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Media Bureau Establishes October 27, 2009, Initial Filing Date for Acceptance of Certain Noncommercial Educational FM Station Minor Change Applications

The Media Bureau (“Bureau”) hereby announces that as of October 27, 2009, a noncommercial educational (“NCE”) FM applicant will not be required to demonstrate compliance with Section 73.525 of the Commission’s Rules,¹ with regard to an “affected” TV Channel 6 station² which has ceased analog transmissions and which has a new DTV channel assignment. In accordance with prior guidance provided by the Bureau,³ an NCE FM application filed prior to October 27, 2009, which fails to either (1) satisfy Section 73.525 protection requirements or (2) include an unconditional consent letter from the “affected” TV Channel 6 station, will be dismissed. NCE-FM applications must continue to provide protection to “affected” digital TV Channel 6 stations. Such applications will be processed on a case-by-case basis.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 73.525.

² *See id.* § 73.525(a)(1) (defining an “affected” TV Channel 6 station as one located at less than certain prescribed distances from an NCE FM station operating on channels 201 – 220).

³ *Media Bureau Provides Guidance to NCE FM stations Regarding Television Channel 6 Protection Requirements*, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 3916 (MB rel. Apr. 1, 2009) (DA 09-744).