

# Construction/Coverage Requirements: Filing Notifications or Requests for Extensions of Time in ULS License Manager

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**M**ost licensees authorized to operate wireless telecommunications services must construct their systems or meet coverage requirements within a given time period (often referred to as the construction, coverage, or buildout deadline) and they must notify the Commission no later than 15 days after the buildout deadline that the applicable requirements have been met. The time periods for meeting the construction or coverage requirements vary depending on the radio service in which the license is held. For mobile units, the construction date is the date the units were placed into operation.

To more efficiently manage the spectrum used for wireless services, the FCC developed an automated feature in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to identify licenses, locations and frequencies that are presumed to have failed to meet construction or coverage requirements and, as a result, have automatically terminated. (47 C.F.R. § 1.946) If the licensee does not timely file a Notice of Construction or a Request for Extension of time, ULS presumes that the Construction or Coverage requirement was not met and ULS begins its automated termination process (Auto Term). Auto Term was implemented on February 1, 2006, and applies only to those construction or coverage deadlines that fall on or after that date.

Filing notifications or requests for extension of time in ULS is easy using License Manager. Notifications must be filed no later than 15 days after the buildout deadline and requests for extension of time must be filed before the expiration of the buildout date. (47 C.F.R. § 1.946)

## How Does the Automated Termination Process Work?

|          | Buildout Deadline   | Buildout Notification  | ULS Auto Term   | Petition for Reconsideration   | Result  |
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| Licensee | <p><b>The buildout deadline date is important for three reasons.</b></p> <p><b>First</b>, it is the date by which the construction or coverage requirements must be met.</p> <p><b>Second</b>, any Requests for Extension of Time to meet the requirements must be filed prior to the deadline.</p> <p><b>Third</b>, it is the effective date of automatic termination.</p> | <p>The Required Notification of Construction must be filed <b>no later than 15 days after the buildout deadline</b>. Licensees should file FCC Form 601, Main Form and Schedule K.</p> |   | <p>The licensee will have thirty (30) days from the date of the Public Notice to <b>file a petition for reconsideration</b>.</p> |   |
| ULS      |   |  | <p>Thirty (30) days after the deadline for the licenses, locations, or frequencies identified, ULS will <b>generate a notice to the licensee at its official address of record in ULS</b> announcing the pending termination of its license, location, or frequency and <b>will list the pending termination in a weekly Public Notice</b>.</p> |  | <p>If the time period for filing a petition for reconsideration lapses and the licensee does not file a petition for reconsideration, <b>the license, location or frequency will automatically terminate effective as of the construction or coverage deadline</b>. The license or frequencies will then be available for the Commission to reassign.</p> |

# Filing Notifications or Requests for Extensions of Time in ULS

Log into ULS License Manager (<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>)

## □ Filing a Buildout Notification for a Single Call Sign

- ▶ Click on the applicable call sign displayed under “My Licenses.”
- ▶ Select the Notify the FCC link in the “Work on This License” box.
- ▶ Select the purpose of your notification. The system dynamically displays the purposes you can select.
- ▶ Depending on the call sign and notification purpose selected, you will either continue to the “Fees and Waivers” page or proceed to a detail page where you provide the actual construction date for the locations (cellular) or frequencies on the license.
- ▶ After providing the actual construction dates for the component(s) on the application, continue through the “Fee and Waivers,” “Summary,” and “Certification” pages to complete your filing.

## □ Filing a Request for Extension of Time for Buildout for a Single Call Sign

- ▶ Click on the applicable call sign displayed under “My Licenses.”
- ▶ Select the Extend Deadlines link in the “Work on This License” box.
- ▶ Select the purpose of extension. The system dynamically displays the purposes you can select.
- ▶ Enter the new buildout date you are requesting.
- ▶ Depending on the call sign and extension purpose selected, you will either continue to the “Fees and Waivers” page or proceed to a detail page where you can indicate the license components for which the new buildout date applies.

## □ Filing Buildout Notifications & Extensions of Time for Multiple Call Signs

Other than the steps taken to launch the application, multiple call sign applications follow the same process as a single call sign application. To create an application for multiple call signs:

- ▶ Select Notify the FCC or Extend Deadlines from the left-hand navigation in License Manager.
- ▶ Select the appropriate purpose of the notification/extension.
- ▶ Select the licenses to include in the application. At this point, the application proceeds in a similar fashion to the single call sign filing.

Waiver requests filed with an application containing multiple call signs are applied to each call sign. **If a waiver request applies to only some of the call signs, file two applications: one application with the call signs that require the waiver request and one with the call signs that do not require the waiver request.**

**Note:** A license or a license component in a Termination Pending status will not be available to include in the application.

- ▶ For more information on filing notification and extension requests in ULS, see Public Notice The FCC Enhances the ULS for Filing Required Notifications and Requests for Extension of Time in Wireless Services (DA 07-2302).
- ▶ For general information on construction/coverage requirements, the automated termination process, and past Public Notices on these topics, visit the web site at: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/licensing/const-req/>

For more information or assistance, see the FCC Support website at <http://esupport.fcc.gov/>.



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