

UPDATE

September 13, 2022

FCC Regulatory Fee Payments Due September 28, 2022

On September 2, 2022, the FCC released an [Order and Notice of Inquiry](#) establishing its Fiscal Year 2022 regulatory fees, and announced that regulatory fee payments must be made no later than September 28, 2022.

All licensees must use the [FCC CORES System](#), and review, create, update, or change the fees owed. Then, each licensee must choose a payment method – online payment with a credit or debit card, online payment from a bank account, or sending a wire transfer.

Fee amounts. The FCC has set the following regulatory fees:

- **2022 Cable/IPTV/DBS regulatory fee:** All MVPDs, including cable systems, IPTV systems and DBS operators that had subscribers as of December 31, 2021, must pay \$1.16 per subscriber, a \$0.18 increase from 2021.
- **CARS licenses and permits:** CARS facilities operating on October 1, 2021, must pay \$1,715, a \$160 increase from 2021, even if the facility's license expired after October 1, 2021.
- **Interconnected VoIP regulatory fee:** \$0.00452 for each dollar of interstate and international telecommunications revenue that a provider reports on its Form 499-A.

De minimis exemption. Entities whose total regulatory fee liability, including all categories of fees for which payment is due, is \$1,000 or less are exempt from payment. Municipal providers and providers that qualify as non-profit entities are also exempt from regulatory fees.

If you have any questions about the payment of FY 2021 regulatory fees, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

FCC EEO Form 396-C Due September 30, 2022

Earlier this summer, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau released a [Public Notice](#) announcing that multichannel video programming distributors ("MVPDs"), including cable operators, must submit Form 396-C, the FCC's MVPD Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") Program Annual Report, electronically by midnight on **September 30, 2022**. To file Form 396-C, login to the Media Bureau's [CDBS Electronic Filing System](#).

MVPDs that have been randomly selected to file a Supplemental Investigation Sheet ("SIS") along with their Form 396-C were listed in the Enforcement Bureau's [Public Notice](#) and must complete the following:

- Include one job description for employees in the “Professionals” category in Part I of the form.
- Answer questions 1, 7 and 8 in Part II of the form:
 - Describe the employment unit’s efforts to comply with the outreach provisions of the FCC’s EEO rules.
 - Describe the level of responsibility of each level of the employment unit’s management with respect to application and enforcement of its EEO policy and explain the procedure for review and control of managerial and supervisory performance.
 - Describe the manner in which the employment unit conducts its continuing review of job structure and employment practices.
- Attach, as Part III, a copy of the unit’s EEO public file report created in 2022 covering the previous 12 months.

If you have any questions about EEO compliance, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

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