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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ESTABLISHES FEBRUARY 28, 2023 DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL FILING OF FORM ONE IN THE EAS TEST REPORTING SYSTEM

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By this Public Notice, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) directs parties subject to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules¹ to submit their annual Form One filings for calendar year 2022 in the online EAS Test Reporting System (ETRS) by no later than February 28, 2023. The ETRS is an online filing system by which EAS Participants submit information regarding their performance on nationwide tests of the EAS that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Commission conduct regularly to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the nation's alert and warning infrastructure.

Section 11.61(a) of the Commission's rules requires EAS Participants to renew their identifying information "on a yearly basis" by filing an updated Form One in ETRS.² To the extent that this requirement necessitates filing of Form One within calendar year 2022, the Bureau finds good cause to waive the rule on its own motion and extend the filing deadline to February 28, 2023.³ First, it is important that EAS Participants confirm that the information they enter is accurate and that they correct any past filing errors.⁴ Extending the filing deadline for a brief period will afford EAS Participants additional time to gather the necessary information and will avoid a rush to file before -- or a burden to file during -- the winter holidays. Second, we have become aware that FEMA does not plan to conduct a nationwide EAS test in the remainder of 2022, nor has FEMA announced a test date for 2023. Thus, extending the Form One deadline provides time for EAS Participants to collect accurate identifying information before the announcement or conduct of the next nationwide EAS test.⁵ Finally, the extension

¹ See 47 CFR §§ 11.2(b), 11.11(a) (defining EAS Participants as entities that are required to comply with the Commission's EAS rules and identifying such entities to include analog radio and television stations, wired and wireless cable television systems, digital broadcast systems, digital television broadcast stations, Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service, digital cable and digital audio broadcasting systems, and wireline video systems).

² 47 CFR § 11.61(a)(3)(iv)(A). Additional information about the ETRS and Form One can be viewed on the Commission's website. See <https://www.fcc.gov/general/eas-test-reporting-system>.

³ See 47 CFR § 1.3.

⁴ See FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Report: August 11, 2021, Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test at 6-10 (Dec. 30, 2021), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-378861A1.pdf> (documenting issues relating to completion and accuracy of ETRS filings).

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 11.61(a)(3)(iii) (requiring notice to EAS Participants at least two months before a national EAS test).

will enable the Bureau to implement certain technical improvements to ETRS before opening it for filing. The Bureau plans to open ETRS for Form One filings on January 3, 2023 and will provide details by future Public Notice.

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