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FCC OPENS WINDOW FOR AM STATIONS TO APPLY FOR NEW FM TRANSLATORS



The Federal Communications Commission announced that it will accept applications by AM radio stations to apply for new FM translators. As NABOB requested previously, the FCC will open two separate filing windows. The first window will be open only to licensees of Class C and Class D AM stations. Unfortunately, the first filing window will be very limited to one week. **Applications can only be filed between July 26, 2017 and August 2, 2017.** The FCC said a second filing window will be open later this year in which all AM stations will be allowed to file.

The FCC expects some of the applications filed may be mutually exclusive. The FCC says that such mutually exclusive applications will be placed into an auction at a later time. The public notice provided extensive information about how such an auction will be conducted, and licensees filing FM translator applications will have to file a preliminary auction form in case their applications end up in an auction.

Jim Winston, President of NABOB said, "We are very pleased to see that Chairman Pai has moved forward with opening the FM translator windows, and with providing the first window to Class C and D AM stations. NABOB worked closely with Chairman Pai during the AM revitalization proceeding two years ago, and at that time he expressed his desire to see this window open in 2017. We thank Chairman for making good on that commitment. NABOB members own a disproportionate number of AM stations, and I am sure many NABOB members will benefit from these FM translator filing windows."

SAVE THE DATE!



The NABOB 41st Annual Fall Broadcast Conference and 17th Power of Urban Radio Forum will be held **October 11-12, 2017**, again at the **Washington Marriott Georgetown Hotel**.

As always, we will have speakers and panelists addressing the issues most important to broadcasters today.

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