contingent application rule that allows LPTV to file on channels occupied by repacked stations pre-auction channel



DISPLACEMENT FILING WINDOW

- Media Bureau will release a public notice at least 60-days notice which will identify channels and opening a displacement window for “operating” LPTV and TV translator stations to file.
- If more than one displaced station in a particular location, we encourage stations to coordinate their filings with other licensees to avoid mutual exclusivity (MX). MX groups will be permitted to settle and/or submit engineering amendments. Remaining MX groups will go to auction.



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- Some LPTV/translator stations may be able to avoid displacement by making minor changes to their existing facilities that bring those facilities into compliance with the interference rules.
- **LPTV/translator stations are encouraged to file such minor change applications as soon as possible.**



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- Approximately 30 days before the release of the Displacement Public Notice, we will issue a public notice freezing the filing of minor change applications by LPTV/translator stations.
- The freeze will be lifted upon the issuance of a later public notice after completion of the Special Displacement Window.



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- Digital-to-digital Replacement Translator Service (DTDRT) allows eligible full power television stations to recover digital service lost as the result of repacking process.
- This service is limited only to full power TV stations reassigned in repacking process that can demonstrate:
 1. A loss of a portion of their pre-auction digital service area.
 2. That the proposed service will be used to fill in such area.



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- Applications for the DTDRTs will be accepted in the displacement window and ending one year after the completion of the 39 month post auction transition period.
- Processing priority:
Applications for new DTDRTs and displacement applications for digital replacement translators will have processing priority over all other LPTV and TV translator applications including new, minor changes and displacement applications. New DTDRTs have the same priority with DRT displacement applications.



CATEGORIES OF APPLICATIONS THAT CAN BE FILED BY TV TRANSLATOR/LPTV STATIONS

- **FLASH CUT**
- **MINOR CHANGES TO LICENSED FACILITIES**
- **MODIFICATIONS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**
- **LICENSE TO COVER**



DIGITAL TRANSITION STATUS

As of May 10, 2017	ANALOG	DIGITAL	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF stations operating digitally
TV TRANSLATOR	723	3049	3772	81%
LPTV	604	1360	1964	69%
TOTAL	1327	4409	5736	77%



LICENSING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS)

- Forms that have to be filed in LMS:
 1. Form 2100 Schedule A, Form 301
 2. Form 2100 Schedule B, Form 302
 3. Form 2100 Schedule C, Form 301-CA
 4. Form 2100 Schedule D, Form 346
 5. Form 2100 Schedule E, Form 347
 6. Form 2100 Schedule G, Form 317
 7. Form 2100 Schedule H, Form 398



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8. Form 2100 Schedule 337, Form 337
9. Form 2100 Schedule 381
10. Special Temporary Authorizations
(Engineering and Legal)
11. Extension of STA requests
12. Admin update of station's address and
contact representative
13. Remain Silent authority
14. Experimental authority requests



LICENSING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS)

Forms that still have to be filed in CDBS:

1. Renewal applications form 303-S
2. Assignment and transfer forms 314,315 and 316

LMS login link:

<https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/login.html>