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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Implements Phase I Of a Three-Phased Deployment of the Universal Licensing System for Land Mobile Radio Services on September 19, 2000.

For most Land Mobile Phase I services, electronic filing via ULS becomes mandatory March 20, 2001.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) will implement Phase I of a three-phased conversion of Land Mobile (LM) Radio Services to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) on September 19, 2000. The services included in Phase I are:

- Land Mobile Radiolocation,
- 220 MHz,
- 929-930 MHz Paging Site-Specific Channels,
- Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR),
- 218-219 MHz (previously IVDS) and
- Land Mobile Broadcast Auxiliary.

Implementations of Phases II and III will be announced in a public notice following the Phase I conversion.

ULS is the interactive licensing database developed by the WTB to consolidate and replace eleven existing licensing systems used to process applications and grant licenses in wireless services. ULS provides numerous benefits, including fast and easy electronic filing, improved data accuracy through automated checking of applications, and enhanced electronic access to licensing information. The deployment of Land Mobile in ULS is part of the WTB's ongoing phased deployment of ULS for all wireless services.

For further information regarding the ULS rules and procedures, please refer to the ULS homepage, available on the Internet at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

Additional information can be found in the *ULS Report and Order*. See Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 12, 22, 24, 26, 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Development and Use of the Universal Licensing System in the Wireless Telecommunications Services, WT Docket No. 98-20, *Report and Order*, 13 FCC Rcd 21027 (1998), *recon.*, FCC 99-139, 14 FCC Rcd 11476. See also "Wireless Telecommunications WTB Announces New Universal Licensing System (ULS) Filing Procedures and Revised Application Forms Effective February 16, 1999," *Public Notice*, February 10, 1999. These and all other Public Notices and other documents pertaining to the ULS may be found by

Beginning September 19, 2000, applicants and licensees in the Land Mobile Phase I services will be able to use ULS to file for new station applications, license modifications, application amendments, license renewals, license cancellations, application withdrawals, requests for duplicate licenses, administrative updates, notifications, extension of time requests, transfer and assignment applications, and requests for Special Temporary Authority (STA). As part of the conversion process, all active licensing data for Phase I Land Mobile services (*i.e.* active license records and those applications that are pending – but not those that have been granted or dismissed) will be converted to the ULS, and will no longer be updated in the current licensing database.²

This *Public Notice* provides information designed to assist Land Mobile Phase I filers prepare for successful utilization of the ULS, as well as contact information for applicants and licensees who have additional questions about ULS. This *Public Notice* does not discuss the search features and GeoSearch mapping capabilities of the ULS that are common to radio services available on the ULS.

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accessing the ULS homepage and clicking on "Releases."

² Users will be able to continue using the Commission's General Menu Reports (GENMEN) Internet search tool for all Land Mobile searches. GENMEN will automatically search ULS for Phase I services and the existing databases for Phase II and Phase III services.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) REGISTRATION

As mandated by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Act), the Commission requires all wireless licensees to register their Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) in the ULS. For firms, organizations, and non-federal government agencies, their Employer Identification Number (EIN) is their TIN. For individuals, their Social Security Number (SSN) is the TIN. To protect licensee privacy, registered TINs will not be made available to the public. However, TIN information may be released to the U.S. Treasury Department for purposes of compliance with the Act.

Land Mobile Phase I applicants who have not previously registered their TINs must do so before filing applications or updating licensing information in ULS, regardless of whether the applicant applies directly or through a frequency coordinator. When you register your TIN, associate any valid call signs with your TIN.

NOTE: If you are not required by law to have a TIN, the FCC will provide you with an FCC-generated identification number for access to ULS. If you believe you fall into this category, contact ULS Technical Support at (202) 414-1250 (TTY – (202) 414-1255).

