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MEDIA BUREAU TEMPORARILY LIFTS THE FREEZE ON THE FILING OF MINOR MODIFICATION APPLICATIONS THAT EXPAND THE CONTOUR OF FULL POWER AND CLASS A TELEVISION STATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH DECEMBER 7, 2017

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The Media Bureau is temporarily lifting the freeze imposed on April 5, 2013 on the filing and processing of minor modification applications that would increase a full power television station's noise-limited contour or a Class A station's protected contour in one or more directions beyond the station's authorized facilities. The freeze will be lifted on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, and reimposed at 11:59 pm EST on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Minor modification applications submitted during this time period will be processed on a first come/first served basis, i.e., the filing of an acceptable application "cuts-off" the filing rights of subsequent, conflicting applications. In addition, the Media Bureau will process minor modification applications that have been pending since April 5, 2013 which are at variance with the limitations imposed in the *April 2013 Freeze Public Notice*.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Freeze on the Filing of Modification Applications to Be Lifted Temporarily to Permit Filing of Applications to Expand the Contours of Full Power and Class A Television Stations That Are Not Part of the Post-Incentive Auction Repack Process, Public Notice, DA 17-1033 (rel. Oct. 19, 2017). Media Bureau Announces Limitations on the Filing and Processing of Full Power and Class A Television Station Modification Applications, Effective Immediately, and Reminds Stations of Spectrum Act Preservation Mandate, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 4364 (MB 2013) (April 2013 Freeze Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Applications proposing to change a full power or Class A television station's channel will not be accepted for filing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 73.623(b).