REGULATORY FEES FACT SHEET

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WHAT YOU OWE – COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICES FOR FY 2010

The Commission's automated filing and payment system ("Fee Filer") is now available for filing and payment of FY 2010 regulatory fees. Regulatory fee payments must be RECEIVED by the Commission no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on August 31, 2010.

This *Fact Sheet* pertains to holders of licenses in the following commercial wireless services: Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS), Broadband Radio Service (BRS) (formerly known as multipoint distribution service (MDS) and multichannel multipoint distribution service (MMDS)), and local multipoint distribution service (LMDS).

CMRS licensees include: specialized mobile radio services (Part 90); public coast stations (Part 80); public mobile radio, cellular, 800 MHz air-ground radiotelephone, and offshore radio services (Part 22); and PCS broadband services (Part 24). The CMRS messaging services category includes all one-way (Parts 22 and 90), two-way paging, qualifying interconnected business radio services, 220-222 MHz land mobile systems (Part 90), PCS narrowband services (Part 24) (e.g. one-way and two-way paging), and all SMR systems authorized for operation with less than 10 MHz bandwidth (Part 90). All other private wireless regulatory fees that are not noted here are paid in advance for the full license term and are submitted along with the appropriate application fee.

CMRS PROVIDERS

Who Must Pay: CMRS cellular providers, CMRS mobile service licensees, and CMRS messaging licensees. The CMRS messaging category includes all one-way (Parts 22 and 90), two-way paging, qualifying interconnected business radio services, 220-222 MHz land mobile systems (Part 90), PCS narrowband services (e.g. one-way and two-way paging), and all SMR systems authorized for operation with less than 10 MHz bandwidth. CMRS providers owe regulatory fees for each license held as of **October 1, 2009**, even if a license expired after October 1, 2009. In instances where a license or authorization is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2009, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the authorization on the date that the fee payment is due.

Payment and Documentation Requirement: CMRS fees are assessed on the number of telephone numbers or unit counts, as stated in the table below. If you received a letter from the FCC regarding your CMRS cellular or mobile telephone number count based on your NRUF[1] filing, and you have revisions to the subscriber count, you will need to enter Fee Filer to make your revision. The FCC will then review the revision and determine whether to approve or disapprove the new subscriber

[1] Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (NRUF) report.

count. If the revised figure is disapproved, an FCC staff member will be contacting you for additional information. All other CMRS cellular and mobile licensees who did not receive a letter from the FCC should use the number of telephone numbers or units as of **December 31, 2009**. CMRS Messaging (Paging) licensees were not sent a letter from the FCC, and should therefore use the number of telephone numbers or units as of **December 31, 2009** for their subscriber count.

CMRS NRUF Filers Wishing to Make Revisions to their Subscriber Count: To make revisions to your subscriber count, please follow the instructions below:

- After logging into Fee Filer, please click on the link, "View CMRS Subscriber Count", under the category of Regulatory Fees.
- Follow the prompts to revise your subscriber count, or to add or delete specific OCN numbers.
- If you revised your subscriber count, you will be asked to describe the basis for the revised count (e.g. based on billing records, adjustment for inactive telephone numbers, incorrect OCN, etc.).
- You will not need to send in a separate document or written explanation for the subscriber change.
- After you log off, the Commission will review your revised subscriber count, and determine whether your explanation for the change is satisfactory.
- The Commission will then approve or disapprove the edit. If the Commission approves the edit, you will see a notification in Fee Filer that the edit was approved. If the Commission does not approve the edit, the notation in Fee Filer will say that the subscriber count change is still pending approval, and a Commission staff member will contact you for additional information.
- After the Commission approves the change in subscriber count, the revised subscriber count will be the figure upon which FY 2010 regulatory fees will be based, and this figure will be loaded into Fee Filer for payment.
- A Final CMRS Assessment Letter will not be mailed to the regulatee.
- If there are no revisions to the subscriber count, or if the Commission does not receive a response to its letter, the Net NRUF telephone number count listed on the assessment letter that you received will be used as the basis for payment of FY 2010 CMRS regulatory fees. This subscriber count will also be the figure that will be loaded into Fee Filer for payment.

Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.1157(d), CMRS providers must retain for a period of two (2) years from the date on which their regulatory fee is paid, those business records that were used to calculate their fee payment.

Type of Fee	Regulatory Fee Payment	Payment Type Code
CMRS Cellular Radio (Part 22) and CMRS Mobile Services (Parts 22, 24, 27, 80 and 90) Beginning this year, all Cellular Radio and Mobile Services are to use the same Payment Type Code 0711. No one should use Payment Type Code 0712.	$0.18 per telephone number/unit	1011
CMRS Messaging Services (Parts 22, 24 and 90)	$0.08 per unit	1013

BRS (FORMERLY MDS AND MMDS) AND LMDS PROVIDERS

Who Must Pay: BRS and LMDS providers owe regulatory fees for each license held as of October 1, 2009, even if a license expired after October 1, 2009. In instances where a license or authorization is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2009, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the authorization on the date that the fee payment is due.

Fee Requirement: Regulatory fees for BRS are assessed on a per license basis, whereas regulatory fees for LMDS are assessed on a per call sign basis as follows:

Type of License	Regulatory Fee	Payment Type Code
BRS (Formerly MDS/MMDS)	$310	1014
LMDS	$310	1085

LIMITATIONS ON CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

The U.S. Treasury will reject Credit Card transactions greater than $99,999.99 from a single credit card in a single day, in accordance with U.S. Treasury Bulletin No. 2005-03. If you need to pay $100,000.00 or more, then you must pay via a check, Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit, or wire transfer.

MANDATORY USE OF FEE FILER

For FY 2010, the use of the online system (Fee Filer) for payment of regulatory fees has not changed from the process used in FY 2009: licensees and regulatees must first enter the Commission's Fee Filer system with a valid FRN and password, and follow the online prompts to generate a Form 159-E voucher to be submitted with the appropriate regulatory fee payment to the designated entity, U.S. Bank. Only Form 159-E vouchers generated from Fee Filer will be permitted to be submitted with regulatory fee payments to U.S. Bank. Instructions on the use and submission of Form 159-E payments are available on the Commission's website at the industry-appropriate section under the heading, *Who Owes Fees & What is My Fee FY2010* (http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html). Please note that the use of the online Fee Filer system is mandatory, and filers are reminded that hardcopy/paper bills will no longer be mailed by the FCC. However, these bills are available for viewing in the Regulatory Fee link of Fee Filer. For additional information, please contact the Financial Operations Help Desk at 877-480-3201, Option 4.

There are many benefits to licensees and regulatees in using the Commission's Fee Filer system: 1) expeditious submission of payment; 2) no postage or courier costs (when paid electronically through Fee Filer); 3) fewer errors caused by illegible handwriting or payments submitted without an FRN number or the appropriate data attributes (*e.g.*, payers will avoid receiving delinquency notices because of payment submission errors); 4) improved recordkeeping and payment reconciliation; 5) reduced administrative burden on both licensees and regulatees on Commission staff in processing regulatory fee payments; 6) less expensive than a wire transfer; and 7) a reduced burden of preparing, mailing, and storing paper documents.