Because there are instances in which governmental or private entities may have a single TIN that is used by multiple agencies or subsidiaries which hold licenses in their own names, the WTB has made provisions for an entity to also register Sub-Group Identification Numbers (SGINs) in addition to its TIN. By selecting two or more SGINs, individual agencies or departments within a large organization will be able to independently access and manage their licenses. In order to use the SGIN feature, a TIN registrant must specify sub-groups at the time of registration, self-assign a unique SGIN to each sub-group, and associate call signs with each TIN/SGIN combination. A *Public Notice* describing the SGIN procedures is available in the "Releases" section of the ULS Internet Homepage at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

Because TINs registered in ULS will not be made available to the public, ULS assigns each TIN a corresponding licensee identification number that is displayed when the public views an application or license on-line. Licensee identification numbers are assigned automatically by ULS as part of the TIN registration process, are nine characters in length, and consist of an "L" followed by eight digits.

NOTE: Land Mobile Phase I licensees who have previously registered their TINs do not need to re-register. "Although the Bureau made a concerted effort to update TIN and call sign information after each land mobile assignment over the last three years, it is the responsibility of each licensee to ensure that their information is up to date upon conversion to ULS. If licenses are added or assigned via ULS filings, it is not necessary to update your TIN/call sign registration for these licenses.

The WTB urges applicants and licensees to electronically register TINs. This can be done on the FCC's secure internet server at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls by clicking on the "TIN/Call Sign Registration" button.

Manual TIN registration requires filing FCC Form 606 (TIN Registration Form), which can be obtained from the internet at http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html or by calling the FCC's Forms Distribution Center at 1-800-418-FORM (3676) (outside the Washington, D.C., area) or 202-418-3676 (in the Washington, D.C., area). If your TIN was manually registered, you must call the ULS technical

support staff to obtain a password prior to being able to file electronically via ULS.

If filed manually, Form 606 should be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission Data Management Division Attention: Kathy McLucas 1270 Fairfield Road Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

NOTE: All applicants should begin NOW to provide their TIN on their applications. Failure to register the applicant's TIN prior to filing will result in delayed processing of the request. Failure to provide a TIN on application filings received by the Commission on or after September 19, 2000 will result in dismissal of the application as defective.

FREQUENCY COORDINATORS

A large percentage of Land Mobile applications filed with the Commission each year are filed by Commission-certified frequency coordinators on behalf of Land Mobile applicants. This section clarifies how our conversion of Land Mobile licenses and pending applications to ULS will affect applicants who file with frequency coordinators.

If you file applications through a frequency coordinator, you must file those applications on the correct form and with any supplementary information that may be required (see Appendix A of this *Public Notice*). The Commission leaves it to the discretion of each frequency coordinator to specify whether their customers are to file with them on paper, electronically, or a combination of the two. In all cases for all radio services, however, frequency coordinators will file applications with the Commission electronically.

For applications that you file directly with the Commission without the services of a frequency coordinator, you may be required to file electronically depending on the particular radio service involved. See the following section and the subsequent section on "Mandatory Electronic Filing."

NEW APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE LAND MOBILE PHASE I SERVICES

Applicants and licensees in the Land Mobile Radio Services being converted in the Phase I deployment of the ULS will be subject to the following filing procedures as of September 19, 2000:

ULS Forms

Form 601 is available **now** for Land Mobile Phase I services for filings for new station applications, license modifications, application amendments, license renewals, license cancellations, application withdrawals, requests for duplicate licenses, administrative updates, requests for special temporary authority, notifications and requests for extension of time of coverage or construction

requirements in conjunction with a license. Form 601 replaces pre-ULS Forms 600, 574R, 405A, 313 and 313R and letter requests for these purposes.

Beginning with receipts on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services, only the June 2000 edition (or later) of Form 601 is acceptable for filing. Applications filed on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services on prior editions of the Form 601 will be dismissed without prejudice. Use of pre-ULS forms in lieu of Form 601 is permitted for a six-month transition period ending March 19, 2001; however, the WTB strongly urges applicants to use Form 601 in order to avoid processing delays. If you do not use Form 601, you must provide the additional information described in Appendix A. Any application that is filed using a pre-ULS form on or after September 19, 2000 must contain the information prescribed in Appendix A or it may be dismissed without prejudice.

