
FCC Warns Regulatory Fee Filing Payers About Potential “Phishing”

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On September 2, 2008, the FCC released a Public Notice Warning Regulatory Fee Filing Payers About Potential “Phishing.”

According to the Public Notice, “The Federal Communications Commission has received complaints that non-government entities may be using Internet sites to misdirect parties seeking to submit their regulatory fee payments. The complainants have alleged that these non-government websites are attempting to collect financial information. Because the allegations indicate potential fraudulent and illegal conduct, the Office of Managing Director has referred the matter to the Inspector General for further investigation.”

The FCC warns that persons or entities operating these non-government websites may be engaged in what is called “phishing,” by seeking to collect personal or company data, including credit card information, from persons, companies and organizations which are in the process of preparing to submit their regulatory fees to the FCC.

The FCC urges all fee payers to make their annual regulatory fee payments directly through the only authorized website which is www.fcc.gov/feefiler. The payment deadline is 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on September 25, 2008.

For additional information on regulatory fees, you may contact the FCC Financial Operations Help Desk at (877) 480-3201, Option 4 or any lawyer in the our Communications Section. If you would like us to check to make sure that the FCC, and not some other organization, received your payments, please let us know.

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