
SPECIAL UPDATE
October 17, 2018**Earth Station Filing Window Extended Until October 31, 2018**

Today, the FCC's International Bureau [announced](#) a two-week extension to the [filing window](#) to register fixed-satellite service ("FSS") earth stations currently operating in the 3.7-4.2 GHz frequency band. The filing window was scheduled to expire today, October 17, 2018, but the large influx of applications has caused intermittent difficulties to the International Bureau Filing System ("IBFS"). MVPDs now have additional time to file applications.

By registering a receive-only earth station, an MVPD can protect against interference from other entities using (or planning to use) the same spectrum.

Registration Freeze. This past Spring, the FCC's International, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus [announced](#) a temporary freeze on the filing of new or modification applications for fixed-satellite service earth stations, receive-only earth station registrations, and fixed microwave licenses in the 3.7-4.2 GHz frequency band. At the same time, the Bureaus opened a 90-day window (later extended) during which entities that own or operate existing earth stations in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band may file an application to register or license the earth station if it is not currently registered or licensed.

To register a receive-only earth station, an MVPD must complete FCC Form 312 (through the online [IBFS](#) database) and pay a \$450 filing fee. For purposes of the registration window, the Bureaus have waived the requirement to also submit a frequency coordination study. Applications to modify a current registration are also permitted to be filed.

Filing Options for Operators with Multiple Earth Station Antennas. MVPDs with multiple receive-only antennas at a single geographic location or address may apply to register these antennas under a single application and pay a single fee of \$450. Additionally, MVPDs with multiple geographically diverse receive-only earth stations may register those stations under one application for a single "network" license and pay a single fee (the "Fixed Satellite VSAT System" fee, currently \$10,620). The Bureau waived certain sections of the FCC's rules so that operators can utilize the single "network" license option.

If you have any questions about receive-only earth stations or FCC applications, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

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