For instructions on filing Form 601 manually, follow the instructions on the form, and see the "Where to Send Manually Filed Applications" section of this *Public Notice*. The WTB strongly encourages electronic filing via ULS. For instructions on filing Form 601 electronically, point your web browser to http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

Form 602 is available **now** for use for Land Mobile Phase I services. Form 602 collects required ownership information from applicants and licensees in auctionable wireless services that are subject to the ownership disclosure requirements set forth in Section 1.2112(a) of the Commission's Rules, and replaces Form 430. "Auctionable services" includes all wireless services other than those specifically exempted from competitive bidding procedures pursuant to Section 1.2102(c) of the Commission's rules. Land Mobile Phase I licensees and applicants that are subject to these ownership reporting requirements must file Form 602 in conjunction with the filing of an initial license application, renewal application, or application for assignment or transfer, unless the applicant or licensee already has an updated Form 602 on file. Applicants and licensees are required to submit only a single FCC Form 602. Once the applicant or licensee files initially, it has no obligation to file the form with subsequent applications, regardless of service, so long as the ownership information on the previous filing of Form 602 has not changed. For more information regarding Form 602, see "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Answers Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Reporting of Ownership Information on FCC Form 602," *Public Notice*, DA 99-1001 (rel. May 25, 1999).

Beginning with receipts on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services, only the February 1999 edition (or later) of Form 602 is acceptable for filing. Applications filed on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services on prior editions of the Form 602 will be dismissed without prejudice. Use of the pre-ULS Form 430 in lieu of Form 602 is permitted until September 30, 2000, but the WTB strongly urges applicants to use Form 602 in order to avoid processing delays. Form 430 applications filed after September 30, 2000, will be dismissed without prejudice.

For instructions on filing Form 602 manually, follow the instructions on the form, and see the "Where to Send Manually Filed Applications" section of this *Public Notice*. NOTE: Form 602 is currently not available for electronic filing. Until further notice from the Commission, Form 602 must be filed manually.

Form 603 is available **now** for Land Mobile Phase I services for filings for assignment of license, transfer of control, notification that an approved assignment or transfer has been consummated, or to request an extension of time to consummate the assignment or transfer transaction. Form 603 replaces Forms 600/1046, 703, 490 and letter requests for these purposes.

Beginning with receipts on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services, only the February 1999 edition (or later) of Form 603 is acceptable for filing. Applications filed on or after September 19, 2000 for Land Mobile Phase I services on prior editions of the Form 603 will be dismissed without prejudice. Also, any transfer of control application filed on the former Form 604, which has been discontinued, will be dismissed without prejudice. The WTB strongly urges the use of ULS Forms instead of Pre-ULS Forms if the filer is unable to file electronically. Use of pre-ULS forms in lieu of Form 603 is permitted for a six-month transition period ending March 19, 2001, but the WTB strongly urges applicants to use Form 603 in order to avoid processing delays. If you do not use Form 603, you must provide the additional information described in Appendix A. Applications filed on or after September 19, 2000, that do not contain the information prescribed in Appendix A may be dismissed without prejudice.

For instructions on filing Form 603 manually, follow the instructions on the form, and see the "Where to Send Manually Filed Applications" section of this *Public Notice*. WTB strongly encourages electronic filing via ULS. For instructions on filing Form 603 electronically, point your web browser to http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

Pre-ULS Forms and Letter Requests

Beginning with receipts on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services, manual filers that choose to use Pre-ULS Forms and letter requests **must** use the following **editions** of these Forms. Pre-ULS Forms filed on or after September 19, 2000, for Land Mobile Phase I services on prior editions will be dismissed without prejudice.

Form 313 - September 1999 edition (or later)

Form 313R - July 1997 edition (or later)

Form 405A - May 1997 edition (or later)

Form 490 - October 1997 edition (or later)

Form 574R (FCC sends the 574R to a licensee prior to license expiration)

Form 600 - September 1997 edition (or later)

Form 703 - January 1997 edition (or later)

Form 1046 - April 1997 edition (or later)

(Note: Form 574 is obsolete and is unacceptable for filing.)

Use of these forms for Phase I Land Mobile applications is permitted only until March 19, 2001. Any pre-ULS Form or letter request submitted after March 19, 2001 for these services will be dismissed without prejudice.

