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PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING OF DOCUMENTS THAT WERE DUE DURING THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OR DURING THE WEATHER EMERGENCY

By Public Notice (DA 96-1) released January 5, 1996, the Managing Director announced procedures for the filing of documents that were due to be filed with the Commission during the time that it was closed due to lack of appropriations (December 18, 1995 through January 5, 1996). Due to a weather emergency, the FCC remained closed from January 8, 1996 through January 10, 1996. Another forecasted weather emergency may affect Commission operations on Friday, January 12, 1996.

Any documents that were due to be filed with the Commission (at its headquarters, Gettysburg, PA, or Mellon Bank) while it was closed, *whether for the budget-related shutdown or the subsequent weather emergency*, will be due no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 1996. To this extent, Section 1.4(j) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j), which would otherwise require such filings on the first business day after a shutdown, IS HEREBY WAIVED in order to facilitate an orderly reopening. Additionally, in light of the inclement weather, filings normally due today or tomorrow (January 11 and 12, 1996) will also be due on January 16, 1996. While parties will have additional time to file at the appropriate location, they are strongly encouraged to tender their documents for filing as early as possible. The Commission will be closed on Monday, January 15, 1996, a Federal holiday.

The FCC Headquarters building and the Secretary's office reopened today at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 5:30 p.m. While persons will be admitted to the building before 5:30 p.m., due to the anticipated volume of filings, they may not be able to file documents with the Secretary after 5:30 p.m. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(f). Documents required to be filed at the Commission's Gettysburg facility and at the Mellon Bank will also be accepted during normal business hours.

Documents received at the Commission's headquarters, at Mellon Bank or at the Commission's Gettysburg offices via mail from December 18, 1995 through January 10, 1996 will be deemed filed on January 11, 1996, the first day that the Commission has reopened.

This Public Notice affects only due dates for filings with the Commission that were due during the

time that the Commission was closed or due on January 11-12, 1996. It does not affect due dates for the filing of other documents and does not affect the effective dates of Commission actions or other events. These matters may be dealt with separately by the Commission or its Bureaus and Offices.

Action by the Managing Director.