
Biennial Ownership Reports Are Due by February 1, 2010 for Noncommercial Radio Stations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and New York, and for Noncommercial Television Stations in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma

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The FCC has established a national filing deadline for commercial radio and television stations to file their Biennial Ownership Reports. However, the schedule for the filing of Biennial Ownership Reports by noncommercial stations remains staggered, tied to their anniversary renewal filing deadlines.

Noncommercial **radio** stations licensed to communities in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and New York, and noncommercial **television** stations licensed to communities in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, must file their Biennial Ownership Reports by **February 1, 2010**.

Last year, the FCC issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comments on, among other things, whether the Commission should adopt a single national filing deadline for all noncommercial radio and television broadcast stations like the one that the FCC has established for all commercial radio and television stations. That proceeding remains pending without decision. As a result, noncommercial radio and television stations continue to be required to file their biennial ownership reports every two years by the anniversary date of the station's license renewal filing.

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