Important: A Land Mobile Phase I manual filer who files these Pre-ULS Forms or letter request during the six-month transition period, **must** submit their filing request in accordance with the instructions as set forth in Appendix A. The supplementary information described in Appendix A must

be attached. Applications filed on or after September 19, 2000, that are not submitted in accordance with the instructions prescribed in Appendix A may be dismissed without prejudice. NOTE: In order to avoid processing delays, the Land Mobile Phase I applicants and licensees who plan to file applications manually should **now** begin to submit their filing requests in accordance with the instructions as set forth in Appendix A.

For instructions on filing Pre-ULS Forms manually, see the "Where to Send Manually Filed Applications" section of this *Public Notice*.

Because of the extensive amount of additional information that filers of Pre-ULS Forms are required to submit, the WTB *strongly* encourages electronic filing via ULS or the use of ULS Forms in order to avoid processing delays. For instructions on filing electronically, point your web browser to http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

Mandatory Electronic Filing

The mandatory electronic filing requirements take effect on March 20, 2001. All Land Mobile Phase I applicants who file directly with the Commission who are subject to the mandatory filing requirement (as described in the following chart) as well as all frequency coordinators who file on behalf of applicants must file electronically effective March 20, 2001. Additionally, effective March 20, 2001, an application *must* be filed electronically if it contains both radio service code(s) subject to mandatory electronic filing and radio service code(s) for which electronic filing is optional. For radio services marked "optional," applicants who file directly with the Commission (but not frequency coordinators) may elect to continue to submit manually filed applications.³

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See § 1.913(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.913(b).

Radio Service	Code	Mandatory* on 3/20/2001	
Radiolocation	RS – Radiolocation	Optional	
220 MHz	QD - Non-nationwide Data	Yes	
	QO – Non-nationwide Other	Yes	
	QM - Non-nationwide Public Safety/Mutual Aid	Optional	
	QT – Non-nationwide, 5-Channel Trunked	Yes	
	NC - Phase 1 Nationwide Commercial 5-Channel	Yes	
Paging	GS – 929-930 MHz, Site-Specific Channels	Yes	
Location and	LW – 902-928 MHz Location Wideband	Yes	
Monitoring	Monitoring (Grandfathered AVM)		
Service	LN – 902-928 MHz Location Narrowband	Yes	
(LMS)	(Non-Multilateration)		
SMR -	GX – 806-821/851-866 MHz, Conventional	Yes	
	GR – 896-901/935-940 MHz, Conventional	Yes	
	YX – 806-821/851-866 MHz, Trunked	Yes	
	YS – 896-901/935-940 MHz, Trunked	Yes	
218-219 MHz	ZV – 218-219 MHz service**	ZV – 218-219 MHz service** Yes	
Broadcast	RP – Broadcast Auxiliary – Remote Pickup	Optional	
	LP - Broadcast Auxiliary - Low Power	Optional	

^{*}Applications filed on or after March 20, 2001 must be filed electronically via the ULS for the services marked "Yes." The WTB encourages electronic filing for all services in ULS.

** This service is administered under the Commission's Part 95 rules. However, because it has traditionally been licensed in conjunction with the Land Mobile radio services, we are converting its licensing to the ULS at this time.

Transfer of Control and Assignment of Authorization Procedures

Non-pro forma transactions and pro forma transactions not subject to forbearance

In the case of non-pro forma transactions and pro forma transactions that are not subject to the Commission's streamlined forbearance procedures, Form 603 may be accessed electronically by both parties to the transaction in the following manner. The electronic filing process is initiated by the assignor/transferor, who fills out the assignor/transferor portions of the form and identifies the call signs that are subject to the assignment or transfer. ULS then enables the assignor/transferor to "forward" the application electronically to the assignee/transferee, who fills out the assignee/transferee portions of the form (but cannot alter information entered by the assignor/transferor), signs and returns it electronically to the assignor/transferor. The assignor/transferor then may sign and submit the application, provided it makes no further changes, or may make further changes and, once again, forward it to the assignee/transferee.

Notification of consummation

Form 603, Schedule D provides for notification of consummation of an assignment or transfer that was previously consented to by the Commission, and Form 603, Schedule E may be used to request an extension of time to consummate.

NOTE: Use Form 603 *only* for notifications of consummation of transfers of control and assignments of licenses that were granted under ULS. For Phase I commercial services that currently require notification of consummation, you should provide letter notification for all transactions granted prior to September 19, 2000, *even if* the consummation takes place after ULS transition. For other Phase I Land Mobile Radio Service licenses currently not subject to notification of consummation, you only need provide notice if the transaction was granted *after* implementation of ULS.

Pro forma forbearance notification

The Commission has established forbearance procedures for the *pro forma* transfer and assignment of licenses used for the offering of telecommunications for a fee to the public or to such classes of users as to be effectively available to the public. Such transfers and assignments may currently be filed on a Form 603; Form 603 becomes mandatory starting March 20, 2001, for Phase I Land Mobile services, and letter requests will no longer be accepted.

<u>Transfer/assignment applications affecting multiple services</u>

If a transfer or assignment transaction involves both licenses in services that have been converted to ULS *and* licenses in other wireless services that have not yet been converted, the applicant must file separate applications for ULS and non-ULS-based licenses. The WTB recommends that the latter be filed on pre-ULS forms. This requirement is temporary until the databases for all wireless services have been converted to ULS. The remaining Land Mobile Radio Services to be converted to ULS are described in the chart below.

Phase II and III Land Mobile Radio Services*

Public Safety/ Special Emergency: GA, GP, YA, YP, YW

Pubic Safety National Plan: GF, YF

Phase III radio services are:

Industrial Business Pool: IG, YG

Business for 800/900: GB, GU, YB, YU
Industrial/Land Transportation 800/900: GI, GO, YI, YO

*Specific details regarding ULS deployment for the services in Phases II and III will be released in subsequent public notices.

In these cases, Form 603 enables the assignor/transferor to specify that it is filing a notification of a *pro forma* assignment or transfer that does not require prior Commission approval pursuant to the Commission's forbearance procedures. For these notifications, only the assignor/transferor will access Form 603. Forbearance does not apply to services such as public safety and private land mobile. Licensees not subject to forbearance must seek and receive Commission approval prior to consummating a transfer or assignment, using the procedures described above.

Land Mobile Phase II and III radio services will have to file on pre-ULS forms for transfer and assignment applications. If the licensee is a commercial service, it needs to file a Form 490 and Form **602** respectively, for assignments and transfers. An applicant would not have to file Form **602** if it already has either a Form 430 or Form 602 on file at the FCC. If it is private, it will need to file for an assignment, pages 1, 2 and Schedule D of the Form 600 and Form 1046, or for a transfer, Form 703.

For transfers and assignments of those radio services included in Phase I, licensees may file pre-ULS forms until March 19, 2001. After six months, licensees in all radio services in Phase I, whether they are private or commercial, must file Form 603.

An applicant filing for a transfer or assignment with multiple radio services from Phase I that included both private and commercial call signs can submit one filing. (The system will differentiate between the commercial and private for licenses within the Phase I services. Therefore, an applicant may make one filing so long as all licenses are in ULS.)

An applicant must file separately for filings that include both Phase I and either Phase II or Phase III call signs. For example, if a licensee is assigning 220 MHz (Phase I) and Industrial/Business Pool (Phase III) licenses, the application for assignment of the 220 MHz license should be filed on Form 603 because that service is in ULS, and the application for assignment of the Industrial/Business Pool license should be filed on the Form 600 and 1046 because that service is not yet in the ULS.

Partial Assignments

A licensee may assign a portion of their license rather than assigning the entire license. These assignments may be accomplished for a site location, several site locations, or a frequency or several frequencies. Form 603 collects appropriate data for licensees to identify their request for partial assignments.

We realize that previously, applicants were able to file partial assignment applications and request that the location or frequency be placed under the call sign of an existing license. ULS, however, will create a new call sign for each assignment granted. In the first deployment of ULS software for Land Mobile Phase I services we will not have the capability for applicants to specify a particular target call sign or to consolidate licenses.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE LAND MOBILE RADIO SERVICES

Unified Dismissal Policy

The WTB has announced a unified dismissal policy will take effect in each wireless service six months after the service is converted to ULS.⁵ Accordingly, this policy will take effect for Land Mobile Phase I services for applications filed beginning March 20, 2001. Under the unified dismissal policy,

homepage, http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

See Wireless Telecommunications WTB Announces Unified Policy for Dismissing and Returning Applications and Dismissing Pleadings Associated with Applications, *Public Notice*, DA 99-385 (rel. Feb. 24, 1999); Wireless Telecommunications WTB Postpones Effective Date of Unified Dismissal Policy for Applications in the Wireless Services, *Public Notice*, DA 99-811 (rel. April 29, 1999). These documents are available under the "Unified Dismissal/Return Policy" topic on the "Information Center" section of the ULS Internet

applications that (1) are unsigned or incomplete with respect to answers to questions, informational showings, or other matters of a formal character; (2) request an authorization that would not comply with one or more of the Commission's Rules, and do not contain a waiver request (or in cases where the waiver is denied contain an alternative proposal); or (3) do not contain an adequate fee are subject to automatic dismissal. In addition, applications that do not contain a valid Antenna Structure Registration number (when one is required – generally, when the antenna is sited on a structure that is greater than 60.96 m (200 ft) tall or located near a public use airport), or whose coordinates differ from those of the Registration, are subject to dismissal.

Although the unified dismissal policy does not take effect for the Land Mobile Phase I services until March 20, 2001, the WTB encourages applicants and licensees to become familiar with the unified dismissal policy now. Information on the policy is available on the ULS Internet homepage at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/policy.html.

Because electronic filing provides for on-line checking of applications, electronic filers are more likely to detect and correct errors before submitting applications, and therefore reduce the risk that their applications will be returned or dismissed. For this reason, the WTB strongly encourages applicants to chose electronic filing.

Specifying and Verifying Control Point, Location and Antenna Numbers

For the Land Mobile Services in ULS, control points, locations and antennas are specified by numbers. Licensees must be sure to use the control point, location and antenna numbers listed under ULS when applying to modify their licenses or when submitting an amendment to a converted pending application.

In some cases, the correct control point, location and antenna number will be different from the control point, location or antenna number in the original license grant, if it was not granted in ULS. Licensees should pay careful attention to the control point, location and antenna numbers when filing electronically.

Licensees should confirm the control point, location and antenna numbers by reviewing their license using the "License Search" tools available at the ULS Internet homepage (http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls) before submitting manual applications to modify their licenses. If the licensee needs to submit an amendment for a converted pending application, the licensee should confirm the control point, location and antenna numbers by reviewing their converted pending application using the "Application Search" tools available at the ULS Internet homepage (http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls). 6

Guidelines for conversion of the location information from the legacy database into ULS are provided on the ULS Internet homepage (http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls) under "Filing Applications Using ULS".

North American Datum of 1983 Coordinates

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Select "Locations" from the "License Options" drop-down box in "ULS License Search" to view location and antenna numbers. Select "Control Points" from the "License Options" drop down box in "ULS License Search" to view control point numbers. To view control point, location and antenna numbers in "ULS Application Search," select the "Schedule D" or "Schedule H" hyperlinks.

For Land Mobile Phase I services, existing data coordinates will be converted to North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) effective no later than September 19, 2000. Accordingly, applicants should note that all coordinates must be referenced to NAD83. Additional information on determining and converting geographic coordinates is available on the ULS Internet homepage at http://www.fcc.gov.wtb/uls/nadcon.html

Note: Certain Pacific island areas for which a conversion routine is not yet available will continue to be referenced to the applicable local datum. *See ULS Report and Order* ¶ 125. A list of these areas is available at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/nadcon.html.

Construction Notification

Under ULS, WTB sends out construction notification reminder letters for licenses granted in ULS approximately ninety days before the construction deadline. Licensees should note, however, that they are obligated to provide construction notification regardless of whether they receive a reminder letter. A licensee that meets its construction requirements early does not need to wait until the deadline to provide notification of construction. ULS will process early notifications and, if applicable, will not send reminder letters for the locations and frequencies for which a licensee has provided construction notice.

Licensees should provide notification of construction by submitting Form 601, Schedule K. *Be Aware:* WTB will automatically terminate licenses when a licensee fails to give timely construction notification.

When the WTB fails to receive timely confirmation of construction from a licensee, the ULS will generate a letter to the licensee and issue a Public Notice thirty days before the termination becomes final. A licensee then has thirty days from the date of the letter to demonstrate that it has met the construction requirements prior to the termination becoming final.

Database Corrections

As part of the preparation for ULS, the WTB has encouraged Land Mobile licensees to review the WTB's licensing database and to submit corrections, if necessary. Once the Land Mobile Phase I services are converted to ULS on September 19, 2000, licensees will no longer be permitted to notify the WTB of database errors informally, and instead must file a formal application for license modification.

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 $^{^{7}}$ ULS Report and Order ¶ 104.

⁸ See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Makes Land Mobile and Personal Radio Databases Available for Review Prior to ULS Implementation, *Public Notice* (rel. October 14, 1998).

License Renewal

All services in ULS receive a renewal reminder letter ninety days before license expiration. This renewal reminder letter is provided as a courtesy, and failure to receive a reminder will not serve as a basis for reinstatement of an expired license. Applications for renewal may be filed no earlier than ninety days prior to expiration date.

New Service Codes for Land Mobile Phase I Services

The ULS will reflect the new Location and Monitoring Service (LMS) for radio service codes LN for 902-928 MHz Location Narrowband (Non-Multilateration) and LW for 902-928 MHz Location Wideband (Grandfathered AVM) that were previously licensed as Land Mobile Radiolocation (RS) as follows:

Former	Description	New Radio	Description
Radio Service		Service	
Code		Code	
		RS	Land Mobile Radiolocation
RS	Land Mobile	LN	902-928 MHz Location Narrowband
	Radiolocation		(Non-Multilateration)
		LW	902-928 MHz Location Wideband
			(Grandfathered AVM)

APPLICATION FEES

Applicants using ULS remain subject to application fees under Section 1.1102 of the rules, 47 CFR § 1.1102. ULS, however, will simplify the process of submitting fees to the Commission. When an applicant submits an application electronically, ULS will assign a file number and show the correct fee amount due and the payment type code on a confirmation screen. Clicking on the "Form 159" button will display an FCC 159 Form with pre-filled information. Electronic filers have the option to either pay by check or credit card by mail or to pay on-line using a credit card. If the electronic filer chooses to pay on-line using a credit card, they will click on the "Pay Online Now" button. This option will expedite processing of their application. An electronic filer wishing to pay by check or credit card by mail may click on the "Printable Form 159" button to print the pre-filled Form 159, which should be mailed to the address specified below.

For more information see "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Provides Fee Payment Checklist For Applicants Using The Universal Licensing System," *Public Notice*, DA 99-1411 (available in the "ULS Releases" section of the "ULS Information Center" at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls).

NOTE: Electronic filers who do not use the pre-printed FCC Form 159 in connection with an electronically filed application must enter the ULS-generated file number in the FCC Form 159 box labeled FCC Code 2. If problems arise while trying to print FCC Form 159, call the FCC Technical Support Hotline. Mellon Bank must receive the FCC Form 159 and accompanying fee within 10 calendar days of submitting the application.

Where to Send Payments for Electronically-filed Applications. If an on-line credit card payment was made for an electronically-filed application, no further action is needed (there is no requirement to submit a Form 159). All completed FCC 159 Form payments for electronically filed applications (excluding on-line credit card payments) should be sent to:

Federal Communications Commission ULS Electronic Filing P.O. Box 358994 Pittsburgh PA 15251-5994

WHERE TO SEND MANUALLY-FILED APPLICATIONS

Manually-filed Renewal Only applications that require fees should be sent to:

Federal Communications Commission P.O. Box 358245 Pittsburgh PA 15251-5245

All other manually-filed applications **that require fees** should be sent to:

Federal Communications Commission P.O. Box 358130 Pittsburgh PA 15251-5130

All manually-filed applications and letter requests that do not require fees should be sent to:

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